

DIocese OF DUNEDIN.

On Friday evening a social and concert were given in St. Joseph's Hall in aid of the building fund of the hall. The Misses S. and N. Hall opened the concert part of the programme with a faultlessly played pianoforte duet, the overture from 'William Tell.' Miss Pearson sang with much taste Hervey's 'Once,' and Mr Eagar gave a fine rendering of the popular song, 'My sweetheart when a boy.' Mr Hussey sang 'The Bugler,' and in response to an encore he gave 'In Old Madrid.' Mr J. B. Callan, jun., recited 'The Raven,' and Mr D. Columb sang 'The King's Minstrel.' A cornet solo, 'The Holy City,' by Mr R. Phillips, well deserved the applause which it received. The accompaniments were played by Miss S. Hall in a finished manner.

INVERCARGILL.

(From our own correspondent.)

July 15.

A big thing is going on in the Bluff at present—nothing less than a Coronation Demonstration, which, if it does not equal, will at least imitate the ceremony in London, England. Yesterday I saw a railway carriage full of mothers coming to town to buy silks, satins, and ermine for the dukes, duchesses, marquesses, marchionesses, knights and ladies who are to take part in the function. It is proposed by those in charge to surround this 'Grand Coronation Festival' with royal amusements, in the way of comedies and comediettes, tableaux and processional marches. I learn by the cablegrams that the second civic procession is to be omitted in the London pageant, but not an item will be left out in this—not even one fairy dance. A strong orchestra will enliven the show. We all have 'an eye to business,' as Dunedin people know so well, even in our loyal and warlike demonstrations. With that view busy hands have been at work for the past three months, so that a variety, large indeed for the Bluff, of many goods—screens, panels, pictures, plaques, chairs, lounges, fender-stools, fancy curtains—are already on exhibition. The proceeds will go to St. Teresa's new convent; hence all the Dominican convents round about and many ex-pupils of the Dominican nuns have been generous in their gifts. The business portion of the 'Grand Coronation Festival' will be in the hands of Mesdames St. George, Tulloch, Rose, Sullivan, McGrath, McEntyre, and Preston, presided over by Mrs Tipping, who has achieved many a success in the governmental department of similar undertakings. The Bluff 'Grand Coronation Festival' will take place on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2. Mr Liston, who has a family taste for the drama, supervises the dramatic performances.

The Invercargill Literary Society intends to give a 'literary evening' to the congregation. Several members with literary tastes are engaged upon papers.

The plans for new St. Mary's are now ready, and the call for tenders will soon be out.

WEDDING BELLS.

LONERGAN—DARBY.

A marriage of more than ordinary interest (writes our Auckland correspondent) was solemnized in the Bishop's private chapel on Wednesday, June 18. The contracting parties were Mr. T. A. Lonergan, surgeon dentist, and Miss Gertrude Darby, both of this city, and members of very old and deservedly respected Catholic families. The ceremony was performed by his Lordship Dr. Lenihan, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., and Father Darby, brother of the bride. There were also present the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Reilly, Very Rev. Dean Hackett, Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. and other members of the clergy. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Patrick Darby, and wore a beautiful dress of soft, white silk, which was a mass of tiny tucks, insertion lace, and lace trimming. She also wore a prettily embroidered tulle veil and coronet of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet finished with streamers of ribbon, the gift of the bridegroom, who also presented her with a gold bangle. The bridesmaids were Miss Lonergan, sister of the bridegroom, and two little nieces of the bride, Miss Patricia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Darby, and Miss Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Darby. Master Joe Darby, in a pretty Highland suit, acted as page. Each of the bridesmaids wore a gold brooch presented by the bridegroom as souvenirs of the happy event. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Walter Darby, brother of the bride, and Mr. Fred Lloyd. After the ceremony, a splendid wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's parents, when the customary toasts were honored. The guests included the members of the contracting families and his Lordship Bishop Lenihan, Dr. Egan, Monsignor O'Reilly, Dean Hackett, Rev. Fathers Darby, Patterson, etc. The wedding presents were numerous and valuable, and included a handsome and valuable travelling case, the gift of the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rev. Father Buckley, and the members of St. Patrick's choir, of which the bridegroom has long been a valued member.

If Cyclists or Footballers meet with accidents, they will find that Evan's WITCH'S OIL is infallible.—*.*

Messrs J. N. Merry and Co., Bond street, Dunedin, are cash buyers of wool, sheepskins, rabbitskins, hides, tallow, horsehair, etc. The firm have been noted for their promptness in attending to consignments and in rendering account sales for same. No commission charged...

Obituary.

MR T. F. MINOGUE, MASTERTON.

