

on Saturday, April 30. The remains were removed to St. Patrick's Church, where the first part of the burial service was read. The funeral cortege was very large and representative of all classes in the community. Among the mourners were the chairman and members of the Grey County Council and a very large number of country residents who desired to pay their last tribute of respect to one who was respected and loved by all, and to show their sympathy with Mr Higgins in his affliction. At the grave the Very Rev Dean Carew, assisted by the Rev. Father Herbert, officiated.—R.I.P.

MRS. MARY TODD, HERIOT.

General regret was felt in the Heriot district (writes an esteemed correspondent) at the death of Mrs Mary Todd, relict of the late Charles Todd. The deceased lady passed away on Monday morning, April 25, at the residence of her son (Mr. Charles Todd) at Heriot. She leaves a sorrowing family of three daughters (all married) and four sons to mourn their loss. The deceased was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, a fervent and devout Catholic who bore a serious illness of three or four months with great fortitude and Christian resignation, until it pleased her Maker to call her away. The funeral took place on April 29, the remains being followed by large numbers to the Tapanui cemetery, testifying to the high esteem in which she was held by the community. The burial service was conducted by Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore.—R.I.P.

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

The Catholics of Lumsden are bestirring themselves in the matter of erecting a church, and something definite is likely to eventuate before long.

The new church at Balfour is nearing completion, and the dedication ceremony will probably take place in about a month's time.

The Irish Athletic Society of Southland has every reason to be proud of the success that attended this year's sports gathering. Notwithstanding several draw-backs a substantial balance has been secured.

Farmers in quest of good land still continue to inspect the Edendale Estate, and by the time winter is over little of this well known property is expected to be un-selected.

The Athletic Football Club, Invercargill, have in hand the formation of a debating society, intended principally for members of the Club, but all others having a taste for literary pursuits may join it.

The building of a new church at Otautau has been decided upon, and tenders are called for the work. The proposed site is centrally situated. The Catholics of the Otautau parish are to be congratulated on their activity.

About 10,000 acres of the Edendale estate yet remain to be taken up and splendid opportunities await the selector. The block comprises all qualities of farming land, and everyone in quest of a farm could not fail to be suited at Edendale. The tenure is under the lease in perpetuity system, and rents vary according to the quality, improvements, and situation of the farm.

The promoters of the concert for the benefit of the family of the late Mr. William Cavanagh are entitled to no small amount of praise for the good and charitable work undertaken by them. Altogether a sum of £110 was obtained, thanks to the efforts of Mr. H. Crawford, the secretary, and his committee of workers.

Our readers in Dunedin and country districts, who require a suit of clothes well made and well fitting, should pay a visit to the establishment of Mr. W. E. Fitzgerald, merchant tailor, 119 Princes street, where they will receive every attention and get complete satisfaction...

The 'Hornsby-Akroyd' oil engine is now used in several flour mills in this Colony, and is also extensively used for flax milling, dairying, dredging, chaff-cutting etc. It is simple, strong, and very economical. Messrs. Reid and Gray, Dunedin, will supply intending buyers with prices and full information.

MYERS and CO., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee the highest class of work at moderate fees. Their artificial teeth give general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing goes away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a great boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read advertisement.—***

New Publications

'Petronius' (of the 'Austral Light' office, Lonsdale st., Melbourne), has brought out a very excellent little brochure of 24 pages entitled 'The Rosary.' It is an excellent manual on the subject for private and family use, and is issued in neat and attractive form. (Single copies 1d, posted 2d; or 6s 6d per 100, freight included).

We have received from the publishers (St. Charles' Seminary, Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada), a copy of the fifth edition of Father Faber's translation of the Blessed Grignon de Montfort's 'Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin.' The teaching of this great servant of God is full of unction and its direct tendency is to bring souls into closer union with the Saviour of the world. A valuable manual of prayers, hymns etc., forms part of the book, which has the warm recommendation of Cardinal Vaughan, who, when Bishop of Salford, contributed a preface to the work.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

May 8.

A specially summoned meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held on Wednesday last, at which a large attendance of members was present. Bro. Fred Herring in the chair. Bro. John Hurley, who has lately retired from farming in the Kairanga, and come to live in town, was unanimously elected to the vacant position of trustee. Bro. Fred Downey was elected as senior auditor in place of Bro. M. P. Feeney, who had resigned. Three new members were initiated and two proposed. Mr. John Lynch, Tokomaru, and Mr. W. Ryan were elected honorary members and heartily welcomed. It was decided to have a Hibernian stall at the coming bazaar in aid of the convent in November. Five members, together with the secretary, were appointed a bazaar committee and will take the matter in hand. Bro. Patrick Small generously offered to donate a pig and a sheep for a guessing competition, and afterwards to be sold to swell the stall funds, with a promise of further help if required. Every effort will be made to make this stall a success, and with such a large body of enthusiasts it should not prove difficult.

The outer walls of the new convent are fast rising and are already several feet from the ground. A start has also been made with the school drill hall, which is to be completed by the middle of July. I understand it is already booked for the four days' poultry show immediately after the opening.

The demand for coal from the State mines is greater than the supply. The colliery at Seddonville is putting out over 1000 tons a week, and a considerable quantity is also being obtained from the Point Elizabeth mine, but none of it can be placed on the market until the railway into Greymouth is completed. As soon as the requirements of the various Government departments have been satisfied coal from the Government mines will probably be offered to the general public at a reasonable rate.

The financial position of the Colony as set forth in a memorandum by the Colonial Treasurer shows that the balance from last year was £303,905, excess of receipts over expenditure, £695,335, making a total of £999,740. During the year and up to March 31, £225,000 has been transferred to the Public Works fund, and on March 31 a further sum of £125,000, leaving a credit balance in the Consolidated Fund available for 1904-5, of £649,740.

The railway revenue for the year ended March 31 totalled £2,180,641, which is a record for the New Zealand railways. The expenditure for the year amounted to £1,438,723. The increase in revenue was £206,603,7 while the increase in the expenditure was £95,308, giving an increase in revenue over expenditure of £111,295. The amount payable into the Consolidated Fund was £742,619, which represents the sum available for payment of interest upon the capital cost of the railways. A very gratifying feature of the year's working is the fact that while for the year 1903, the expenditure upon our railways was 68.5 per cent., for 1904 it was 65.98 per cent. An increase of revenue has taken place on every section of the railways in the Colony, the greatest increase being on the Hurunui-Bluff section.

The revelations made recently with regard to the adulteration of spirits should be a warning to the public to use only the best brands of whisky, such as Watson's, which is a pure Highland malt product.