OBITUARY

MR. PATRICK McNAMEE, GARSTON.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Patrick McNamee, an old and highly-esteemed Catholic resident of Garston, passed away to his eternal reward on September 7 after a few days' illness, at the age of 64 years. The late Mr. McNamee was born in County Cavan, and whilst yet in his early boyhood came out to South Australia with his parents. At the age of 13 years he went to the Ballarat diggings, and after staying there for some years he came to this Colony in the early sixties, where he engaged in gold-mining at Tuapeka. In 1867 he went to the Shotover. About four or five years after his arrival at Shotover he was married at Tuapeka, gave up his search for the precious metal, and engaged in farming pursuits at Garston, which he successfully followed up to the time of his demise. The deceased was one of the most highly esteemed residents of the Garston district, and was respected by all sections of the community. He was a generous supporter of every good cause, and his purse was ever open at the call of faith and fatherland. He was a generous donor to every claim of religion and his valuable and handsome gifts to the new church in Garston will long be remembered. He was a very patriotic Irishman, and although he had left his native land at a very early age still his love for it had never cooled, and no appeal for monetary assistance to forward the national aspirations passed by him unheeded. The late Mr. McNamee was a fine specimen of an Irish Catholic, fervent in faith, and highly honorable and straightforward in all his actions. It is needless to say that his death came as a great shock to his family, and was deeply regretted by the whole community. He was attended in his last illness by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore, and received the last Sacraments of the Church in the most edifying manner. The funeral, which took place on Thursday of last week, was the largest ever seen in Garston, the cortege being representative of all classes. The last solemn rites at the graveside were performed by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Queenstown. The deceased leaves a widow, two sons, and seven daughters to mourn their loss, and to these we tender our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement. —R.I.P.

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

Several reports are crowded out of this issue.

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C B. Society (writes our Palmerston North correspondent) was held in the parish school on Wednesday last with a full attendance of members. Two new members were initiated and seven candidates were proposed.—A concert, followed by a social, will be held in the Theatre Royal on Wednesday, 30th inst., on behalf of St. Patrick's Choir.—I hear on good authority that Dr. Noonan, of Blenheim, is about to reside and practise in Palmerston.—The many friends of Mr Tulley, of Hunterville, will be pleased to hear that he has so far recovered from his recent operation as to be able to leave Dr. Graham's hospital, though it may be some time yet ere he will be sufficiently strong enough to resume his duties.

The Bluff Bazaar

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Wednesday evening a bazaar in aid of the local Dominican convent was opened at the Bluff by the Mayor. The attendance was good, and business was very brisk The programme for the evening consisted of a musical march and a song by the pupils of the Dominican nuns, a Highland fling, in costume, by the elder pupils, an Irish jig by six mites, a gavotte by eight pupils, and several beautifully-arranged tableaux. All the items were under the direction of Miss Anthony. Miss Sheehan acted as accompanist. The following is a list of the stalls :—Left bower — Stallholders, Mrs. Rose and Miss Hargraves ; assistants, Miss Rose and Miss McCarthy. Right bower—Stallholders, Mrs. McGrath and Mrs. Tulloch ; assistants, Mrs. Sutherland, Miss Sutton, and Miss Gillholey. The joker—Mrs. McNeish and Mrs. McIntyre Lollies, Miss Urwin. Ferns, Mrs. Gilroy and Miss Gilroy. Tea rooms, Mrs. Finnerty and Mrs. Vettie; assistants, Miss McIntyre and Miss Vettie. The assistants in the hall were Misses McDonald, Hamilton, Williamson, Metzger, McGrath, E. Urwin, and Gibson. The hall, and especially the stage, were beautifully decorated with greenery and bunting. On Thursday night a concert was held, under the direction of Mrs. Murphy. A solo by Miss Eva was very well received, and Mrs. Murphy had to respond to an encore for her vocal contribution. Mr. Eva also sang a very pleasing item. Glees and choruses completed the programme. On Saturday night a repetition of the opening night's performance was gone through with even greater success. Taken on the whole the bazaar was a decided success.

WAIHI

(From our own correspondent.)

September 5.

Last night in Meyer's Hall the choir and congregation of St. Joseph's Catholic Church tendered a farewell social to Misses Bella and Adelaide Parkinson, who are leaving Waihi. Despite the terrific downpour of rain in the early part of the evening there was a large number of friends present. During the evening Mr. H. L. Simmons, on behalf of her friends, presented Miss Bella Parkinson with a handsome gold cross and chain, and Miss Adelaide Parkinson with a handsome gold brooch. In making the presentation Mr. Simmons referred to the willingness and heartiness with which the young ladies had always entered into any work in connection with the church. The Rev. Father Brodie replied on behalf of Misses Parkinson. He read a letter from the Very Rev. Dean Hackett, in which the dean apologised for his own and sister's absence, and eulogised the good work of Miss Bella Parkinson while he was parish priest of Waihi. Father Brodie said that when he first came to Waihi the Very Rev. Dean Hackett had told him he would find several young workers who would lighten his work, and Miss Parkinson was one of those. He had been here long enough to know that in her departure a place would be left vacant which would be hard to fill. Miss Bella Parkinson had done good work in teaching Sunday school in the days when there was no resident parish priest, or no convent or Catholic school here. She had always been a most consistent worker in the choir, and it was with a deep sense of regret they bade her farewell that night. He wished the Misses Parkinson all health and happiness in their future home at Opotiki. During the evening songs were contributed by Rev. Father Brodie, Mr. B. Humphreys, Mr. F. Lawless, Mr. S. Paul, and Miss Blackburn. Miss Fortzer played the accompaniments. Light refreshments were provided by a committee of ladies.

PAEROA

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration began in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday (says the 'Paeroa Gazette,' August 26), and was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday morning. The church was filled with worshippers at the morning and evening services on the three days, and the sanctuary was beautifully decorated with hangings, ferns, flowers, etc., by the Sisters of the convent. Dean Hackett preached an explanatory discourse on Sunday evening, when there was a crowded congregation. He defined the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Real Presence, and showed how in the Blessed Sacrament Christ continued to manifest His love for the children of the human race. On Monday evening another large congregation assembled for special devotions, and Monsignor O'Reilly, who had come from the Thames to assist, preached on the miraculous multiplication of food in the desert by Christ, and showed how this was but a type of the sacramental food with which the Redeemer would feed mankind until the end of time. On Tuesday morning Monsignor O'Reilly again addressed the congregation at the conclusion of the ceremonies, and expressed his pleasure at the numbers who had approached the altar rails that morning. In the early days, when his ministrations extended to Ohinemuri, the people were very few and scattered ; now they had services not only on Sundays but also on week days. Moreover, a Catholic school had been established, and nuns were in charge who were doing a noble work on behalf of Christian education, so necessary at the present time in the Colony.

Monsignor O'Reilly was formerly in charge of Paeroa, Te Aroha, Waihi, etc., and paid periodical visits to these parts while ministering to his own flock at Thames. Many of the older residents of Paeroa were present at his sermon last Monday evening, and remarked that he still possessed the vigor and eloquence of his younger days.

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