Mr Thos. Minogue, Te Ore Ore, Masterton (says the Wairarapa Age), has lost his second son, Thomas Francis, who died on Thursday night, July 3, at the early age of 19 years. The deceased, who was a young man of promise, had been in ill health for some months. His death is deeply regretted, and much sympathy is felt for his parents in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

MRS. M'DONALD, BALCLUTHA.

Another of the fast diminishing band of early settlers (says the Leader) passed away on Thursday in the person of Mrs. Margaret M'Donald, who resided in Renfrew street, Balclutha. The lady, who had attained the ripe old age of 85, suffered an illness about a year ago, and although she had not perfectly recovered, she was able to attend to her duties up to the date of her death, and in fact was in full possession of all her faculties. The end, though not unexpected, was rather sudden, as the lady was apparently in her usual health, and she requested her husband to obtain her a drink, but when he returned the lady had breathed her last. Mrs. M'Donald was a native of Inverness-shire, and arrived in the Colony along with her husband, in the ship Robert Henderson, in 1862. Arriving in Port Chalmers Mr. and Mrs. M'Donald came on by boat to Port Molyneux, where Mr. M'Donald worked for some time on Brugh's run, after which they took up land at Ahuriri, but old age coming on they came to Balclutha about seven years ago, and have resided here ever since. The funeral took place on Sunday. The remains were taken to the Catholic Church in the morning. The Rev. Father Howard, who officiated, spoke in feeling terms of the deceased lady. At 2 o'clock the funeral took place, Mr. Walls playing the 'Dead March,' as the body was removed from the church. A large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place. The Rev. Father Howard read the burial service at the grave. Mrs. M'Donald leaves a husband, two daughters, and four sons to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MRS LISTON, DUNEDIN.

Early on Monday morning there passed away one of the best known and most esteemed Catholic ladies in Dunedin in the person of Mrs Liston, relict of the late Mr James Liston. Mrs Liston had been only ill for about ten days, and the news of her death came as great shock to her many friends, not alone in Dunedin, but in other parts of the Colony. Her death will be sincerely mourned by a large number of people who had from time to time experienced her generosity, for she was ever ready to extend a helping hand to the necessitous, and her many private charities, performed so unostentatiously, will never be known, as she was one of those who liked to do good by stealth. The deceased was a consistent and practical Catholic, and no appeal was made to her for her Church or her neighbour but was responded to with that generosity for which she and her late husband were noted. Mrs Liston, who was fifty-five years of age, was a native of Ennis, Co. Clare. She was married to the late Mr Liston about twenty-eight years ago, and after spending some time in the West Coast, they came to Palmerston, staying there only a short time, after which they settled down in Dunedin—something over twenty years ago. During her illness Mrs Liston was constantly attended by the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. St. Joseph's Cathedral, who was also present a short time before her death. On Wednesday morning the remains were removed to St. Joseph's Cathedral, where a solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated. His Lordship Bishop Verdon was celebrant, Rev. Father Delany assistant-priest, Rev. Father O'Reilly deacon, Rev. Father O'Neill sub-deacon, and Rev. Father Murphy master of ceremonies. There were also in the sanctuary Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell (Ashburton), Rev. Father Coffey (South Dunedin), Rev. Father Lynch (Palmerston South), and Rev. Father Howard (Milton).

The funeral took place in the afternoon, the place of interment being the Southern Cemetery. The large concourse of mourners bore testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The late Mrs Liston leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The second son is at present in Europe studying for the priesthood. To the bereaved family we tender our sincere sympathy in the loss sustained by them. R.I.P.

For Chilblains there is positive lyno remedy to approach Evan's WITCH'S OIL—an absolutely certain cure.—*.*

The following is from the Wellington Evening Post:—One of the largest and most important transactions in hotel properties in this city for some time past has been effected by Messrs Dwan Bros., of Willis street, Wellington, in the sale of Searl's Hotel, Lambton quay, to Mr Frank M'Parland. The new landlord entered into possession last night. Messrs Dwan Bros. also report the sale of Mr E. F. Darby's interest in the lease and furniture of the Imperial Hotel, Wellington, to Mr J. Jackson, late of the Empire Hotel, Petone; Mr T. J. Grey's interest in the lease and furniture of the Shamrock Hotel, Molesworth street, to Mrs Kate Kennedy, well known in this city; Mr John H. Fairbairn's interest in the lease and furniture of the Post Office Hotel, Woodville, to Mr A. W. Lourie, late of Turakina; Mr James Wareham's interest in the lease and furniture of the Railway Hotel, Johnsonville, to Mrs G. Dennis, late of Wellington; the freehold of the Stratford Hotel, Stratford, on account of Miss E. F. Crawford to Mr Thomas Lawless, late of Paeroa, Auckland; also Mr R. S. Baker's interest in the lease and furniture of the Club Hotel, Wellington, to Mr E. J. Searl, late of Searl's Hotel, Wellington...

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