

MISCELLANEOUS.—Kaiapoi Woollen Co., B., 6/-; S., 6/2/6. Milburn Lime and Cement, B., 1/7/-; S., 1/8/-. Mornington Tramway, B., 15/-; S., 15/6. Mosgiel Woollen, B., 4/5/-; S., 4/7/-. New Zealand Drug (2/- paid), B., 2/7/-; S., 2/7/6. New Zealand Drug (30/- paid), B., 1/14/6; S., 1/15/-. Otago Daily Times, B., 10/17/6; S., 11/2/6. Emu Bay Railway, B., 9/6; S., 10/-.

GOLDFIELDS.—Reefton: Big River Extended, B., 12/-; S., 14/-. Cumberland Extended, B., 2/3; S., 2/6; Keep-it-Dark, B., 17/-; S., 18/-. Alpine Extended, B., 7/6; S., 8/-. Welcome Co. (Ltd.), B., 4/3; S., 4/9. Croesus (Paparua), B., —; S., 2/- (premium). Otago: Morning Star (A issue), B., 18/-; S., 19/-.

DREDGING COMPANIES.—Buller, B., 3/6; S., 4/0. Clyde, B., 2/10/0; S., —. Dunedin, B., 5/-; S., 6/-. Enterprise, B., 2 5/2; S., 2/10/-. Ettrick (contrib), B., 19/-; S., 1/0/0. Golden Beach (contrib.), B., 8/-; S., 9/-. Golden Gate, B., 1/5/-; S., 1/6/6. Golden Run, B., 1/1/-; S., 1/2/-. Golden Treasure, B., 2/10/-; S., 2/12/6. Golden Terrace, B., 4/-; S., 5/- (premium). Hartley and Riley, S., 1/- (dis.). Jutland Flat (paid), B., 6/-; S., 6/6. Magnetic, S., 2/- (dis.). Molyneux Hydraulic Co. Dredge (B issue), S., 1/9/-. Otago, B., 1/9/-; S., 1/11/6. Upper Waipori (contrib.), S., 3/-.

SLUICING COMPANIES.—Moonlight Sluicing (ex. div.), S., 2/2/6. Roxburgh Amalgamated (contrib.), B., 6/6; S., 7/-. Waipori Deep Lead, B., 1/-; S., 1/3. Deep Stream, B., 1/0/9; S., 1/1/9. Bakery Flat, B., 14/6; S., 15/-.

MR. F. MEENAN, King street, reports:—Wholesale price only—Oats: Good demand; feed, medium to good, 1s 10d to 2s; milling, 2s to 2s 2d; fowls' wheat, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; milling, 4s 3d to 4s 6d; chaff, L3 to L4. Ryegrass, hay, L2 10s to L3. Straw, 24s per ton; loose, 28s. Potatoes, L1 per ton, old; new Auckland, none in market; Peninsula, L6 10s. Flour: Roller, L11 to L11 10s; Oatmeal: L10 10s in 25lbs. Butter: Dairy, 5d to 8d; factory, 10d. Eggs, 9d. Bran, L3. Pollard, L3 15s. Onions, Melbourne, L5 10s per ton.

O B I T U A R Y.

ON New Year's eve Mrs. Richard Hoare, the oldest resident of Kerrytown, died after a long illness, borne with admirable patience and resignation. Her funeral, which was a large one, took place on Monday, the 3rd inst., in Temuka. Very Rev. Father Lemanant officiated at the Requiem Mass in St. Joseph's church. Very Rev. Fathers Fauvel, Louis, Goggin, and Tubman followed her remains to their last resting place. She leaves a husband and ten children, all grown up, to mourn her loss. One of her daughters is Sister Mary Damian of St. Joseph's Convent, Sydney. The deceased lady was a sister to the late Sister Magdalen, Dominican Convent, Dunedin.—R.I.P.

OUR intercolonial chronicle opens this week with a record of the deaths of a priest and three religious. Rev. Father Hughes, late of Goodiwindi, Queensland, died on December 28th. Father Hughes was a native of County Longford, and was in his 42nd year. He was educated at Carlow College, and for the most part his priestly labours were confined to the district of Warwick and Toowoomba. Failing health for some time brought him to Brisbane, and all that medical skill could do was done for him. He was buried in Nudgee Cemetery. His Grace the Archbishop officiated at the grave, the responses being given by the clergy.—R.I.P.

A few days previously at the little Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Bankstown, N.S.W. Sister Evangelista (native of Tipperary, Ireland) passed peacefully away. The Children of Mary of Bankstown and Rookwood, who during her last illness had vied with each other in performing many little acts of kindness, paid their last tribute of affection as, in white veils and blue mantles, they joined the procession which proceeded through the Bankstown cemetery to her grave, which is beneath the window of the sanctuary. The ceremonies at the church and grave were conducted by Father O'Reilly, assisted by Father Rohan.

Another death occurred at the Sacred Heart Convent, Rose Bay, N.S.W., when Madame McKenna passed away. The deceased lady was a member of a well-known Melbourne family, residents of Carlton. On Christmas Day the obsequies permitted by the rubrics were carried out both in the chapel and at the grave in the presence of his Eminence the Cardinal-Archbishop, his Lordship Bishop Higgins and a large number of the clergy. The remains of the deceased nun were interred in the grounds of the convent.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford, Melbourne, have likewise suffered a loss in the death of Sister Mary of St. Thomas of Aquin, daughter of the late Mr. Richard Lalor. Sister Mary was born in 1837, at Castle Dermont, Kildare, Ireland, and consequently, was in her 61st year at the time of her death. She pronounced her solemn vows at the parent house of this famous religious order, at Augers (France), in the year 1862, and was one of the devoted band of four Sisters of the Good Shepherd who left for Melbourne on 9th February, 1863, at the invitation of the then Bishop of the diocese, the late Most Rev. Dr. Goold. The deceased may be said to be one of the founders of the Convent of Good Shepherd, Abbotsford; as complete and extensive a convent of its kind as there is in Europe. It comprises the Magdalene Asylum, the industrial and preservative schools, and St. Euphrasia's day school. The total cost of these buildings being about £77,455.

