

OBITUARY

MISS M. TWOMEY, LOWER HUTT.

Miss Minnie Twomey, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Twomey, Lower Hutt, passed away at Hastings on September 7. The deceased was a very bright young girl, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. The remains were brought to the Hutt for interment, the funeral taking place on September 10. The pall-bearers were members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society. The Very Rev. Father Lane officiated at the graveside. Much sympathy is felt for the parents of the deceased in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

MR. WILLIAM PICKUP, WAIKOUAITI.

It is with sincere regret we have to record the death of Mr. William Pickup, an old and highly-esteemed resident of Waikouaiti, who passed away on September 7, at the age of 74 years. The late Mr. Pickup, who was a native of Burnley, Lancashire, England, came out to Queensland in the early sixties, and after a short stay in that colony returned to England, which he soon after left for New Zealand, arriving in Otago in March, 1866. He engaged in various pursuits, including gold-mining, and eventually took up land on the Peninsula, which after a time he disposed of, and returned to England, where he married. After a brief visit to America in 1873, he left in the following year for New Zealand. Soon after his arrival he settled down in business at Waikouaiti as nurseryman and seedsman, where he resided until his death. The deceased, who was only ill for a short time, was attended by the Rev. Father Hearn (Port Chalmers). The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on September 10, the remains being interred in the Waikouaiti Cemetery, Rev. Father Hearn officiating at the graveside. The late Mr. Pickup leaves a widow, one son, and two daughters to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MISS ALICE HEARN, WANGANUI.

The sad news of the death of Miss Alice Hearn, who passed away at the age of twenty-five years (writes our Wanganui correspondent), cast quite a gloom over the Catholic community. The funeral procession to the railway station on Monday last was largely attended, among those taking part in it being the Children of Mary in regalia. The deceased (says the *Chronicle*) was the fourth daughter of the late Nicholas Hearn, of Hearn and Kennedy, of Buenos Ayres Station, Memohaki, who were among the pioneers of the West Coast, having been amongst the first settlers in this district, and until the death of the late Mr. Hearn were partners in the Buenos Ayres and Pungatana properties. Like father, like daughter. The sunny, good-natured, open-heartedness and genial disposition that were symbolic of the father endeared the deceased to all those with whom she came in contact. The remains were taken by train to Waverley for interment. The clergy present were the Very Rev. Dean Grogan, Rev. Fathers McKenna, Duffy, and Barra. The burial service was read by the Rev. Father Barra, who, in a very touching address, extolled the deceased for her many excellent qualities and spiritual nature. He took for his text: 'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain,' pointing out that what was our loss was her gain. We mourned the loss of a dear friend. She rejoiced that death had set her soul free to join her Heavenly Father. He extolled her many virtues and highly spiritual life. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan also took the opportunity to say a few words of comfort to the sorrowing relatives. He had known the deceased from her childhood, and all her life she had exhibited a highly spiritual nature and a noble and unselfish disposition. He had never known her to do an unkind action or say a cruel word. Her whole life, from childhood to girlhood, from girlhood to womanhood, was most exemplary. No mother had a more devoted daughter. It seemed a great loss and hard to bear, but 'God's will be done.' It seemed as if He always had His hand upon her, and had taken her to her home, and he exhorted all her friends to remember her in their prayers.—R.I.P.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

September 12.

A football team representing the Catholic Club intends journeying to Gore this week to try conclusions with the representatives of the Catholic Club and the Hibernian Society in that town.

On the 21st inst. the Hibernian Band intend holding at Rugby Park a sports meeting for participants in winter games. Medals will be provided for the winners of Rugby and Association football and ladies' and men's hockey teams. The proceeds of the meeting will be devoted to the band's contest fund.

At the Catholic Club rooms on the 6th inst. a debate between the St. Columbia Boys' Club and the Catholic Club took place. Mr. J. Mulvey acted as judge, and the subject for debate was 'Conscription.' The boys, who were represented by Masters J. Gilfedder, F. Shepherd, Hickey, and

Donnelly, supported the affirmative, and the negative side was championed by Messrs. T. Pound, M. Scully, P. Scully, and J. Scully, representing the club. It was the first debate that the boys had taken part in, and they acquitted themselves splendidly. In awarding them the verdict, Mr. Mulvey said that although the negative side showed signs of unpreparedness, that fact did not in any way detract from the win, which was a meritorious one. He congratulated them on their maiden effort, and remarked that from St. Columbia Club would be drawn the future members of the Men's Club, and from the performances that evening he was safe in saying that the debating side of the club's work would continue to be of a high standard.

