

Bazaar at Hunterville

The Catholic bazaar at Hunterville (says the 'Rangitikei Advocate') was opened at 11 a.m. on the Prince of Wales birthday by Mr. Remington, M.H.R., the opening speeches being reserved for the evening. The Argyle Hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Along both sides of the hall were arranged tables and stalls, loaded with all kinds of work and produce. Just inside the entrance to the left came the magic well with Mrs. Howard in charge. Next came the fancy work stall of Mrs. Telly, assisted by Misses Chubbin and Fergusson and Mrs. Thompson. Next came a produce stall with a large assortment of produce and poultry. Just opposite was the 'Parekaretu' produce, refreshment, and fancy work stall in charge of Mesdames Henderson, Giles, Tierney, O'Leary, Morgan, and Misses Lumsden and O'Leary. The many specialties of this department defy exact description, but among the many beautiful things were three lovely arasene and raised plush work by Mrs. Henderson, of Dunedin, which call for special mention. Adjoining this stall was another fancy and other work stall in charge of Mrs. Thomas, Misses Thomas and Gray. The following donated animals for the various guessing and drawing competitions: Cream pony, bazaar committee; saddle horse, Mr. R. Cameron; cow, Mr. T. O'Connell; sheep, Messrs. R. Dalziel, C. Nolan, R. Ireland, Bartlett and Simpson Bros.; lamb, J. Hurley. Hunterville Brass Band rendered several selections during the evening, which added considerably to the enjoyment.

In the evening the Rev. Father Costello, in a few brief words spoke of the pleasant duty he had to perform in introducing the hon. member for the district, Mr. A. E. Remington.

Mr. Remington said he was pleased to have been asked to address them on such an unique occasion, it being the first time his Catholic friends had appealed to the public of Hunterville to help towards their church, and the present occasion should appeal to all Christians, no matter what denomination. It is very pleasant to see the perfect unanimity displayed by other denominations on the present occasion, which went to prove that they were all united as one people. The object of the bazaar is to pay off the debt on the church and presbytery. I appeal to you to work in unity, as the greatest evidence of your work will be the Colony's progress.

The Cardinal's Excursion to the South Sea Islands

The South Sea Islands Excursion is probably the biggest undertaking of its kind ever carried out in this country. It is quite characteristic of the people who have the management of it, that it has been made no half-hearted affair. They chartered the best ship which was obtainable—an ideal vessel for the purpose—and their arrangements are completed in a way that leaves nothing to be desired. His Eminence the Cardinal has made it clear that the undertaking is not to be used as a profit-making concern, and has given instructions that nothing is to be left undone to make it, from the excursionists' point of view, a six weeks' pleasure trip. Passengers will not be subjected to the well-known inconveniences of island touring in trading steamers, and the missionaries in the islands are exerting themselves organising native feasts and displays for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. No previous excursion steamer has been built to call at most of the places in the 'Victoria's' time table, which allows for no less than 18 days ashore in various places where most is to be seen and where the sportsmen may find recreation with the wheel, the gun, and the line. Pleasure skiffs and a steam launch are to be carried on the steamer; photographers' dark room is provided, and a medical man will accompany the party. A hair-dresser's saloon and store are to be fitted up on the vessel, and the thousand and one other details are being kept in mind which must not be overlooked in providing for the comfort of the party. The 'Victoria' is a new vessel, built on mail steamer lines for express passenger traffic. Her dining saloon, smoking, music, and lounge rooms are on the promenade deck; her state-rooms are exceptionally well fitted and ventilated, and her sanitary arrangements, baths, etc., right up-to-date. The 'Victoria' is 3000 tons burthen, and her speed is 15½ knots. It need hardly be pointed out that the charter of so fine a vessel and the incidental expenses of the tour generally involve a very large expenditure. The passenger rates have been calculated at a figure which just meets these expenses when the vessel is comfortably full. All passengers rank as of one class, and as no one is to be booked who is not personally known to the committee of control there is a guarantee as to the select character of the party. There is, however, no exclusiveness in the arrangements, non-Catholics being freely accepted. We are pleased to hear that the booking is quite satisfactory, most of the 'midship berths' being already taken. The party includes a number of well-known people, including several ladies. An illustrated prospectus containing plan of the vessel and every information has been issued and may be obtained from the secretaries or from any of Cook and Sons' offices.

