

Southland News Notes.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Gore parishioners intend holding a monster carnival next autumn in aid of the church building fund, and judging by the interest evinced the undertaking is likely to be a great success.

Mr Thomas Scully, of Orepuki, has just sold his Te Tuna saw-mill to Messrs Cross and Fortune, and is giving up the milling business.

A sad accident befell a worthy Queenstown resident last week, Captain Robertson, of the Ben Lomond, who received rather severe injuries while making fast his vessel at the wharf. He is, I am pleased to say, getting along favorably.

The Catholics of Balfour are taking active steps in the matter of erecting a church in their locality. Some of the donations received are very handsome, and the prospects seem exceptionally bright.

A friendly suit was heard at the S.M. Court, Otantau, a week or two ago, when the Wallace County Council proceeded against the Very Rev. Father Walsh for rates on the presbytery. The magistrate decided in favor of the rev. gentleman, but curiously enough both parties pay more in expenses of the case than the rates would come to for many years.

I am in a position to say that the people of Southland are responding most liberally to the appeal of the Rev. Father Coffey on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul's Orphanage; in fact, their generosity is most marked, and should be anything but pleasing to those bigoted legislators who threatened the Catholic orphanages last session.

Many of your readers will regret to hear of the death of Mr Peter Dalrymple, of Invercargill, one of Southland's sturdy pioneers, who passed away last week at the age of 88. One thing in relation to his domestic living is unique. The house he lived in in Invercargill for 40 odd years was brought by him all the way from Home. It was first erected in Melbourne—or where that city now is—and thence removed to Invercargill, where it still stands.

Obituary.

MRS. MARGARET HALLY, DUNEDIN.

On Monday there died at her residence, Leith street, Dunedin, one of the old Catholic residents of this city in the person of Mrs. Margaret Hally, relict of the late Mr. John Hally. The late Mrs. Hally was born in Coleraine, Londonderry, and arrived in Victoria many years ago. Later on she came to New Zealand, and settled down in Dunedin, where she married the late Mr. John Hally. The deceased had been ailing for some weeks, but it was not until a few days ago that serious consequences were apprehended. During her illness she had the constant spiritual ministrations of the Rev. Father Murphy and of the Rev. Father O'Reilly, and her last moments were consoled by the administration of the rites of the Church to which she was so devoted, and of which she was so practical a member. Mrs. Hally was highly esteemed by all who knew her, her warm-heartedness and kindness making for her a large circle of friends, who recognised in her the true embodiment of what a good Catholic ought to be. The funeral was on Wednesday, the remains being taken in the first instance to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where the first portion of the burial service was read, and thence to the Southern Cemetery, where the interment took place. There are two sons—Messrs. Patrik and John Hally—and two daughters left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, and to these we tender our sincerest sympathy in the loss they have sustained.—*R.I.P.*

MR. ARTHUR CORMACK, ROXBURGH.

A fatal accident occurred at Roxburgh on Monday morning whereby Mr. Arthur Cormack, one of the most popular and highly-esteemed young men in the district, lost his life. The deceased, who was employed on the Teviot dredge, was engaged in looking after the machinery when in some unexplained manner his clothes got caught in the gear and he was dragged round and round by the elevator shaft. He was dead when his companion on the dredge discovered his position. The deceased was about 22 years of age, and was son of Mr. David Cormack, J.P., a worthy resident of the district, who has the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in his sad bereavement.—*R.I.P.*

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

It is said that the money invested in gold dredging in this Colony amounts to about £3 per head of the population.

EARLY on Tuesday a disastrous fire broke out in the township of Winton, resulting in the destruction of nearly the whole of the principal business block. The damage done is estimated at £10,000.

THE Nelson *Colonist* learns that Mr. Trussell has been appointed choirmaster at St. Mary's Church. He was formerly choirmaster at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Auckland, and is the possessor of excellent credentials.

THE lambing throughout Kaikoura (says the *Star*) promises to be considerable this year. The number of lambs now seen on farm and station properties appears to be larger than in previous seasons. The weather has been in favor of the young arrivals.

AT the June examinations in the theory of music held under the auspices of Trinity College, the following pupils of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Mission, New Plymouth, were successful:—

Senior honors—Minnie Beamish, 77. Intermediate pass—Hannah Gray, 89; Mary Franklin, 79. Junior Honors—Annabella McJanet, 76; Hilda Stoddard, 72. Junior pass—Gladys Newland, 100; Alice Fischer, 100; Annie Madder, 100; Eileen Ward, 96; Sara Hicks, 95; Katie Heard, 93.

DR. J.P. FRENGLEY, M.D., B.Ch., Royal University, Ireland, Dublin, and King's College, London (writes the London correspondent of the *Dunedin Star*), has been granted by the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons a diploma in public health.

