

groom long life and prosperity. After other toasts had been proposed and duly honored Mr and Mrs Devanny left by train for Dunedin on their honeymoon trip, taking with them many good wishes for their future happiness.

Obituary.

MR LEO PASTORELLI, DUNEDIN.

It is with extreme regret we have to record the death of Mr Leo Pastorelli, late of Dunedin, who died in the Alfred Hospital Melbourne, on June 1, from injuries received through the accidental discharge of a rifle. It appears the deceased was out driving with Mrs Burt, of the Grand Hotel, Healesville, on May 19, in the vicinity of Tarrawarra, and had a loaded gun in his possession for the purpose of shooting rabbits. Suddenly Mrs Burt heard the report of the gun and on looking towards her companion saw that it had exploded, the deceased receiving the contents in the left side Mrs Burt drove back with the deceased to Healesville with all possible haste, and the services of a local doctor were requisitioned. After temporary assistance was rendered to the sufferer he was removed to the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne. For a time the hospital authorities were hopeful of his recovery but on the ninth day after admission tetanus set in, and he passed away as previously stated on the 1st inst. The late Mr Pastorelli was 21 years of age, and had gone to New South Wales last December for the benefit of his health. He was staying with Mr Burt, who was a relative, at the time of the sad occurrence. The deceased was attended by the Rev. Father Gleeson during his illness, and received the last rites of the Church immediately before his demise. To his mother, who resides in South Dunedin, the sincerest sympathy of the many friends of the deceased is extended in her bereavement. The late Mr Pastorelli had been an active member of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society, and was also connected with St. Joseph's Men's Club prior to his departure for Australia.—R.I.P.

Death of Mrs. Ainsworth, Greymouth.

ON Wednesday evening last (writes a Greymouth correspondent) Mrs Annie Ainsworth, wife of Mr S. Ainsworth, and mother of the Rev. Father Ainsworth, S.M., met her death evidently through her clothes catching fire. At half-past five on the evening in question Mr Ainsworth left the deceased lady alone in the house, and when Miss Mary Swift, her companion, called an hour later no response could be obtained to her repeated knocking. Being alarmed, Miss Swift went for her brother, who on coming burst in the door and found the deceased lying on the floor unconscious and her clothing in flames. Assistance was immediately sent for, and Drs. McBrearty, father and son, were soon in attendance and did everything that medical skill could suggest. Father Kimbell, S.M., was also present and administered the last rites of the Church. At eight o'clock the deceased breathed her last, fortified by the Apostolic Blessing of our Holy Father Leo XIII., obtained for her by her son, the Rev. Father Ainsworth, during his late visit to Europe. News of the sad accident was immediately telegraphed to Father Ainsworth, who was concluding a mission in Westport, and he forthwith drove all night to Reefton, catching the morning train. He arrived in Greymouth at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning. That evening the remains of the deceased were taken to the parish church, where faithful friends kept vigil through the night: and on next morning—the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—Masses for the repose of the soul of the deceased were offered at 7 and 7.30, and a Solemn Requiem Mass was chanted at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Father Ainsworth being celebrant, Very Rev. Dean Carew deacon, Very Rev. Dean Martin sub-deacon, and Fathers Malone and Kimbell acting as cantors. The Rev. Fathers O'Hallohan and Leen were present in the sanctuary. The sanctuary and pulpit were draped in black, and a large congregation assisted at the Mass, at the conclusion of which the organist played 'O rest in the Lord,' from 'Elijah.'

In the afternoon the funeral took place, and as the procession left the church the Dead March in 'Saul' was played. On arrival at the grave the 'Benedictus' was sung by the clergy, the service at the grave being conducted by the Rev. Father Ainsworth.

The greatest sympathy is felt for Mr Ainsworth and family in their sad bereavement, and messages of sympathy have been received from every part of the Colony, including telegrams from his Excellency the Governor, Sir Joseph Ward, the Archbishop and Bishops, and clergy, and a great number of friends of every class and denomination. One fact that tends to make the death of the deceased the more pathetic is that she was expecting her son. Father Ainsworth, home on Friday, and had everything in readiness for his coming.

For the last 28 years the deceased lady had been totally blind, and though laboring under this sad affliction yet she was the most cheerful of women and was never heard to complain of her lot. She was a devout client of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the first Friday of each month found her at the altar. It was her custom to be led to church on the day preceding the first Friday to prepare for the following day, and for the last time on the same day she was brought to the church and laid in front of the altar, before which it had been her delight to pass hours in prayer. On the first Friday of June, and the very feast of the Sacred Heart, it was her privilege to lie before God's altar whilst the Adorable Sacrifice was offered for the repose of her soul. 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the just.'—R.I.P.

