

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

November 12.

The convent bazaar, which was opened by the Premier in the Zealandia Hall on Saturday evening, October 29, was well supported throughout the ten days, and was brought to a close on last Wednesday evening. The net proceeds will be well over £700 clear, and considering that this is the third bazaar held in this town within the past three months, the result may be considered very creditable to all engaged in making it such a success. On Thursday, November 3, his Excellency the Governor, according to promise, visited the bazaar, where he spent some considerable time in admiring the various stalls and making purchases from each. He paid a decided compliment to No. 2 stall (art and flower), ordering a collection of most beautiful roses to be sent to Government House. During each evening Mr. P. Tombs' string band played a charming variety of high-class music, whilst on the large stage minuets, gavottes, Grecian fan dances, Highland flings, and skirt dances, by the trained pupils of Miss Culling, were proceeded with at intervals. The energetic and indefatigable hon. secretary, Mr. W. Ryan, and his working committee are worthy of all praise, as it was to their foresight and untiring efforts the great success of the bazaar was mainly due. The following were the stallholders, with each a large staff of assistants: Refreshment—Mrs. Hickey and Misses Hickey (3), Quaid, Fallas (2), Barnes, and Mullan. Art and Flower—Misses Scanlan (2), Oakley, Kelly, Hodgins, Duff, Wood, Minogue, and Mrs. Devine. Burlington—Mrs. Redwood and Misses Taylor, Stagpoole, L. O'Neill, M. Sullivan, Daley, and Greaney. Produce and fancy (Hibernians)—Mrs. Glubb, assisted by a staff from the local branch. Art and fancy stall—Mesdames Burns, Nash, and Misses Greaney, Mullan, V. and K. McGrath, Murphy, Aranburna, Fenton, Butler, Callanan, Sieverts, Duncan, McCarthy. Plain Needlework—Mrs. Daley, Lally Harimai, Mesdames Aisher, Hanlon, and Misses Spellman, Grigg, Aisher, Flynn, Kirrigan. Fancy stall—Mesdames Keith (2), Misses Keith, Lumsden, Cameron, Lennon. Fancy stall—Misses O'Rielly, Scott, Giorgi, Preston, and Blake.

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

The Very Rev. Dean Burke has returned from Australia where he attended the Catholic Congress, and also did considerable business in connection with material required for the new church in Invercargill.

The Catholics of Lumsden are contemplating the erection of a church in the township. They are to be complimented, so is the Rev. Father Keenan, who has charge of the Riversdale parish. Through his zeal a beautiful church now adorns the Balfour township.

It is stated that a branch of the Irish National Foresters' Society will be formed in Invercargill soon.

The settlers of Te Toa and surrounding districts are much concerned because the Government has refused to carry out the railway works. The Orepuki people complain about the shale works, and Otautau residents about divers small matters.

A quiet wedding took place at Riversdale last week in which Mr. Patrick Holland, of Gore, and Miss O'Connor, of Kingston Crossing, were the contracting parties.

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OBITUARY

MR. DENIS BUCKLEY, SOUTH DUNEDIN.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Denis Buckley, father of the Rev. D. Buckley (Holy Cross College), who passed away at his residence, Park street, Kensington, South Dunedin, on Saturday, at the age of 82 years. The deceased was a native of Macroom, County Cork, and came out to Victoria in '51, where he took part in all the principal diggings. He was attracted to New Zealand in the early sixties, and worked in most of the diggings in Otago and the West Coast. About 20 years ago he settled in South Dunedin, where he resided ever since. The late Mr. Buckley, notwithstanding his advanced years, enjoyed very good health up to a few days of his death. He was attended in his last illness by the Rev. Father Murphy and the Rev. Father O'Leary, S.J., and died fortified by all the rites of the Church, of which he had always been a zealous and devoted member. His wife predeceased him about eighteen months ago, and there are now left to mourn their loss four sons and four daughters, who have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. On Monday morning the remains were taken to St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, when a Pontifical Requiem High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship Bishop Verdon, the Rev. Father O'Connor being assistant priest, Rev. Father Delany deacon, Rev. Father O'Malley subdeacon, and Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., master of ceremonies. There were also present the Rev. Fathers Buckley and Liston. The solemn music of the Mass was sung by the students of Holy Cross College. The funeral, which was private, took place immediately after Mass, the remains being interred in the Southern Cemetery, the Rev. Father Murphy, assisted by the priests previously mentioned, officiating at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Dr. Cresser, the representative of Trinity College, London, held an examination in practical music at the Hokitika centre on October 27, when the following pupils from St. Columille's Convent (Sisters of Mercy) were successful:—Higher examination (Certified pianist), B. M. Cunningham; senior, M. Cunningham (singing), 76, A. McDonald (piano), 71, Mollie Maher (piano), 69; intermediate, Una Sullivan (piano), honors, 86, Sheila McDonald (violin), 69; junior, May Sullivan (piano), honors, 84, Kathleen St. George (piano), 70, Pearl Dowell (piano), 61, Victor Toomey (piano), 63; preparatory, Esmonde Downey (piano), 68, Bertha Harrop (piano), 64.

Our Nelson, Timaru, and West Coast readers will be interested to hear of the success of Miss Marie Fraser (Nelson) in the pursuit of her musical studies in the Royal College of Music, London. Miss Fraser (who was a former pupil of St. Columille's Convent, Hokitika) is now in her second term and is studying theory, instrumental music, and voice culture. At the close of her first term her singing teacher, Signor Vissetti, described the young vocalist, in the course of a highly flattering report, as a most painstaking pupil, and Sir Hubert Parry, the Principal of the College, said of her that her first term there was 'a most satisfactory and promising one.'

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