

clergy, who had come from all parts of the archdiocese for the purpose. Archbishop Redwood preached, paying an eloquent tribute to the worth of the deceased, dwelling on the great loss which would be felt by all sections of the community in the death of one who had lived among and had been associated with them for many years. Who, he asked, could enumerate all his acts of kindness, charity, and philanthropy? The Archbishop also paid a tribute to the religious character of the deceased and to his practical philanthropy and charity.

There was a crowded congregation, and the funeral was attended by members of Parliament, the Premier, and other Ministers of the Crown, Government officials, and representatives of all classes of the community.

The Minister of Defence, in consideration of Dr. Grace's long and honorable connection with the British forces during the Maori War, suggested that the remains should be buried with military honors, but, in deference to the wishes of the family, the proposal was abandoned.

By the death of Dr. Grace a void in public and private life has been created which cannot be easily filled, and to his sorrowing family will be left the consolation that his was a noble life, without stain and without reproach, and that he died as he had lived—a fervent and practical Catholic.—R.I.P.

#### MR. P. S. CASSIDY, CHRISTCHURCH.

The death occurred in Christchurch, on Friday, the 17th inst., of Mr. Patrick Sarsfield Cassidy, a very well-known Irish-American journalist, whose work in the great American city commenced in 1865. Mr. Cassidy was born in Dunkineely, County Donegal, on Hallowe'en of 1849. When 16 years of age he left for America, to find a home among a people whose sympathies have always been strung to accordance with the dear old land. Shortly after his arrival he adopted journalism. For many years he worked hard, a young and enthusiastic Irishman, with no assistance beyond a determination to get on, a boundless and ardent love of his native country, a warm and imaginative temperament, and an inexhaustible fund of enthusiasm. He graduated through several of the great offices of New York, and was finally appointed to the editorial chair of the 'Mercury,' a position which he held till his health began to fail in 1895. At the beginning of 1896, he came to New Zealand to assume the management of the 'N.Z. Times,' and to assist in the editorial work of that journal, whose fortunes were then at a very low ebb. His up-to-date American ideas were inadequately appreciated by a colonial audience trained to Conservatism in their newspapers, and Mr. Cassidy left the 'Times' in November of 1896, badly broken in health. A long sojourn with his relatives in Canterbury, followed by a visit to New South Wales and a cruise among the Pacific Islands, left him no stronger than before, and he paid a visit to America and Ireland. He returned with his health utterly shattered, and after remaining for a year in New South Wales, he crossed over to Christchurch, where he had been an invalid till his death.

In earlier years Mr. Cassidy's name was a familiar one to 'Tablet' readers, appearing under various poems reprinted in these columns from various American and Irish journals. Mr. Cassidy had the poetic temperament and the poetic fire (two often rarely associated qualities of intellect) in no small degree. Allied to the most fervent and passionate patriotism, Mr. Cassidy's natural gifts inspired him to produce a large number of stirring lyrics. He published a novel dealing with Irish life, and a volume of verse, 'The Borrowed Bride,' embodying the most famous of the legends of Donegal. Until his health gave way his name was known wherever Catholic magazines and journals had any circulation.

The funeral of Mr. Cassidy, which, owing to his long illness, was a private one, attended only by his relatives and nearest friends, took place on Monday. The Rev. Father Marnane, of St. Mary's, officiated, after a Requiem Mass.—R.I.P.

#### MR. JOHN HIGGINS, DARFIELD.

It is with regret that we announce the death, which occurred at Darfield recently, of Mr. John Higgins, a very old colonist and resident of Darfield district. Mr. Higgins exceeded the allotted span of life, having attained the advanced age of 95 years, a fact which says much for his habits of living and vitality. He was born in the County of Kerry, Ireland, from whence he emigrated to Australia, where for some time he was connected with the gold diggings. Subsequently he was engaged in shipping horses from Sydney to this Colony. On the occasion of his arrival with his first consignment for Canterbury, the ship was unable, at first, to come alongside at Lyttelton to land her freight. This fact, however, did not deter Mr. Higgins from coming ashore. With all the daring and impetuosity of the Irishman, he jumped upon one of his horses, forced it into the water, and swam it to land. This incident was characteristic of Mr. Higgins' whole career; nothing could daunt, nothing discourage him. At a later stage of his life he was occupied in carting round the Sumner road before the construction of the tunnel. Later on Mr. Higgins engaged in farming at Shands Track, which he continued for a lengthened period. He then moved on to Springston and Leeston, following a similar pursuit. In 1872 he settled at Darfield, where he brought up a large family. Mr. Higgins was a large-hearted, generous man, of broad

sympathies, and in his death the Catholic Church, of which he was a devout member, loses a warm son and a liberal supporter. His wife survives him.—R.I.P.

## Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

At the Missa Cantata in Invercargill on Easter Sunday there was a fine orchestra consisting of 25 members.

The Catholic community at Dipton mean to have a sacred edifice dedicated to the Most High very soon, and an undertaking in that direction is meeting with the hearty support that betokens ultimate success.

The new convent at Winton is a handsome structure—by far the most handsome about Winton—and is almost completed. It has two storeys, contains spacious apartments, and is highly ornamental within and without. The whole block of ecclesiastical buildings is a credit to the Catholic community, and the costly structures will long remain monuments of the people's piety, generosity, and goodwill.

The Axemen's Carnival at Invercargill last week was a huge success in every way. A notable feature about the gathering was that nearly all the axemen were Irishmen or sons of Irishmen. From Mr. Thomas Pettit, the champion chopper of the world, down to the amateur, Erin can claim the majority. The success of the carnival is in a great measure due to the energy of the President, Mr. T. O'Byrne.

## PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

April 19.

The ceremonies of Holy Week were carried out in this parish in every detail, large congregations attending at the services, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, a great many approaching the Holy Table on Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday. The Rev. Father Tymons, parish priest, sang the 11 o'clock Mass on Easter Sunday, also preaching an eloquent sermon. The choir rendered Farmer's Mass in good style, the church being crowded. The Rev. Father James Tymons preached at Vespers, the church being again well filled. The altar decorations were in excellent taste, and reflected much credit on those responsible for them—Mrs. Redwood, Misses Oakley, and the young ladies assisting.

There will be a meeting of the men of this parish on Monday, 27th inst., in St. Patrick's School at 8 p.m. for the purpose of taking steps to start a branch of the Hibernian Society. A delegate from the Wellington branch will preside at the meeting. Judging from the large attendance of Catholic young men at church and the zeal and energy of our respected pastor, this should not be a difficult matter, as it seems a pity for this, the largest inland borough of New Zealand, and with such a population, to bear the reproach of no such lodge in its midst.

## A Bargain.

The following story is told by the London 'Publishers' Circular': One day while Mark Twain was connected with a publishing-house, he went into a book-store in New York, and, picking up a volume, asked the price. He then suggested that as a publisher he was entitled to 50 per cent. discount. To this the clerk assented, 'As I am an author,' proceeded Mark, 'it would appear that I am again entitled to 50 per cent. discount.' Again the clerk bowed.

'And as a personal friend of the proprietor,' the humorist modestly continued, 'I presume that you will allow me the usual 25 per cent. discount.' Once more the salesman managed to produce an impressive bow.

'Well,' drawled the unblushing speaker, 'under these conditions I think I may as well take the book. What's the price?' The clerk calmly took up his pencil and began to figure industriously. Then he announced the result with the greatest obsequiousness.

'As near as I can calculate,' said he, 'we owe you the book and about 35½ cents. Call again.'

The Commissioner of Crown Lands, Dunedin, notifies that an auction sale of rights to occupy areas of lands in the Hawea Hundred and East Taieri Districts will be held at the Lands Office, Dunedin, on May 9, also that application for a section in Janefield Settlement on lease-in-perpetuity will be received on May 5. Further particulars will be found in our advertising columns....

Residents in and visitors to Dunedin should not omit to visit the D.L.C., High and Rattray streets, where they will have an opportunity of inspecting a splendid stock in the millinery, dress, underclothing, mercery, fancy goods, and other departments. Intending householders can furnish throughout from the establishment, as the display of furniture, crockery, and carpets is both extensive and varied, whilst the prices are such as to suit either the pocket of the capitalist or the artisan....