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OBITUARY

FATHER JOHN BUTLER

With the passing away of Father John Butler the Swiss population of Taranaki lost its most beloved and respected compatriot. Not only was he their priest, he was their intimate friend, always modest and with a great understanding for the needs and shortcomings of people. Although Father Butler came to New Zealand as a child and went through the New Zealand schools and colleges, he could speak Swiss quite fluently and was always proud of his ancestry.

Only about two years ago Father Butler went home to his beloved Beinwil in Aargau, and judging by the number and variety of photographs which he brought back to Stratford, he must have thoroughly enjoyed his stay in Switzerland. Not only did he have an appreciation of all the beautiful churches, cloisters and scenery, but a keen interest in the farming there. His observations of the latest developments in Swiss farming surprised many. In the field of sports he had high praise for the universal application of gymnastics in the Swiss schools, which is developing the physical fitness of the youth. The passing away of Father Butler has left a breach in our ranks which we cannot hope to succeed in closing.

—W.R.

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