

Diary of the Week.

WEDNESDAY, 17th.

FINE Arts Exhibition, Wellington, opened by Governor.—Queen annoyed by portions of Emperor Frederick's diary published in defence of Morell Mackenzie.—Chinese returning to San Francisco forbidden to land.

THURSDAY, 18th.

South Australian Council negatives amendment to exclude Chinese from Northern Territory.—Drought producing disastrous consequences in New South Wales.—Alaska goldfields declared British territory.

FRIDAY, 19th.

Keen competition at Crown lands sale, Wellington.—General Gordon's statue unveiled quietly in London, for fear of Socialist demonstration.—Harrington at Belfast declares Unionists prepared to concede local Government when safe.—British troops destroy crops and villages Northern frontier Punjab, to punish Hazaras for murder of Battye and Urmiston.—Nihilist plot to murder Czar discovered.

SATURDAY, 20th.

Farewell Banquet to Mr. Larnach in Dunedin.—Coal export for week from Greymouth 5231 tons.—Shearers implicated in Wagga riots sentenced from one to three years.—Omission by *Times* of Davitt's name from charges made to Commission regarded as inexplicable.

MONDAY, 22th.

German doctors repel charges of Sir Morell Mackenzie.—London threatened by strikes with coal famine.

TUESDAY, 23th.

Earthquake shocks; severe at Napier, Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, Hokitika; mild at Christchurch and Timaru.—Turquoise deposits found in Gippsland, Victoria.

O B I T U A R Y.

(from the *Taranaki Herald*.)

THE funeral of the late Sister Mary St. Lucia took place on Thursday morning, October 18. The deceased lady had been suffering for many months from consumption, and her death, though long expected, cast a gloom over the sisterhood among whom she had been brought up since her early childhood. The body, attired in the religious garb of the sisterhood, lay in state in the Convent Chapel since her demise, and was visited by many friends. It was removed to St. Joseph's Church this morning, when solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Cassidy, assisted by Rev. Father O'Donnell. After the Mass Father Cassidy addressed the large congregation, and showed how the good Sister, who had been called to her reward, had served God from her earliest childhood, and devoted her innocent and youthful life to the service of the Great King, and to the love and help of his poor and little ones. After an earnest exhortation, the procession was formed from the church to the hearse, the Cross bearer and two altar boys leading. Next came the schoolboys of the Society of the Sacred Heart in red sashes and medals; the little girls, pupils of the deceased sister's, in white with veils and carrying flowers, followed next; then the coffin, carried by six of the Sisters, was borne to the hearse amid the sobs and tears of many little ones. When the coffin was placed in the hearse, the procession passed down Devon street to the cemetery, in the following order:—First, the cross-bearer and altar boys; next followed the boys of the Fraternity of the Sacred Heart; then the hearse; the Sisters, and the pupils of the deceased Sister, and the Rev. Fathers Cassidy and O'Donnell, accompanied by Mr. Brown, the father of the deceased lady; while the general congregation and friends made up the rear. On reaching the Henua Cemetery the Sisters carried the body to the grave, and after the usual burial service was read the coffin was lowered, covered with wreaths of flowers, placed there by sympathising friends and tender-hearted little ones, who knew well the treasure they had lost, and thus the first Sister who had died in this province found a resting place.—*R.I.P.*

We record with regret the death of Mrs. Meenan, wife of our much esteemed townsman Mr. Francis Meenan J. P., which occurred at her residence Great King street, Dunedin, on Saturday last. The deceased lady, who had been ill for some weeks, leaves a husband and a large family of children to deplore her loss. She was a lady of an amiable disposition and in every respect estimable, and her death is the cause of sincere sorrow to a numerous circle of friends and acquaintances. Much sympathy is also felt for Mr. Meenan and his family in their affliction. The funeral took place on Tuesday, a Mass of *Requiem* being celebrated, in the presence of the body, in St. Joseph's Cathedral at 11 a.m. The Rev. Father Lynch acted as celebrant and the music of the *Requiem* was affectingly sung by the Dominican nuns' choir. A large congregation also was in attendance. At 2.30 p.m., the funeral ceremonies were commenced in the Cathedral by the Rev. Father Lynch assisted by the Rev. Father Vereker, the *De Profundis* being chanted in harmony with extreme sweetness and solemnity by a choir of the altar boys and one of the Christian Brothers, and, as the coffin was carried out, the Dead March in Saul was performed by Miss Horan the organist, on the organ. A large concourse of people were present in the church, and the procession which followed the hearse to the Southern cemetery was of great length, a long line of mourners on foot preceding a number of vehicles. The attendance of so large a number of people, on a week day especially, when many must have come at a good deal of inconvenience to themselves, testified eloquently to the respect felt for the deceased lady and her husband.—*R.I.P.*

ITEMS FROM TEMUKA.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

Temuka, October 22.

