

OBITUARY

MR. DAVID BLACKLEY.

PROMINENT NEW PLYMOUTH DOCTOR.

The death took place this morning of Dr. David Blackley, aged 53, a prominent medical practitioner, of New Plymouth, who has been in ill-health for some time.

Dr. Blackley was a native of Dumfries, Scotland, where his mother still lives, and there are three sisters and two brothers. One of the latter is Mr. S. Blackley, who is well known in Wellington, where he has been chairman of the Hutt County Council and is at present captain of the Wellington Golf Club.

Dr. Blackley received his education in his native town and qualified at the Glasgow University M.B., Ch.B. in 1904. He came to New Zealand and joined Dr. E. A. Walker as assistant in 1905, and in 1907 he was taken into partnership, and that professional connection was maintained till 1930, when it was dissolved, and both doctors carried on their practice separately. A few months ago Dr. Blackley was joined in partnership by Dr. Thorpe.

In January, 1913, Dr. Blackley married Miss Maye Ashdown, of Hendon, England, and the same year he visited the Old Country and graduated M.D. at his old university.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Blackley took a keen interest in farming, having properties at Tataraimaka, in Taranaki, and also at Te Awamutu. On these he engaged in dairying, and he was also a successful breeder of pedigree Jersey cattle and Southdown sheep, many of the latter stock figuring successfully in the show ring. He was also interested in the Tangarakau Collieries and the Taranaki Amusements, Ltd., being a director of both companies.

Dr. Blackley is survived by his widow, two sons and two daughters. The sons are David, who is a student at Victoria University College, Wellington, and Donald, who is a pupil of the New Plymouth Boys' High School. The daughters are Misses Barbara and Jean Blackley, both of whom are home. To the relatives the sincere sympathy of a very wide circle of friends will be extended in the very sad bereavement they have suffered.

The funeral is to take place on Thursday, leaving St. Mary's Church following a service there, which is to be held at 2 p.m.