In connection with the competitions held in Invercargill last week, two pupils from St. Catherine's Dominican Convent were successful in securing places, with most satisfactory marks, in four songs out of five entered for. The competitors referred to are Miss Amy Wyeth and Miss Marie Lloyd. Miss Wyeth, who is only eighteen years of age, secured first prize (gold medal) in the mezzo-soprano solo, 'An emblem,' with 88 marks, and second prize in the Scotch song, 'Bonnie banks o' Loch Lomond,' with 86 marks. She lost first place in the latter song by one mark only. Of her singing the judge remarked: 'With reference to Miss Wyeth, the winner of the mezzo-soprano solo, she has a very beautiful voice, and sings with a great deal of judgment. She does not attempt more than she can do, and therefore was very wise not to sing the top G, which might have marred what was a very good and even performance.' The judge went on to say that he felt reluctant to give the first place to one so young, but that he had to award the prize to the one who merited it, and that Miss Wyeth's rendering of the song had gained for her this honor. Miss Lloyd was awarded second prize in the contralto solo, 'At eventide,' with 72 marks, one mark only below the number which secured first place. In the Scotch song, 'My ain folk,' she was also successful, gaining third place with 81 marks.

The following pupils of the Dominican nuns, Invercargill, were successful in the examinations in theory of music held last June at St. Catherine's College, Invercargill, in connection with Trinity College of Music, London:—Preparatory Division (maximum marks 100, pass 60)—Forbes Cameron, 97; Eileen McGrath, 96; Hyacinth Collins, 95; Eileen Holloway (Bluff), 91; Mary Skiffington, 90; Thomasina Gilbertson, 84; Dorothy Smith, 82; Flora Macdonald (Bluff), 80; Rena Treseder, 80; Clara Plank, 78.

Lower Division (maximum marks 100, honors 80, pass 60)—Rita Joyce, 96 (honors); Josephine Metzger, 92 (honors); Rosie Shepherd, 88 (honors); Mavis Nisbet, 83 (honors); May Maloney, 73.

Upper Division (maximum marks 100, honors 80, pass 60)—Christina Metzger (Bluff), 61. Upper Division (grade 2)—Marion Nelson, 87 (honors).

Advanced Division (maximum marks 100, honors 80, pass 60)—Grace Esther Paton, 94 (honors).

All the pupils presented were successful.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

September 11.

The Grand National bazaar was opened at the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday afternoon by his Worship the Mayor (Mr. James A. Nash), when there was a record attendance. Good business was done throughout the week, the takings so far up to Saturday evening being about £350. In opening the bazaar the Mayor said that this year Palmerston had put up a record for bazaars, and there were still a few more to come, and he wished the promoters of this, the 'Grand National,' every success. The Rev. Father Costello, who introduced his Worship, referred to the splendid work of all connected with the function, and paid a special tribute to the non-Catholics who are assisting, and to those who have already assisted in many ways. At night the hall looked even more attractive, the whole place being lighted by electricity. The Palmerston Band played selections outside each evening. Amongst the many attractions inside was the orchestra, under Mr. W. T. Ward, who gave a number of well rendered and pretty items each evening, also the character dancing of a number of well-trained children, the pupils of Mrs. Grant, which was very much appreciated, the special item of Miss Riki Wood being redemanded on each occasion. The conjuring tricks in quite professional style by Mr. Marshall Wood were a special feature. Saturday afternoon was treated as country people's day. Miss Maureen O'Donovan's clever little boys and girls who had been so much admired during the week were specially put on to amuse and dance their hornpipes and Highland flings. The same children in the evening gave a sailor's hornpipe and contributed an Irish jig in costume. Amongst those who assisted at the various stalls were the following in addition to those whose names were already mentioned:—Mesdames E. L. Broad, H. N. Watson, J. Goring Johnston, Grant, Sim, with Mrs. Waddy at the English Stall.

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