

GREYMOUTH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 24.

The members of the St. Columba Club carried out a novel programme last Monday evening in the shape of a 'Hard-up social.' Some of the characters caused no end of fun by their clever make-up. Comic speeches, songs, and recitations helped to make a merry-making entertainment. On Tuesday evening the members of the club invited the ladies to a euchre and social entertainment.

At a meeting of the Children of Mary last Sunday it was decided to form a cricket club. The election of officers resulted as follows: Captain, Miss Annie Helfernan; vice-captain, Miss Annie Duffy; treasurer, Miss Peart; secretary, Miss Emily Roche. The colors of the club are to be pale blue and white. The first practice took place on Wednesday, and judging by the interest displayed the club should be one of the premier ladies' cricket clubs on the Coast.

It is with extreme regret I have to record the death of Mrs. Callanan, of Cobden, which took place on August 10. Deceased was well known and highly respected, and formerly lived at Barrytown. She leaves a boy and girl to mourn their loss of a devoted and loving mother. Deceased was a native of Melbourne, and aged 45 years. The funeral took place on Saturday, August 12. Very Rev. Dean Carew read the burial service at Cobden Cemetery.—R.I.P.

A very pleasing ceremony took place at the Council Chambers on Wednesday afternoon, when the Mayor and Councillors assembled to present Mr. Thomas Joyce with an illuminated address, on the occasion of his retirement from the Borough Council after twelve years' service. The Mayor, in making the presentation, said it gave him great pleasure to preside over such a gathering and for the opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the services rendered to the town by Mr. Joyce during his long term as Councillor. He had known Mr. Joyce for 40 years, and it would be impossible to find a man so highly respected and esteemed. They all regretted that failing health prevented Mr. Joyce from taking an active interest in borough matters. It was a pleasing duty he had to perform in asking Mr. Joyce to accept the address, which conveyed with it the respect and esteem of the Councillors and citizens of the Borough of Greymouth. The address was beautifully got up and framed. All the Councillors spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Joyce, and the wishes were sincere for his improved health. Mr. Wm. Joyce, on behalf of his father, who was too unwell to reply, thanked those present for the kind wishes expressed.

WEDDING BELLS

KEENAN—SHEEHAN.

A marriage which took place at Fairlie on August 14 created more than ordinary interest, as the parents of the bride have been residents of the district for upwards of a quarter of a century. The contracting parties were Mr. P. Keenan, third son of Mr. P. Keenan, of Kaikoura, and Miss Mary Sheehan, eldest daughter of Mr. D. Sheehan, of Fairlie. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of friends of both parties, took place in St. Patrick's Church, and was performed by the Rev. Father Le Petit. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked extremely well in a costume of white serge, beautifully trimmed with silk and silk lace, and wore the customary wreath and veil. Her sister, Miss N. Sheehan, acted as bridesmaid, and the bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. J. Keenan, of Kaikoura. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The newly-wedded couple left by the afternoon train for Dunedin, where the honeymoon was to be spent. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents. In the evening a very large number of guests were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan in the public hall, which was very tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Messrs. Duthie Bros., of George St., Dunedin, are now showing the latest novelties for spring and summer wear, the quality and style of which cannot be surpassed. These goods have been purchased by the firm's London buyer, and will be found equal to anything ever offered to the public at this leading establishment....

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OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK DEEGAN, DIPTON.

We regret to record the death of an old and highly respected Catholic resident of Dipton in the person of Mr. Patrick Deegan, who passed away on August 16 at the age of 78 years. The deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr. W. Deegan, of County Tipperary, and was born on March 17, 1827. At the age of 18 he left his native land for Canada, where he spent seven years, returning to Ireland for a short holiday, at the end of which he came out to Victoria, being attracted by the reports from the goldfields. He came to New Zealand in 1863, returning shortly after to Victoria, where he married Miss Ann Madden. Immediately after that the newly wedded couple came to this Colony, where Mr. Deegan took up land at Ryall Bush, which he held for several years. Later on he farmed areas in other parts of district. About eight years ago Mr. Deegan, with a grown-up family of five sons and two daughters, migrated to Dipton. There the father and sons jointly secured 8000 acres of the best river-flat land, which has been put under most successful cultivation by the sons, Mr. Deegan retaining the controlling spirit, but being relieved of the more active part of the work, owing to his increasing years. Until the last few years, when he suffered greatly from rheumatism, Mr. Deegan enjoyed excellent health. The immediate cause of death was a heart affection, from which he had been suffering for some time. The deceased was a practical Catholic, and one of the most generous and charitable men in the district. He leaves a widow, five sons, and one daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on August 19, and was the largest ever seen in Southland, there being over one hundred and twenty vehicles in the procession before it reached Winton, where the interment took place. The Rev. Father O'Neill officiated both at the house and the graveside.—R.I.P.

St. Patrick's College Football Club

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of 24th inst. your Wellington correspondent states that, at the annual football match against Wellington College, the St. Patrick's College boys showed want of proper coaching. This is an unmerited reflection on Mr. White, our efficient and painstaking coach, who has given the college team the best possible coaching for years back. In justice to Mr. White I will thank you to publish this letter. Yours, etc.,

C. H. SEYMOUR,
Hon. Sec. St. Patrick's College Football Club.
Wellington, August 28.

We have received from the Frederick Harris Company, London, a copy of 'The Maoriland Waltzes,' by Maxime Heller. The waltzes are evidently the work of a thorough musician, are graceful and melodious, and should become very popular. 'They are in the key of B flat with changes to A flat and E flat. The cover is lithographed in colors, showing a Maori maiden and has a background of typical New Zealand scenery—lake and snow-clad mountain peak.

This is the 25th year of the founding of St. Ignatius's College, Riverview, Sydney, and the occasion has been taken advantage of to issue a jubilee number of 'Our Alma Mater,' the half-yearly publication of the students of the institution. This is the 20th year of publication of the college magazine, and although each succeeding number since its first issue has shown marked improvement on its predecessor the present one is no exception to the rule. It is very well got up, and the illustrations are numerous. In addition to the usual record of school happenings there are several original contributions in prose and verse which go to show that the editors and contributors have more than ordinary talent. On the whole 'Our Alma Mater' more than maintains its reputation as a well written school magazine.

'The publication of an advertisement in a Catholic paper shows that the advertiser not only desires the patronage of Catholics, but pays them the compliment of seeking it through the medium of their own religious journal.' So says an esteemed and wide-awake American contemporary. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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