

Australian Pastor's Death

LATE VERY REV. DEAN LYNCH.

Very Rev. Dean Thomas Lynch, P.P., V.F., Bega, Australia, who died at a private hospital in Sydney recently, was brother of the late General Liam Lynch, Chief of Staff, I.R.A., and was a member of a well-known farming family resident at Anglesboro, County Limerick.

Possessed of outstanding ability and energy he accomplished great work in church building on the Australian Mission. He received his early education at Anglesboro National School and later went to Mount Melleray and St. Colman's College, Fermoy, completing his studies at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, where he was ordained in June, 1921. That year he went on the Australian Mission. He enjoyed his first homecoming in 1933 and in 1947 celebrated his Silver Jubilee.

Last year he paid another visit to Ireland, when he stayed with his brothers, Mr. Sean Lynch, of Knockadea, and Rev. Brother Lynch, C.B.S., Kiltrash, his sister, Mrs. P. Mullins, Anglesboro, and Michael and Mrs. Hyland, Lower Cork Street, Mitchelstown.

On Saturday at the Church of the Assumption, Ballylanders, Requiem High Mass was offered up for the repose of his soul. The celebrant was Very Rev. J. Dunne, P.P., Ballylanders. The other clergy present were--Very Rev. Father Hourigan, P.P., Kilbehenny; Very Rev. Fr. Carroll, P.P., Glenroe; Rev. Fr. Lyons, C.C., do.; Rev. Fr. Crowley, Ballylanders; Rev. Fr. P. Mortell, C.C., Mitchelstown; Rev. Fr. O'Mahony, C.C., Kilbehenny; Rev. Father Morris, C.C., Ballylanders; Rev. Fr. Egan, Midleton.

Two priests on the Australian Mission, personal friends of Dean Lynch, at present in Ireland, were present at the Mass. They are Father R. Barrow, Eugowra, New South Wales and Father Coffey, Adm. Beerowa, New South Wales.