

ferred to the City of Christchurch as a sectional sergeant. In the year following that he was appointed to the charge of the Wanganui station, and in 1902 was promoted to be sub-inspector in charge of Dunedin City, but towards the end of that year was transferred to the charge of the City of Christchurch. He had control of the police arrangements at the International Exhibition, and was very highly complimented on the skill and discretion which marked the policing of the Exhibition, the British commissioner, Captain Atkin, in his official report, specially mentioning Inspector Dwyer's industry, tact, and geniality. The inspector has two Royal Humane Society's awards for bravery. In 1882, when he was a constable in Dunedin, he saved the life of Mrs. Kitchener, wife of Captain Kitchener, and assisted in saving other lives in a disastrous fire known as the Cumberland street fire. On that occasion he exposed himself to very grave dangers, and he was awarded a silver medal by the Royal Humane Society of Australasia. His second award, a certificate of merit, was gained ten years later at Oamaru. On a dark, wet night he endeavored to save the life of a man who was drowning in the harbor. Mr. Dwyer swam out eighty yards, and brought the man ashore safely, but he died soon afterwards from the effects of exposure. Inspector Dwyer has had to do with many important criminal cases during his long service in the police force, and among them a number of burglaries at Oamaru in 1887. In connection with these cases he conceived the idea of taking impressions of the hands and feet of criminals. One of the Oamaru burglars got into a warehouse by means of a skylight. He was barefooted, and he stepped on to a shelf covered with dust, and from it on to a clean blotting pad, leaving a vivid impression of his foot on the pad. Mr. Dwyer had the impression photographed, and when three men were arrested on suspicion took impressions of their feet in printer's ink. He was able to show that one of them corresponded with the photograph, and the owner of the

delinquent foot pleaded guilty. The finger-print system had not then been introduced in Great Britain, and Mr. Dwyer's experiment was the first of its kind in New Zealand. Inspector Dwyer, who has been widely congratulated on his promotion, leaves Christchurch for Napier next week. The promotion of Chief Detective McGrath, of Wellington, to the position of sub-inspector at Christchurch is a distinct gain to the local force.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

A collection taken up at the church doors on Sunday for the prizes for the children's picnic, to be held on the 17th inst., realised close on £11. The Hibernian Band will be in attendance at the picnic and a successful outing is ensured. Mr. R. A. Anderson, manager for Messrs. J. G. Ward and Co., has kindly placed the large woolshed at Ocean Beach at the disposal of the committee, should the weather be unfavorable.

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