OBITUARY

MRS. KEATING, SEN., BLENHEIM.

I regret to report the death of Mrs. Kcating, sen., who passed away at her residence, Weld street, on November 29 (writes a Blenheim correspondent). The deceased who had been ill for a considerable time, was in her 59th year, and died fortified by all the rites of Holy Church. The late Mrs. Keating leaves a grown-up family of ten children to mourn their loss. She was a native of Tipperary, and came to the Colony about 25 years ago, residing in Blenheim up to her death. Deceased was highly respected by all who knew her, a devoted Catholic, and generous in everything connected with Church matters.— R.I.P. R.I.P.

About the middle of February (says the 'Advo-cate') the Rev. J. J. Malone, P.P. (Daylesford), the Rev. R. S. Benson, P.P. (South Yarra), and the Rev. J. Manly (Footscray) will leave on a twelve months' trip to the Old Land.

The 'Tablet' says of Sir Francis Burnand that he combines the breeziness of a sea-captain, the decorum of a canon, the knowingness of a clubman, the correctitude of a lawyer (he has been a barristerat-law these many years), and the freshness of a boy.

It is said that threshing-mill owners in South Canterbury are finding great difficulty in getting sufficient hands to work their mills, owing to the scarcity of casual—laborers, and some mills are actually idle through this cause. A mill owner who spent practically a whole day in Timaru looking for men did so to no purpose. He found only two or three men who were out of any lowners and they would not accept the were out of employment, and...they would not accept the work he offered them.

At a conversazione in Wellington on Thursday night the Premier, Str., J. G. Ward, announced that fourteen appointments had been made to the Legisla-tive Council, the following being the gentiemen selected:—Mr. W. W. M'Cardle, farmer, Kawhia; Captain W. H. Tucker, farmer, Gisborne; Mr. Wi Pere, Gisborne: Mr. Oliver Samuel, lawyer, New Plymouth; Dr. Collins, Wellington; Mr. C. Luke, manufacturer, Wellington; Mr. H. Gilmer, hotelkeeper, Wellington; Mr. R. A. Loughnan, journalist, Wellington; Mr. G. J. Smith, merchant, Christchurch; Mr. John Barr, labor, Christchurch; Mr. J. Anstey, farmer, Camberbury; Mr. J. R. Sinclair, lawyer, Duncdin; Mr. J. T. Paul, labor, Duncdin; Mr. J. B. Callan, lawyer, Duncdin.

Miss Nellie Turner, a pupil of the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch, has passed the matriculation and solicitors general knowledge examina-

The will of the late Mr. Stefano Gatti, a prominent London Catholic, and one of the proprietors of Gatti's in the Strand, has just been proved. He left estate valued at over £220,000.

Dr. Lappoui, whose death was recently announced Dr. Lapponi, whose death was recently announced by cable, had many little difficulties in inducing Leo MIII, to observe his orders. The Pope was a tireless worker, and when the doctor commanded rest he found it hard to obey. Lapponi succeeded chiefly by adopting a somewhat imperative tone. The deceased physician was also a favorite with the present Pope, who sent him the Apostolic Benediction in articulo mortis. mortis.

mortis.

The average Scot (says the Christchurch 'Press') is rarely found guilty of perpetrating a distinctly Irish bull. At the New Zealand Athletic Union's sports held at the Exhibition ground on Saturday, however, the genial Mr. 'Kiltic Smith, director of the gathering, had greatness of this description thrust upon him. A wrestling event was in progress and a number of interested officials within the ring were obscuring the view of the more distant public outside. 'As in duty bound, Mr. Smith grappled with the circumstance, and commanded, 'Now, then, you gentlemen, if you want commanded, Now, then, you gentlemen, if you to stand up, you will have to sit down.

Comparison of the results shown by returns col-ed at the census of 1906 with that of 1901 ws great development in butter and cheese factorshows great development in butter and cheese factories. Not only did the number of factories increase from 247 to 261 between 1901 and 1906, besides skimming stations in connection with them—459 against 202,—but the value of the output rose to £1,046,489 over the amount for 1901. The figures are £2,581,639 for 1905, against £1,535,150 for 1900. The produce of factory-made butter for 1905 was set down at 51,818,6071b, and for 1900 at 29,758,3101b, while cheese made similarly increased from 139,687 cwt to 150,061 cwt in the same period.

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