

Hurling Match, Milton v. Dunedin.

HURLING—one of Ireland's national games—was, it is said, first introduced into the colony of Victoria in the early fifties, and since then the game has gone on throughout Australia with unabated vigor. In New Zealand attempts have been made from time to time to bring into prominence the fine old national pastime, but notwithstanding its success for a few seasons, a want of enthusiasm caused it to fall into the shade, and the game gradually fell away. To the credit of Dunedin be it said the old enthusiasm held on, but it was not until last year that a number of sons from the Emerald Isle resolved they would place the game of hurling on a permanent footing and endeavor to foster a love for the old national sport that would not only be appreciated by Irishmen, but also by all young Colonials. With that object in view the Dunedin Hurling Club was started, special rules were drawn up, constant practice was the order of the day, and now with a large membership the game of hurling has become an established institution. Milton enthusiasts also deserve credit for the interest taken in helping to keep the game to the fore, and it is evident that with a little more assiduous practice the Dunedin men will have to look after their laurels, as the Tokomairiro men have the making of some first-class players in their ranks. A match was arranged between Milton and Dunedin on Saturday last, and was played at Tahuna Park, in the presence of a goodly number of spectators, for a cup presented by the Dunedin H.A.C.B. Society. The following were the teams:—

Milton.—F. Calvey (captain), C. Walsh, Plover (3), R. Graham, J. Hand, P. Fox, Hynes (2), Powley (2), T. Lane, P. Coleman, and P. Nolan.

Dunedin.—F. Clancy (captain), Cooper (2), Casey (2), D. Simpson, M. Powley, T. Crutchfield, W. Hanrahan, S. Marrett, D. Didham, W. Clarke, C. Stalker, H. McDermott, and J. Weir.

Referee, Mr. J. Laffey. Line umpires, Messrs D. Burke and M. Mulquin.

The Dunedin team won the toss, and promptly decided to take advantage of the wind by playing from the Peninsula end. The Milton men got a rush on at the start, and took the play down to the Dunedin goal, but failed to sustain the attack. The local team showed a lot of combination, and being in better training, soon had the country team in trouble. In the first spell Simpson, for Dunedin, scored 1 point, and soon after a goal (4 points). S. Marrett by a bit of good play added another point before the spell closed. The second spell brought the Milton team no better luck, and Simpson again scored, the game ending: Dunedin 7 points; Milton, nil.

The game was played in two spells of half an hour each, and the winners ascribe their victory to assiduous training.

In the evening both teams assembled in Court's Hotel, when a pleasant social evening was spent. Mr. P. Walsh, of Milton, proposed the health of the Dunedin Hurling Club, coupled with the names of Mr. Laffey and Mr. M. Coughlan. In replying on behalf of his team, Mr. Clancy said that they had been practising for months past, and would have been agreeably disappointed had they not won the cup. They had had a tough game and a good game, and he was very proud that the Dunedin team had won. He thanked the Milton boys for coming down and playing the match, and he hoped that next year they would be able to win it back.

Obituary.

SISTER MARY CATHERINE, AUCKLAND.

Sister Mary Catherine Hughes, the last of the early pioneers of the Sisters of Mercy (writes our Auckland correspondent) passed away on the morning of March 12. The deceased Sister came out to New Zealand with the late Mother Cecilia and the late Archbishop Pompallier. She left Ireland in 1849 and arrived the following year in the Waitemata, where from that time until her death she devoted herself with unflinching zeal to God and His Church. A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated on Thursday morning in the Convent Chapel, Ponsonby, by the Rev. Father Purton, O.S.B., Rev. Father Buckley being deacon, Rev. Father O'Hara subdeacon, and Rev. Father Gillan master of ceremonies. There were present in the sanctuary his Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Dr. Egan, and Rev. Fathers Patterson, Brodie, McGuinness and Lane. After Mass the interment took place in the cemetery of the convent grounds, the Bishop officiating at the grave, in the presence of the Sisters and clergy. His Lordship spoke very feelingly of the deceased Sister who had given up home, country and friends for the service of God. Her good life and teaching would remain in the hearts of those amongst whom she labored.—R.I.P.

