

GREYMOUTH

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Very Rev. Dean Carew, in announcing the amounts collected for building the tower of St. Patrick's Church, mentioned that he had offered £10 per night for seven nights for the use of the Opera House at Christmas time for the purpose of holding a bazaar in aid of the tower fund. The reply stated that theatrical companies had the preference. The application for the Drill Shed was not satisfactorily answered, so that the bazaar is on.

The building of St. Columba's Club room is rapidly approaching completion. The building, which is built by 30ft, lofty and well lighted, is being erected on the boys' school ground site. There will be a good-sized room for meetings and also a billiard room, which will, no doubt, be a favorite resort.

The finances of the tower fund received substantial aid from the Very Rev. Dean Carew, and he has practically taken over the liability of the club rooms. Fortunate indeed are the parishioners in having for their parish priest one with the means at his disposal and the generosity to aid all such worthy objects.

The Catholic population of this parish is rapidly increasing. The opening of the State Coal Mines and the consequent settlement of a large population there will shortly add materially to the labor of Dean Carew and Rev. Father Herbert. Indeed, seeing that the parish extends from Barrytown to Brunner and Paroa, without taking into consideration the large Catholic population of the town of Greymouth, it is plain that the time is not far distant when, as Dean Carew remarked recently, another priest must be provided to cope with the rapidly increasing work of the parish. Our worthy pastor would then be relieved of much fatiguing work, such as the rough and often dangerous ride to Barrytown—work that should fall to the lot of younger men.

It is pleasing to note that our young Catholic men are striking out for themselves in business, the latest to do so being Mr. W. Sullivan. This is as it should be. There has been far too much of a disposition among the Catholics of the Colony to remain as 'hewers of wood and drawers of water' for those who are in no way their superiors in the attributes that go to make successful business men.

Words painful and free may now be frequently heard in reference to the importation of Chinese into South Africa. Those who were roused to a high pitch of patriotism when the contingents were being sent off are now furious when asked if they would favor a contingent being sent to Japan.

A short time ago the Greymouth Borough Council let a contract for a town hall, library, and municipal office. The accepted tender was near £10,000, so that when all is finished, including purchase of site, the cost will be near £12,000. The building is to be of brick and plastered throughout, and will, with its tower, be by far the most elaborate structure yet erected in the three provinces of Marlborough, Nelson, and Westland. It is to be hoped Government will follow with the erection of a new post office. The commencement of this very necessary work has been put off from time to time.

A cable message has been received notifying the safe arrival in London of Dr. McBrearty, sen., who left here some time ago on a well-earned holiday. During the absence of the worthy doctor his practice is being attended to by his son.

It is with sincere regret I record the death of Mr. Terence Deere, who died recently after a short illness. The deceased, who was fortified with all the rites of the Church, leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn the loss of a good husband and fond father. The funeral was very largely attended by people from all over the district. The Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated at the cemetery.—R.I.P.

Rev. Father Brady, of Ipswich, who has been on a holiday to Ireland, is returning to Queensland.

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It is astonishing what a change a small amount spent on papering or painting will effect in the appearance of a house, especially if the work is done by a careful and conscientious tradesman. Our readers in Wellington who require such work done should write to, or call on, Mr. O. Krohn, Old Custom-house street, who will carry out his contract to their entire satisfaction...

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 7

The Zealandia Hall was opened on Monday last by Mr. W. T. Wood, M.H.R., in the presence of a vast concourse of people of all denominations. Mr. Wood, in a lengthy speech, stated that the Rev. Father Tymons and his congregation had the hearty congratulations of the people of Palmerston for having built such a magnificent hall. He understood it was the third largest building of its class in the Colony. The auditorium would seat 1080 and the gallery 220, then there was a small gallery near the stage for the convenience of musicians, which was a unique arrangement entirely originating with the rev. pastor. The plans of the building had been prepared by Mr. O'Donnell, architect, and Mr. R. Malcolm was the builder. Both gentlemen had carried out their duties in a highly satisfactory manner. Mr. Wood then declared the Zealandia Hall open. He called for three cheers for the Rev. Father Tymons, which were heartily given by the large audience.

The Rev. Father Tymons thanked the audience for making it such a huge success, and he took it as a mark of their approval and appreciation in connection with the erection of the hall. He thanked the performers for their assistance. He said the building was a fine one, and reflected great credit on Mr. O'Donnell, and expressed the hope that the Zealandia Hall, opened under such auspicious circumstances, would prove the success anticipated.

The opening ceremony being concluded the concert was commenced. The programme was as follows:—Overture, orchestra, song, 'The Veteran's song,' Mr. A. Bennett, song, 'White moon,' Miss Daisy Wood; song, 'The promise of life,' Mrs. C. Louison (encored), song, 'Last master,' Rev. Father Ainsworth (encored), song, 'Jolly sailor,' Mr. A. Bennett, song, 'Sunshine and rain,' Miss Daniells (encored), song, 'Will o' the wisp,' Rev. Father Hills (encored); song, 'Hush my little one,' Miss C. Rush (encored), song, 'Maid of Athens,' Mr. Buckingham (encored), song, 'When birds go north,' Miss Clifford, song, 'Che Faro,' Miss Daniells.

The ladies of the parish supplied the refreshments in their usual lavish style, a no light undertaking when it was computed there were 1100 people present at one time of the night.

A pretty wedding took place on Thursday last at St. Patrick's, when the Rev. Father Tymons joined in the bonds of matrimony Mr. M. Norris, Kairanga, and Miss Mary, second daughter of Mr. John Huiley, of Foxton line. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the Lyceum Theatre, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The presents, too numerous to particularize, were both useful and costly, and showed the high esteem in which the young couple were held in the district.

Readers of that well-known monthly, the 'Triad,' will notice that the current number is enlarged to 48 pages, the supplement being now eight pages in place of four. This improvement, it is announced, is a consequence of the very liberal support accorded, and indeed the 'Triad' is by no means unworthy of the success attained, as it is one of the best periodicals published in the Colony, and as a family journal has perhaps hardly an equal. We congratulate our contemporary on its evident and deserved success, and wish the 'Triad' continued prosperity in its useful work.

A pretty wedding took place on Thursday last at St. Mary and Debating Society on July 17 (writes a Hokitika correspondent) attracted a good attendance. The president, Mr. Sellers, occupied the chair. 'Ought we allow women to earn their own living?' was the subject of the debate. Mr. Brown led for the affirmative, and Mr. Emerson spoke for the negative side. The arguments advanced on both sides were excellent. On the vote being taken the meeting decided in favor of the affirmative. It had been decided to hold a mock parliament at the meeting of July 26, but, owing to the many matters brought forward, it had to be postponed. On the motion of the Rev. Father Aubry a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. Burmeister, who is leaving for Feilding, for his services to the society. Mr. Burmeister replied in suitable terms. The debate with the Menticultural Society is to take place on August 10. At the meeting on August 2 a very interesting and animated discussion took place on the Russo-Japanese war. Rev. Father Aubry very ably supported the cause of Russia, and Mr. Emerson spoke for Japan, making a very excellent speech. On a vote being taken the meeting decided in favor of Japan.