

doubt that in sightseers the present exhibition will far outclass any previous one in the Colony. Those of importance in the past were as follow:—New Zealand International Exhibition (Joubert and Twopenny, managers), held in Hagley Park, South Christchurch, opened April 10, 1882; fourteen weeks' duration; average attendance, 16,000 a week; total number of visitors, 226,300. New Zealand Exhibition, Wellington (under State control), opened August 1, 1885; duration, three months; visitors, 133,000. New Zealand and South Seas Exhibition, Dunedin, 1889-90; open 125 days; 618,662 persons passed through the turnstiles. Although here and there spaces remained to be filled on last Thursday, still the state of preparedness left little to be desired, and according to the expressed opinion of those from abroad, with years of experience in such matters, the present exhibition was more nearly perfect on the opening day than any with which they had ever been connected. On the whole, the Chief Commissioner is certainly to be congratulated, and proves the wisdom of the authorities in their choice of appointment. The able assistance of his colleagues and sectional committees, too, in no small degree contributed to the inaugural success.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

November 1.

On Tuesday, October 30, Mrs. Honoria O'Brien, relict of the late James O'Brien, of Greymouth, passed away at the Westland Hospital after a long illness. Mrs. O'Brien, who with her husband was one of the pioneers of Greymouth, had resided on the West Coast since the early sixties, and was highly esteemed. She leaves four daughters (three of whom are members of religious Orders) and one son to mourn the loss of a loving mother. The funeral took place this afternoon, and was followed by a large number of mourners, anxious to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed lady. Rev. Father Aubry officiated at the church and graveside.—R.I.P.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

November 2.

The entertainment held in St. Benedict's Hall last Monday evening in aid of the local convent was an unqualified success. The hall was crowded. The committee worked hard, and their labors should be amply rewarded by the returns, which will materially assist the work of the good Sisters of St. Joseph.

His Lordship the Bishop was at Taupo last Sunday, and from there goes on to Rotorua.

Last Friday evening a fine entertainment was given in the convent school, Ponsonby, before a good audience, who thoroughly enjoyed the programme prepared for them by the good Sisters and their pupils.

On yesterday, All Saints' Day, the early Masses at the city churches were largely attended. At St. Patrick's the attendance was equal to a Sunday morning. The evening devotions also were well attended. This morning Masses for the dead were celebrated.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P. for Leicester, has come and gone. He addressed a public meeting here. He is a fluent and forcible speaker, with a pronounced Scotch accent. The aims, aspirations, and successes of the Labor Party in England were told with vigor, and sometimes with vehemence. For one thing during the speech I, with others, waited in vain. That was a need of praise for the assistance rendered to Labor in the House of Commons, and outside of it, by the Irish Party, without which assistance Mr. MacDonald would have mighty little to show in the way of progress by the Labor Party.

Nearly one-half of the women engaged in occupations in London are domestic servants, of whom there is one to every twenty persons in the population.

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.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, 75 Stafford street, Dunedin, late of Hobart, has superior accommodation for boarders.

An important notice with reference to Gregg shorthand appears on another page. It is stated to be the easiest and most progressive system in the world.

Those wishing to send their friends at Home something to show the beauties of New Zealand should see Messrs. Brown, Ewing's set of photographic copies of Mr. C. N. Worsley's work.

Messrs. R. Wilson and Co., Dunedin, proprietors of the popular 'Stand Out Tea,' make a liberal offer to all purchasers of this brand. Particulars will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Messrs. Kingsland and Ferguson, the well-known undertakers of Invercargill, owing to the extension of their business, are making arrangements for the immediate reopening of their Dee street yard.

Messrs. Sargood, Son, and Ewen, Dunedin, agents for the John Tanns 'Anchor Reliance Safes,' have received information from Wellington stating that Mr. Levi, optician, Lambton Quay, had just got his safe (a John Tanns) out of the burning ruins, and on opening it, found the contents, including a £20 note, were preserved intact.



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