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MRS. BRIDGET MAHER.

By the death of Mrs. Bridget Maher, which took place at the residence of her daughter, at Norman-street, Wagga, on Saturday, the 27th February, there passed away another of the rapidly diminishing survivors of the splendid Catholic pioneers. Mrs. Maher was 80 years of age at her death, and among the large number of relatives and friends who mourned at her graveside was her old-time friend, Mrs. Salmon, now also 80 years of age, who had travelled 30 or more miles from Muckatah. Mrs. Maher was born on the farm of her father, the late Mr. John Roche, in the Strathbogie Ranges, where the town of Yea now stands. She married when 20 years old Michael Maher, of Yea. They afterwards lived variously at Nagambie and Numurkah, and then came to Mt. Gwynne, near Mulwala, N.S.W. After Mr. Maher's death, about eight years ago, his widow went to Yarrawonga, and later to Wagga, and lived with her daughters, Mrs. James Hanrahan and Mrs. W. Lowe. Mrs. Maher reared a family of five sons and five daughters, all of whom are living. The sons were present at the funeral. About 50 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren are included in those who mourn their loss. Three of deceased's sons are at Yarrawonga, one at Daysdale, and one (Bill) is among the soldier settlers at Griffiths, N.S.W. Mr. Jack Maher was a well-known cricketer. The remains were taken on Sunday, February 28, from Wagga for interment at Yarrawonga, being accompanied by Messrs. Salmon and Hanrahan, and many friends of the families. At Corowa the cortege was joined by many others in the long journey to Yarrawonga, where, on arrival, the corpse

was taken to the Sacred Heart Chapel and the Rosary recited. The gathering at the graveside was one of the largest seen in the district. The coffin was carried by her sons and nephews, and the pall-bearers were nephews and grandson. Rev. Dr. Meyer officiated at the graveside. R.I.P.

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