

it would be very hard to replace her. He wished her a very pleasant trip Home, hoped she would enjoy herself thoroughly, and that she would return reinvigorated in health to take up her work in Dunedin. Hon. Mr. Callan then presented Mrs. Jackson with a purse of sovereigns.

Mr. Talboys said he had been associated for some time with Mrs. Jackson in her good work. She had been co-opted as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Charitable Aid Board, and he could bear testimony to her great energy and zeal, and to the valuable services she rendered—services which were very much appreciated by the board. He would get her a letter of introduction from the Charitable Aid Board to similar institutions at Home, so that she might see how charitable work was carried out there. He hoped she would have a very pleasant time, and return from her trip with renewed vigor to carry on her valuable work here.

Rev. Father Coffey paid a tribute to the kindness of the Charitable Aid Board in dealing with cases brought under their notice. Mrs. Jackson had for many years taken a prominent part in the administration of charitable aid; she had done her work well, and to the entire satisfaction of the board. She had worked most earnestly and zealously, and had never denied assistance to any deserving case, or turned any poor person away. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of Mrs. Jackson's friends present, and especially Mr. Talboys, who bore testimony to the manner in which her work was appreciated by the public.

Rev. Brother Moore, speaking on behalf of the Superior of the Christian Brothers, and also for the members of the various clubs in connection with the school, wished Mrs. Jackson a very pleasant voyage and a safe return.

Rev. Father Corcoran, on behalf of Mrs. Jackson, thanked the chairman and the other speakers for their very kind remarks, and also the donors for their handsome presentation.

On Monday evening, at a meeting in St. Joseph's Hall, the St. Joseph's Harrier Club presented Mrs. Jackson, one of their vice-presidents, with a photo-cabinet and lady's companion as a mark of their appreciation of her many services to the club. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who made the presentation, referred in very complimentary terms to Mrs. Jackson's interest in the club, and to the unique position which she held as one of its vice-presidents. She had at various times at much personal inconvenience assisted the Harriers, and the closing function of the season was always held at her house. The members would ever remember her kindness, and they hoped she would have an enjoyable holiday, and they assured her of a hearty welcome on her return to the Dominion. Mr. J. Swanson also spoke in appreciation of Mrs. Jackson's services to the club. Mr. E. W. Spain, replying for Mrs. Jackson, thanked Rev. Father Coffey and Mr. Swanson for their kind remarks, and the members for their nice presents.

### Presentation at Riverton

A public meeting of citizens was held in the Riverton Town Hall on Saturday afternoon, March 23, the object being to bid good-bye to Mr. D. P. Phillips, who for the past four years has held the position of Clerk of the Court and Registrar, and has recently been promoted to the Westport office (says the *Southland Times*). In spite of the time being most unsuitable for the attendance of business people, there was a representative gathering. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. W. L. Petchell) presided, and before the presentation to Mr. Phillips he referred to his long and pleasant friendship with him and spoke in laudatory terms of the thorough manner in which he (Mr. Phillips) had conducted his official duties, and also of the kindly assistance he had rendered in all social and other matters connected with the town. His Worship then presented the guest with a well-filled purse of sovereigns.

Mr. Anderson, on behalf of the legal profession, expressed their regret at the impending departure of

Mr. Phillips. Personally, he could safely say that having been in daily intercourse with that gentleman both in his official and private capacity, it would be impossible to find a more efficient and courteous Clerk of the Court. Although the demands of the profession on the Clerk of Court on behalf of their clients were many and sometimes almost excessive, Mr. Phillips invariably managed to successfully grapple with same. As regards the undertaking by him (the speaker) in collecting the subscriptions he must say it was a pleasure, and he had to thank both Dr. Gordon and Mr. Woolf for the assistance rendered by them.

Mr. J. Mathieson, representing the Police Department, also spoke in eulogistic terms of the guest. Mr. Lyle, as chairman of the Hospital Committee, thanked both Mr. and Mrs. Phillips for the kind musical service they had so often rendered to the hospital. Kindly references were also made to Mr. Phillips by Messrs. R. Berndtson, Patrick, E. McKinnon, and others.

Mr. Phillips feelingly and suitably responded.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. MARY HOARE, TEMUKA.

With very sincere sympathy towards the bereaved relatives (writes our Christchurch correspondent) I record the death of Mrs. Mary Hoare, relict of Mr. Dennis Hoare, of Kerrytown. The deceased lady resided for the past eight years in Temuka. She was born in County Kerry, Ireland, and arrived in New Zealand fifty years ago. The late Mrs. Hoare was sixty-eight years of age at the time of her death, which occurred after an illness of about two years. Of a kindly and charitable disposition and well beloved by all who knew her, she bore her long illness with true Christian resignation, and departed this life fortified by all the rites and consolations of the Church of which she was a most fervent and faithful member. The late Mrs. Hoare leaves a family of eight, two of whom are religious in the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph. One son is in the sacred ministry—the Rev. Father Richard Hoare, S.M., the energetic and popular assistant priest of St. Mary's, Christchurch North. A Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of deceased was celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on last Thursday morning by the Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., who also officiated at the interment, the funeral being very largely attended by friends and relatives. Among the clergy present at the obsequies were the Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., Rev. Fathers Henry, S.M., O'Connor, S.M., Murphy, S.M., and Hoare, S.M. The pall-bearers were Messrs. Brosnahan (2), S. Scannell, and J. Breen, nephews of the deceased.—R.I.P.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week, Mr. S. Pickard, of Southbrook, had a trap horse killed by lightning. When the storm came on he had just taken the horse out of the trap, leaving the harness on and covering the animal with a horse-rug. It appears that the lightning was attracted by a buckle on the bridle, and it made a mark right along the horse's body.

Some interesting statistics in regard to employment were quoted by the Hon. G. Laurensen, Minister of Labor, when speaking at the Trades Councils' Conference at Wellington on Wednesday. The figures, he said, had been prepared by the Labor Department, and were mainly estimated. In 1911 there were 44,480 employers of labor in the Dominion, 52,064 persons in business but not employing assistants, 237,225 persons working for salary or wages, 22,948 relatives assisting employers, making a total of 356,717 persons engaged in production or distribution. In 1906 there were 8281 persons, or 3½ per cent., out of employment. The figures for 1911 were not yet available, but he felt certain that they would disclose a more favorable condition. The occupations were classified as follow:—Engaged in farming or mining pursuits, 123,906 persons; shipping, railways, and transport, 31,000; shops and warehouses, 47,000; manufacturing, 135,000.