

with all classes. His sorrowing father and other members of the family have our sincere sympathy in their great sorrow.—R.I.P.

#### MR. DENIS HOARE, KERRYTOWN.

One of the oldest landmarks of this district (writes an esteemed correspondent) was removed on August 24, by the death of Mr. Denis Hoare. The deceased landed in Dunedin in August, 1862, and for a time was engaged as a ganger at some work at Bell Hill, Dunedin. Leaving there he came to South Canterbury, where he worked at road formation between Timaru and Ashburton. In 1866 he settled in Kerrytown on a comfortable farm, where he remained until his death. The deceased was one of the most respected men in the district, ever to the fore in any good works for the welfare of the Church, or his neighbors. He was always among the first to assist in any charitable undertaking. He will be greatly missed not only by his family, but by his very many friends, who always found pleasure in his company. For the past twelve months the deceased had been far from well, and his death at the age of 65, although deeply regretted, was not altogether unexpected. His funeral was one of the largest seen in this district for years. He leaves a family of seven, of whom two are Sisters of St. Joseph, and a son is studying for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary, Moanac. Mrs. Hoare and her family have the sincerest sympathy of a very large circle of friends in their sad bereavement.—R.I.P.

### Massacre of Catholic Missionaries

Fuller details of the massacre in New Britain show that one of the mission boys warned Father Rasher of the plot. Similar rumors were common, but passed unheeded. Tomari shot Father Rasher while the latter was lying in his bed sick. A second shot killed him as one of the Sisters was conducting the wounded man from his room. Tomari then shot the Sister dead.

The shots were the signal for the murderers to cut down the victims, with whom they were conversing.

The evidence shows that the whole was carefully prearranged. Some of the bodies were horribly mutilated.

Subsequently an attack was made on the Vanamaria station, and there were two more attacks while Father Rasher's burial was proceeding.

The whites in the settlement, assisted by the Bonka boys engaged on the plantation, beat off the attackers, killing some of them.

Tomari sent a message that he would kill anyone coming to remove the bodies. He intended, he said, to kill the whites, also the Governor and Bishop Couper.

After the massacre the natives feasted upon the contents of the stores, which they looted.

Tomari, in a speech, declared that he would drive all the whites out of the country.

The latest reports state that the punitive expedition shot 15 and captured 20 of the murderers. Tomari has not been caught.

At the time of the massacre the Vice-Governor was absent in New Guinea suppressing a plot, so it is alleged, simultaneously to massacre all the whites in German New Guinea.

One of the plotters just before the time fixed for the attack on the whites kept the natives at bay till the arrival of the Vice-Governor with a strong body of police, when they were driven off.

The ringleaders were arrested.

It is rumored that 300 natives were killed, though officially it is stated that there were only six.

The natives also attacked the Catholic mission station at Berlinhaven and speared some of the Brothers in the arm. The Father in charge of the station, using his rifle, beat them off.

The new Catholic church just erected at Hanmer Springs will be solemnly blessed and opened by his Lordship Bishop Grimes on the second Sunday in October.

It will not cure rheumatism, nor heart disease, nor gout, nor reduce the fat to slinness, nor increase the lean to stout.

You can't use it as a hair wash, nor to mend a broken limb,

Nor for freckles, warts, and pimples, nor such blemishes of skin.

But for pulmonary affections it will always take the lead,

Also colic, indigestion, and like ills we're forced to heed. For bronchitis, colds, and whooping cough, we faithfully assure

You'll find no better remedy than WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

### NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

A press message states that during Vespers on Sunday at St. Mary of the Angels' Church, Wellington, the heat from an electric motor fired the boards under the church, which alarmed the congregation, who were asked to retire in order. This was done, although a few women displayed alarm. The fire was soon extinguished with the aid of the water supply recently insisted on by the Corporation, and the congregation returned to the building and the service was concluded.

There was a fair attendance (writes a Hokitika correspondent) at the meeting of the Catholic Literary and Debating Society on the evening of September 23. The evening was devoted to a mock trial by jury, which caused a great deal of amusement, and the meeting was voted a decided success. By request Rev. Father Ahery will give his postponed lecture on Napoleon III at the next meeting. The return debate with the Horticultural Society is arranged to take place on Tuesday, September 27.