In cases of Sprains or any injury to the limbs the application of WITCH'S OIL gives instant relief.—*.*

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL.

THE *Austral Light* grows in excellence with each issue. The contents of the June number are varied and interesting, among the contributions being 'Origin of Man,' 'The Art of Singing,' 'Roman Tyranny,' 'Recent Polemics,' 'St. Patrick's Cathedral,' 'Catholics and Jews.'

WE have to thank Messrs Nimmo and Blair for their catalogue for the current season. It is beautifully illustrated, and contains a great deal of information which will be found useful to professional as well as amateur gardeners.

ACCORDING to Sir Joseph Ward since resuming control of the railways on 1st January, 1895, the Government has made concessions in passenger fares and on freight of articles of everyday use or of local production amounting approximately to £420,239.

A return is published in the *Gazette* giving particulars of the occupations followed by 2857 Chinese residents in the Colony. From this it appears 1303 are engaged mining, 660 market gardeners, 258 storekeepers, greengrocers, and fruiterers, 95 ordinary laborers, and 86 laundrymen. The others are distributed among all kinds of occupations from billiardroom-keeper to missionary.

CONSEQUENT on the earlier arrival of the express from the south at Christchurch after July 1, the Union Company's steamers for Wellington, which connect with the express, will leave about an hour earlier than at present, and passengers should, under favorable circumstances, arrive in Wellington between 9 and 10 o'clock the next morning.

THE revenue expenditure of our Colony (said the Acting-Premier, addressing his constituents at Winton last week) for the year ending 31st March, 1902, is of a most reassuring character. The total revenue for the year is £6,152,800. The balance from the preceding year was £532,500, making a total of £6,685,300. Of this amount £500,000 was transferred to the Public Works Fund. The expenditure for the year was £6,414,900. If you deduct that amount from the £6,685,300 you get the balance for the year of £270,400; and, considering that the remissions in the Customs duties, the reductions upon the railway charges, and the introduction of the penny postage system have been made, as you know, by the Government, running into round figures reductions of £300,000 per annum, it cannot be regarded as other than a wonderful result for the balance of £270,400 to have been the outcome of the year's operations.

SPEAKING at Winton the other night the Acting-Premier said: 'During the seven years ending March 31, the Advances to Settlers Department shows what I can only call a magnificent result. On the 31st March last £3,074,000 had been advanced. The 1 per cent. sinking fund which had been retained by the Public Trustees has already produced £95,960. The net profit for the year amounted to £23,025, and there was a sum of £20,128 to credit on the 31st March, 1901, and with interest £719 this makes a total sum now to credit of the assurance fund, in round figures, of £43,900; and, further, although the office has been seven years in operation, it has not made a loss on any of its transactions, nor is there any overdue interest; so that the stoutest of the opponents of the system cannot do other than say that the results achieved by it have been excellent.'

ON Thursday afternoon of last week Sir J. Ward was presented at Invercargill with an illuminated address by the people of Southland. The address bears the signature of the mayor of every borough in the provincial district and the chairman of every public body. After expressing the signatories' pleasure at the honor of knighthood having been conferred on Sir Joseph, and making eulogistic references to his efforts in respect to the Advances to Settlers Act, penny postage, the Pacific cable, and to the business acumen displayed by him as Minister of Railways, the address proceeds: 'To enumerate all you have done for the Colony as a whole, and for Southland in particular, is out of the question in an address of this nature. All we have been able to do is to touch briefly upon a few salient features of your public life, which has been marked by vigor, originality, and statesmanship, and which, we feel confident, has still before it a long record of distinguished public service.' The presentation was made by Mr Longuet, the Mayor of Invercargill.

The Pollard Opera Company.

THE Pollard Opera Company have no reason so far to be dissatisfied with the patronage extended to them during the present season, as the Princess Theatre has been well filled every night. On last evening there was a crowded audience to witness the first production in the Australian colonies of the great London success, 'The Messenger Boy.' This piece is well worth seeing, as it had a tremendous run in London, and was one of the great successes of the year at the Gaiety Theatre. 'The Messenger Boy' will be played until further notice.

Do not forget whenever you are suffering from a Bad Cold to send immediately for TUSSICURA.—*.*

Everything in the way of music and musical instruments can be obtained from Messrs Charles Begg and Co., of Princes street Dunedin, and also at Timaru, Wellington, and Invercargill. The firm keeps a very large stock, and patrons will have no difficulty in having their orders filled. The prices are extremely moderate and all kinds of instruments can be purchased for cash or on easy terms...