MR JAMES BOYLE, DONOGHUE'S, ROSS.

Great regret was felt last week throughout this district (writes a correspondent) when it became known that Mr James Boyle had passed away on March 4. The deceased was a native of County Donegal and came to the colonies when about 17 years of age. He landed in Sydney in 1859, and after four years proceeded to Otago. In this latter district he was well known and much respected, and in those early pioneer days he was always foremost in promoting the interests of the Church of which he remained to the end of his life a most faithful son. When the rush to the West Coast gold-fields broke out Mr Boyle came to Hokitika. Here he married, and except for a short period spent in Auckland, he remained on the Coast ever since. He resided in Donoghue's for over 30 years, and his death has caused great grief to his friends and neighbors, for he was highly esteemed by all. He leaves a widow and eight children, for whom very sincere sympathy is felt in their great loss. Mr Boyle was a man of very sterling character and of very determined will.

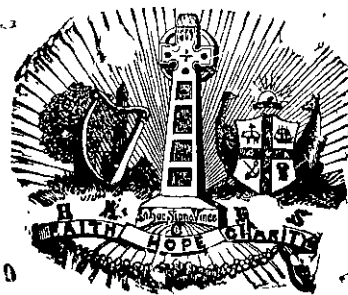
This latter was shown in many ways, but in none more striking than in the fact that on coming to the colonies he made a resolution never to taste intoxicating liquor, and this resolution he kept unbroken during a period of over 42 years. In Mr Boyle's death Ross people feel that one of their most respected old identities has gone and that his place can never be filled. In his last moments he was attended by Father Malone, of Hokitika, as Father Bogue was unavoidably absent in South Westland in the discharge of his parochial duties.—R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

NOT a little of the credit for the success attending the Catholic Carnival held recently in Masterton (says the *Wairarapa Star*) is due to the secretary, Mr. B. J. Dolan. This gentleman spared neither time nor energy in his efforts to make the bazaar the event of the century. He was here, there, and everywhere, and always at the right place at the right time. Without him the Carnival would probably have lacked much of its completeness in detail. We congratulate the Very Rev. Dean McKenna in having secured as secretary a gentleman so eminently fitted for the position.

MR P. HALLY, who contested the Caversham seat at the late election, was on Friday night presented with a purse of sovereigns (£102) in recognition of the manly way in which he had conducted the contest as a Liberal-Labor candidate. In accounting for his defeat, Mr Hally said that one of the reasons was that he was a Catholic. Personal insults had been offered to him and to every member of that denomination throughout the Colony by an irresponsible person, and now that the assertions had been proved to be unfounded, Mr Earnshaw, if a man, should at once acknowledge he had made a mistake. He trusted the election would be the last one to be fought on purely sectarian lines. He thanked his friends and supporters for the treatment they had given him from the first night of his appearance. He had also to thank those who were more intimately connected with him in the contest. He had never met a more sincere set of men than the young men in South Dunedin who had rallied round him during the contest.

AT the last meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society Mr. W. Soal presided. Three new members were elected. A gentleman intimated his intention of offering a prize for the person who nominated most members in the course of the ensuing six months, and the offer was gratefully accepted. The programme for the evening, which took the form of a 'Spelling bee' (says the *Mail*), was a novelty for the Society, and consequently great interest was manifested in the proceedings, more especially as the Rev. Dr. Kennedy had generously contributed a handsome trophy for the best speller. All present competed in the spelling. The competitors were gradually passed out, all being eventually disqualified with the exception of Mr. D. Moriarty, who thus secured first honors and also the trophy. A vote of thanks having been passed to the Rev. Dr. Kennedy and Mr. A. McSherry, who acted in the capacity of examiners, a very instructive evening terminated in the usual manner.



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Funeral Allowance, £20 at the death of a Member, and £10 at the death of a Member's Wife.

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