All the candidates from the Convent of Mercy, Greymouth, at the Trinity College theoretical examinations in music, in June last, were successful. The following is the list:—Senior—May Petersen (honors), 87; Joan O'Reilly (honors), 85. Intermediate—Nora Trowland (honors), 81; Mary E. McCarthy, 76; Mary Clarke, 68. Junior—Kathleen O'Donnell (honors), 92; Myra McLisky (honors), 89; Bertha Coakley (honors), 87; Ethel West (honors), 86; Mary Delaney, 76; Margorie Warnes, 65; Rita Hannan, 60. Preparatory—Rose Bade, 100; Erin O'Reilly, 90; Cyril Whitaker, 90; Vera Harman, 81; Francis Sheahan, 80; Christina Baxter, 76.

The people of Dunedin are naturally very pleased that the genial and popular commander of the 'Delphic,' of 18200 tons' burden, should test the capabilities of the Victoria Channel and bring his splendid vessel up to the city wharves. The 'Delphic' is far and away the largest vessel that has ever attempted the passage from Port Chalmers to Dunedin, and therefore, not alone was it a cause of rejoicing to the citizens, and in an especial manner to the Harbor Board as demonstrating the utility and success of the dredging operations which have been going on for some years, but it was also a highly creditable action on the part of Captain Breen to carry an undertaking beset with some risk to such a successful issue. On Friday afternoon the Harbor Board presented Captain Breen with a gold-mounted greenstone pendant for himself and a gold-mounted greenstone brooch for Mrs. Breen as a memento of the 'Delphic's' visit to Dunedin. The function took place in the board room of the Agricultural Hall in the presence of a representative gathering of business men. In making the presentation the chairman said that the Harbor Board and business people had assembled to do honor to Captain Breen, who, he hoped, would prize the gift not so much for its intrinsic value as for the spirit in which it was given. Captain Breen's health was then cordially toasted, and the commander of the 'Delphic,' who by the way is a Wexford man, briefly thanked the company for their presents and also for the kind treatment he had received at their hands.

The following pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Taranaki, passed the theoretical examination held in connection with Trinity College, in June last:—Pupils of the Monastery of the Presentation, New Plymouth: Senior pass—Amelia Smith, 76. Intermediate pass—Nellie Sutton, 60. Junior honors—Mary Dolan, 93; Delia Roberts, 89; Rose Rolfe, 88; Eileen Brennan, 87; Katie O'Rourke, 86; Johanna Fleming, 85; Mary Moroney, 80. Junior pass—Mary O'Rourke, 77; Pansy Whitton, 67. Preparatory division—Cissy Moroney, 88; Elsie Bennett, 81. Pupils of the Monastery of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, Stratford: Intermediate division—Mary Callaghan, 60. Junior honors—May Porter, 94; Elsie Russ, 91; Lena Bleasel, 80. Preparatory division—Gladys Bennett, 100; Ida Bleasel, 99; Augusta Wilson, 85. Pupils of Monastery of St. Theresa, Opunake: Intermediate division—Helen Middleton, 69; Maude Middleton, 65; Olive Brennan, 66. Junior honors—Ethel Cross, 88; Evelyn Cross, 89; Alice Cramer, 80; Mary Morris, 80; Katie McKeay, 82. Junior pass—Maggie Cross, 76; Annie McKeay, 60. Preparatory division—Kenneth Brennan, 92; Gertrude King, 75. At the Practical Examinations conducted by Dr. Cresser, Examiner for Trinity College, held at New Plymouth on September 14, the following pupils were successful:—Pupils of Monastery of the Presentation, New Plymouth: Senior pass—Mabel Clarke, Alice Fletcher, Violette Foote. Junior division—Laura Wood. Preparatory—Hester Riddle, Dolly Sutton (violin). Junior division—Alice Cramer (St. Theresa's Monastery, Opunake), Mary Callaghan (Monastery, Stratford). Preparatory division—Alice Cuthbertson (Monastery, Stratford).