THE much looked for visit of His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, S.M., has been paid, and our good Bishop has again taken leave of us. His Lordship arrived on the 13th inst., and was met by the Rev. Father Fauvel at the railway station, and driven by the rev. gentleman to the church, the bells ringing meanwhile. After a short rest, Dr. Grimes held an examination of the candidates for Confirmation at the school, when His Lordship complimented them on the knowledge they possessed of the catechism. On Sunday, the 14th, Mass was celebrated by His Lordship at 8 o'clock, and High Mass by the Rev. Father Fauvel at half-past ten, at which His Lordship preached, taking for his text "Son, give Me thy heart," from the book of Proverbs. The sermon on the Sacred Heart was most beautiful, and dealt with in a most masterly and eloquent manner. His Lordship also spoke at length on the League of the Sacred Heart, which it was intended to establish on that day. He also passed a tribute to the congregation for the excellent efforts they had put forth in the noble work of the propagation of the faith, they having sent the most for that object in the diocese last year. At the conclusion of the Mass, His Lordship explained the ceremony about to take place, after which he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 43 boys and 55 girls, and then addressed the candidates. The address was most simple and impressive, and His Lordship concluded with earnest exhortation. His Lordship next blessed the statue of our Blessed Lord, and then the badges for the League of the Sacred Heart. Most of the members of the congregation were enrolled, and the morning service concluded. His Lordship again preached at Vespers, his text being the Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary: "My soul doth magnify the Lord; and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour; because He hath regarded the humility of His handmaid; for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed, for He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His name." (St. Luke i., 46 to 49). The congregation was, I believe, the largest one ever gathered together in the evening, and a large number was composed of other denominations. Owing to the latter fact, the text was a most appropriate one. His Lordship treated his subject in a most exhaustive manner, with his remarkable eloquence. His aim evidently is to convince in a gentle manner, and the non-Catholic section is well impressed by his Lordship's remarkable consideration. Dr. Grimes concluded with a beautiful illustration of the assistance rendered by the Blessed Virgin to one who had been faithful in saying a prayer daily to her. At the conclusion of the sermon, his Lordship gave his Apostolic blessing, and the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament brought the proceedings to a close. During the day the choir under the presidency of one of the sisters rendered: Before Mass: Hymn to the Sacred Heart and "Asperges." At Mass: "Kyrie," and "Agnus Dei," from Est's Mass, "Gloria," "Credo," "Sanctus" and "Benedictus," from Winter's Mass, at offertory, Webb's "O Jesu Deus"; before the administration of the Sacrament, of Confirmation: "Veni Sancte Spiritus," and at enrollment ceremony, "O Sacred Heart," were sung; at night: Vespers, choir and children alternately. The "O Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo" were especially arranged for the occasion by the Sister in charge of the choir. Before the Benediction, "Miriam Ora Pro Nobis" was sung.—His Lordship remained in Temuka until Wednesday afternoon, when he left by the express train, I believe for Methven.

Much excitement has been occasioned in Arowhenua (adjoining Temuka on the east) owing to a petition being lodged for the removal of two of the members of the Arowhenua Town Board, on the ground that they were not sufficiently rated to make them eligible to sit as commissioners. The case was argued at the R.M. Court last Monday, and the Resident Magistrate, after having ordered their removal, and, further, declared Messrs. J. T. M. Hayhurst and J. Ashwell elected in their stead, withdrew his decision; same to be given to-day. Mr. Raymond supported the petition, and Mr. J. Hay appeared for the members. The two lawyers are very young, and are certainly the coming men. Both displayed much talent, and fought a hard battle, the former having a far better case than the latter. It is intended to hold an indignation meeting shortly.

The Scotch concert under the auspices of the Temuka Caledonian Society was a success, the attendance being very large. Much disappointment has, however, been expressed with it. Your Waimate readers will no doubt be pleased to learn that Miss Henry (formerly of Waimate) made a favourable impression by her abilities as a vocalist. The young lady's rendering of "Mary of Argyle" was lovely, and she was greatly applauded and encored. The attendance was estimated at about 800.

The weather has been exceedingly dry, and rain was much wanted. Last night at about 10 o'clock it commenced to shower, and this morning showers again fell. It has the appearance of rain, as I am closing my letter.

On August 1, the day of the blessing of the corner-stone of the O'Connell Memorial church at O'Connell's birthplace, Cahirciveen, county, Kerry, Ireland, Canon Brosnahan, to whose patriotic efforts the noble memorial is due, announced that he had received towards it already over 63,000 dol., 20,000 dol. of which had come from America and nearly the same amount from Australia. Archbishop Croke officiated at the blessing of the corner-stone, and in response to an address presented him by the priests and people of the district, made an eloquent and characteristic speech. He was a devoted follower of O'Connell, he said, in his policy of constitutional agitation for the redress of Ireland's grievances, but was far from questioning the lawfulness, under certain circumstances, of having recourse to physical means for the redress of Ireland's grievances, or subscribing to the slavish doctrine that no amount of national advancement could be legitimately purchased by the shedding of one drop of human blood. Bishop Higgins, of Kerry, a number of priests and a great concourse of people attended the ceremonies.