Mr. E. W. Dunne, Catholic bookseller and Newsagent, etc., George street, Dunedin, is always keeping pace with the times and has just landed for the coming year a very large and varied assortment of Catholic books and church requisites. The prayer books are of the very best kind and run from 6d upwards. Mr. Dunne's shop is well worth a visit, as books, periodicals, and all description of stationary can be procured there at prices to suit all. Anyone requiring either colonial or Home papers by writing to Mr. Dunne can be supplied. Correspondence will be promptly attended to and orders sent away with promptitude and care.—ADVT.

RETURNING TO THE FOLD.

Mrs. Rowbotham, a member of a well-known family at Cape Town, wife of Mr. Herbert Wilkie Rowbotham, British South Africa Co., Department of Mines, Salisbury, Mashonaland, was received into the Church on 9th October by the Very Rev. Richard Sykes, S.J., late Rector of St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, and now Superior-General of the Zambesi mission and Prefect-Apostolic of Rhodesia. Mr. Rowbotham, himself a convert, is a member of an old Yorkshire family.

During the week ending 20th November, three persons, a gentleman and two ladies, all English, were received into the Church at the Oratorio di S. Giuseppe, Florence, by Monsignor Harrington Moore.

The Tablet of 27th November says:—"Lady Canterbury and the Hon. Mrs. Moore Smyth have been received into the Catholic Church."

The Tablet announces that the Hon. Albert E. Bingham, fifth son of the Earl of Lucan, and the Hon. Mrs. Albert Bingham, have been received into the Roman Catholic Church.

THE WEATHER.

THE following abstract of weather at Dunedin for December is supplied by Mr. H. Skey:—

Mean barometer, 29.943in.
Mean elastic force of vapour, .315in.
Mean temperature in shade, 55.8deg.
Mean solar radiation, 116deg.
Mean terrestrial radiation, 42deg.
Mean daily velocity of wind, 167 miles.
Mean amount of cloud, from (1 to 10) 5.7.

Mr. Paulin supplies the following table giving the total amount of rain per month registered at Opoho and Signal Hill during last year, and the number of days on which rain fell:—

	Opoho, Inches.	Signal Hill, Inches.	Number of Days
January	2.79	2.39	6
February	1.50	1.64	14
March	3.59	2.92	13
April	1.24	0.70	11
May	2.62	2.37	18
June	0.54	0.63	11
July	1.19	0.56	9
August	6.74	5.06	14
September	3.49	3.66	15
October	6.47	6.48	24
November	3.99	3.96	22
December	0.92	1.63	12
Total rainfall	34.08	32.00	169

Messrs. W. Haywood and Co., livery stable proprietors, Christchurch can supply conveyances of all kinds at the shortest notice. They are also prepared to buy, sell, or exchange all descriptions of harness and vehicles. A competent man is always kept for breaking in horses to saddle, double, and single harness.—ADVT.

Mr. R. H. Fraser, 37 Princes street, has deservedly gained a very high reputation for stained glass and leadlight work. He successfully competed against Munich and London for the celebrated Dr. Stuart Memorial Window in Knox Church, Dunedin. This in itself is sufficient to show that the work turned out by him is perfect in every way.—ADVT.

More records.—In addition to the really marvellous performances throughout the season, on Saturday last, at the Otago Cycling Club's sports on the Caledonian ground, the Sterling wheel took the highest honours, winning all the classic events. Holmes won the Otago Wheel Race, and Barker the Five Mile Provincial Championship, with T. Clark on second. These rode the only Sterling machines competing in the race. While in the Three Mile Scratch Race Barker, T. Clarkson, and G. Sutherland finished in the order named. In the Great Multicycle Race (two miles) the Sterling tandem, ridden by Barker and T. Clarkson, was only beaten by six inches, after conceding 300 yards in the two miles to the Dunlop triplet, the crack racing team in the colony. We think that any person with brains will concede that the Sterling wheel is truly the machine to ride, either for racing purposes or for pleasure. It has won its way, and carried off the bulk of the honours from the Bluff to Auckland, and the sole agents, Messrs. Morrow, Bassett and Co., will test them for quality, good workmanship, and easy running against any wheel in the world. Quality tells, no matter what you buy. Still the Sterling breaks the records. On Friday, January 7, under adverse circumstances, the road being badly cut up, Geddes succeeded in reducing the 20-mile road record between Waumate-Makikihi, doing the distance in 53min 45sec.—ADVT.

BRANCH of the LONDON DENTAL INSTITUTE, on the ground and first floors of the Government Life Insurance Buildings revolutionising dentistry. Sets from three guineas are supplied. First prize gold medal teeth at half the usual cost, guaranteed ten years; money refunded if work not satisfactory; a nurse in attendance for ladies; the latest appliances. The residing principal studied under Dr Tatton, of the Great Northern Hospital, London University, and has the highest qualifications.—[ADVT]