THE following is the list of successful candidates from the Convict of Meroy, Greymouth, at the examinations in the theory of music held in June last under the auspices of Trinity College, London:—Senior honors—Nellie McDonnell, 86; Mary Ellen Noonan, 85. Senior pass—Augusta Skoglund, 84. Intermediate honors—Alice Hannan, 89; Eileen Kemple, 80; Annie Duffy, 70. Intermediate pass—Annie Macdonell, 90; Eileen Kemple, 87; Katie Macdonell, 83; Eliza Mahoney, 76. Junior pass—Joan of Arc O'Reilly, 96; Maggie Scott, 95; May Petersen, 94; Mary Doogan, 92; Alice Doogan, 90; Ellen Mahoney, 81.

IT seems that the good days of old have returned for those who are enjoying the hospitality of the Government at the tree-planting stations at Waitapu, near Rotorua. The prisoners, so says a veracious chronicler, do their regular day's work at tree-planting, clearing new areas, etc., but have concessions and relaxations in the form of tobacco allowances, etc. They are allowed to play football in their 'off time,' under the instruction of one of the warders, and it is seriously alleged that they are threatened with 'locking out' all night if they are not inside their barracks by the stipulated hour each evening. The food is good, and all circumstances considered, there is no fear of the prisoner-workers running away from their comfortable home at Waitapu.

AT Auckland, on Thursday last, the 19th inst., Miss Emily Wilson, in religion Sister Mary Basil, amongst others, made her solemn profession as a religious of the Order of Our Lady of Meroy. Sister Mary Basil is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Wilson, of Makino, near Feilding, and for many years resident of the Upper Hutt, Wellington, and sister of Mr J. J. Wilson, of Christchurch. The newly-professed Sister is one of a Catholic family widely known and universally respected in the Archdiocese of Wellington, and was on the occasion of her profession the recipient of numerous telegrams of congratulation, including one from his Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, graciously conveying his blessing.

THE Rev. Father Ainsworth, of Wellington (writes the London correspondent of the *Dunedin Star*), has been wandering in many lands and sampling the ships of many countries. Leaving the British China at Port Said, he explored Egypt for a fortnight. The Russian Czarowitz then bore him to Jaffa, and a Turkish train to Jerusalem and other spots in the cradle of Christianity. In a Khedivial boat he journeyed to Greece, where he spent some happy days in Athens. From Patras an Italian steamer took him to Brindisi. After seeing the chief cities in Italy he made the best of his way Home through Switzerland and France. A fortnight in London was followed by a couple of months in Ireland. In Leeds he stayed with his uncle, Mr. James Ainsworth. Private business will require his attention in London for two or three weeks, September will be spent with relatives in Scotland, and at the end of that month the traveller crosses the herring-pond, leaving San Francisco early in November.

ACCORDING to Mr. T. E. Donne the new geyser at Rotomahana 17 miles from Rotorua, is a wonderful sight. The whole locality is the scene of volcanic activity, and the geyser referred to plays into a lake half an acre in circumference, the temperature of which is 187 degrees. The outbreaks of the Rotomahana geyser take place once every 36 hours, and they eclipse anything of the kind hitherto observed in New Zealand. Huge masses of water are thrown immense distances into the air, and rocks 60lb and 70lb in weight are propelled upwards to a distance of 400ft and 500ft by this energetic agency. Surveyors' measurements indicate that the masses of steam which are expelled from the geyser frequently rise to a height of 6000 odd feet. Steam and volumes of hot water constantly ooze from apertures in the ground over a very wide area. The thermal activity is so great, indeed, as to induce considerable speculation as to what the result may eventually be. In order to facilitate sight-seeing, a road has been made from Rotorua to Rotomahana, and has just been completed, and many hundreds of spectators have during the last few weeks inspected this phenomenon, whose advent has caused no small measure of excitement in the north.

THE Ashburton Catholic Literary Society held its annual banquet on Wednesday evening of last week, when there was a very large attendance, many of those present having come a considerable distance. The tables, which were presided over by a bevy of young ladies (says the *Maiti*), were artistically decorated, and contained a plentiful supply of the best of everything. The ladies were untiring in their work, and the chief portion of the success of the function was due to their prompt attention and pleasing manner, and they were worthy recipients of the hearty vote of thanks accorded them. The various toasts were treated in a capable manner, and the speeches delivered by several of the members showed clearly the good work the Society is doing in this respect. During the course of the speeches the members were urged to attend the meetings regularly and there would be little doubt but they would be the gainers in the end. A varied programme was gone through during the evening, and the following contributed items:—Recitations—Messrs. Brankin, W. P. Daly, E. Hanrahan, Moriarty (2); songs—Messrs. Burgess, Shandley, Healy (3), McSherry, Moriarty, and Soal. A break was made in the proceedings of the evening for the purpose of making a presentation of Mr. R. J. Henry's prize, which was for the best junior debater in the Society, and Mr. Kennedy called on Mr. D. Moriarty to step for-