Hope is the virtue which most glorifies God. Hope has its root in faith, its fruit in charity.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. FLYNN, HAWERA.

(By telegraph from an occasional correspondent)

It is with feelings of deep regret I have to record the passing away of one of the pioneers of the Catholic Church in this Colony in the person of Mrs. J. Flynn, whose somewhat sudden death on Monday evening cast a gloom over the town of Hawera, where the deceased had resided for many years, and during that time enjoyed the great respect of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Mrs. Flynn had not been very well of late, and early on Monday evening, whilst conversing by telephone in her home with one of her sons in Opuake, she had an apoplectic seizure, and in about a quarter of an hour her soul sped across the line separating time from eternity. The deceased was a good practical Catholic. To her sorrowing husband and family the greatest sympathy is extended in their bereavement. By her death the Church loses a faithful member, the town a sterling citizen, her husband a loving wife, and her children a kind and affectionate mother. As Mrs. Flynn was a member of the Catholic church choir for many years a solemn Requiem Mass was said for the happy repose of her soul on Wednesday morning, the interment taking place in the afternoon. The following, amongst others, sent telegrams of sympathy: Archbishop Redwood, Sir Joseph Ward, Dean McKenna (New Plymouth), Dean Grogan (Wanganui), Fathers Goggan (Napier), O'Shea (Wellington), Johnston (Waipawa), O'Sullivan (Wanganui), Ainsworth (South Wellington), O'Meara (Feilding), Tymons (Palmerston North), Mulvihill (Gisborne), and McGrath (Patea).—R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

Owing to the pressing demand upon our space we are compelled to hold over some editorial and other matter till next issue.

Mr. A. J. Whittaker, one of our oldest and most respected residents (writes a Hawera correspondent) has been appointed a Justice of the Peace, and it is needless to say that the appointment has given great and general satisfaction.

The new Marist College, Ponsonby, Auckland, will be solemnly blessed and opened by his Lordship Bishop Lenihan on Sunday next. The cost of the building has been about £6000, and the Marist Brothers hope that the Catholic public will assist them in bearing a portion of the financial burden incurred in the erection and furnishing of the institution.

A very pleasing function took place recently at the Catholic Church, Mangaweka, when Miss McIlvride was made the recipient of a very handsome afternoon China tea set. Rev. Father Lacroix was present, and in opening proceedings spoke in eulogistic terms of the great assistance, both vocally and instrumentally (says the 'Settler'), Miss McIlvride had been to the choir. As organist she was most efficient and thoroughly capable of giving advice and assistance to young members in the vocal art. Through her ability as a teacher the choir had made marked progress, and were now able to render difficult music in creditable style. He thought the presentation had been highly merited, but he trusted Miss McIlvride would not look upon it as an attempt at payment, but merely a small token of their hearty appreciation of her services. Miss Healy then made the presentation, prefacing the action by further complimentary remarks. Mr. Albert read the address which accompanied the presentation, and Miss McIlvride, in a neat little speech, returned her sincere thanks.

Now is the time for planting all kinds of trees, and our readers in Otago cannot do better than entrust their orders to the well-known and long-established nurserymen, Messrs. Howden and Moncrieff, of Dunedin. The firm has a reputation extending over many years for keeping the best stocks of fruit trees, which will be found true to name—a matter of supreme importance to those intending to plant orchards. The purchase of inferior fruit trees is a waste of money and time, and also the cause of great annoyance, and, therefore, only reliable growers, such as Messrs. Howden and Moncrieff, should be patronised...

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