

Stolen.

STOLEN, on the night of the 12th ult., from a clothes-line at the rear of the dwelling of R. J. Pierce, Market Place, Christchurch, an Unbleached Linen Tablecloth, with hole in one corner; a Pair of Brown Worsted Socks, and a Coloured Silk Pocket-handkerchief. The tablecloth only identifiable.

STOLEN, from the dwelling of Mrs. Armitage, Winchester street, Lyttelton, on the 19th ult., a White Blanket and a White and Blue Counterpane. A person described as under, who had been lodging at Mrs. Armitage's Boarding House, is suspected of the theft; she left per S.S. Maori for the South on the same date:—Mrs. Bartley, an Englishwoman, 35 years of age, 5 feet high, fresh complexion, brown hair, front teeth false, far advanced in pregnancy, dressed in brown wincey dress, green and black under-jacket, and grey walking-jacket.

STOLEN, on the night of the 21st ult., from a paddock on the Moeraki Downs, a Wooden Paling Gate, 5 feet 6 inches high, 4 feet 6 inches wide, large iron hinges, one of the palings broken, the property of William Crysell.

Inquests.

AN Inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 7th ult., by J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, on the body of an unbaptised illegitimate female child, of whom Maria Reid was the mother, and Joseph Brown the reputed father. Verdict—Natural causes.

AN Inquest was held at Christchurch, on the 18th ult., by J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, on the body of Julia Henley, aged nineteen months, who met with her death, at Springston, on the 15th ult., by drowning. Verdict—Accidental death.

AN Inquest was held at Lyttelton, on the 23rd ult., by J. W. S. Coward, Esq., Coroner, on the body of William Taylor, a seaman, who met his death on the 22nd ult., while working on board the barque Union, through the upsetting of a basket of coal when being hoisted, the contents falling on the head of the deceased. Verdict—Accidental death.

Missing Friends.

Extract from *Victoria Police Gazette*, April 20, 1870.

INFORMATION is requested respecting Benjamin Padgett, a Yorkshireman, aged 35, 5 feet 4 inches high, dark complexion, large beard and moustache. He was last heard of five years ago at Dunstan Creek, New Zealand, either mining or keeping a public house.—13th April, 1870.

Extract from the *Victoria Police Gazette*, April 26, 1870.

INFORMATION is requested of Mary Ann Kermond, daughter of John Kermond, blacksmith, formerly of Belfast, and Catherine Kermond. Her father having received a sentence of five years for breach of the peace, her mother being consequently in necessitous circumstances, parted with her in 1856, to one Charles Baptist, *alias* Tapples, then living at Mortimer's Creek, Hood's Station. The child was afterwards reported to have left him, owing to ill usage, and to have lived with a family named Savage. Her present age is 19, light hair, round features, dimpled cheeks.—21st April, 1870.

Extract from the *South Australian Police Gazette*, of February 9th, 1870, page 123.

CHARLES THOMAS AVINS left his apartments, 81, Lorimore Road, Walworth, England, on the 17th April, 1869, and has not since been heard of. He is aged 25 years, medium build, about 5 feet 6 inches high, brown hair, grey eyes, prominent eyebrows, thin beard, whiskers and moustache, pale complexion, stain of brownish colour right side of face; respectful demeanour, voice subdued and hesitating; his linen marked with C.A. or C.T.A. When last seen was in company with a young man about his own age, in the neighbourhood of Denmark street, Coldharbor Lane, Camberwell.

Miscellaneous Information.

APPOINTMENTS, &c., SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE LAST LIST.

APPOINTMENT.

Thomas Firman and James S. Fowler to be Third-Class Constables.

RESIGNATIONS.

Sergt.-Major William S. Pardy.
Second-Class Constable John Smith.

PROMOTION.

Second-Class Constable John Conway to be First-Class Constable.

REDUCTION.

Second-Class Constable Robert Thompson to be Third-Class Constable.

A STACK of Hay, containing about two tons, was supposed to have been maliciously set fire to at Saltwater Creek, on the property of John Melton, Timaru, sometime during the night of the 17th March, 1870. A man named Antil suspected; he is English, 45 years of age, 6 feet high, dark complexion, dark hair, beard, whiskers, and moustache turning grey; medium build; usually wears a dirty suit of light-coloured tweed, and black wide-awake hat; convict appearance; still in the Timaru district.

CHARLES PAYNE, for whom a warrant was issued (see *P.G.*, No. II., February 1st, 1870, page 7), has been arrested by the Kaiapoi Police.