

Mr. J. J. Hall, brother of Mr. W. J. Hall, of Roslyn, and eldest son of the late Dr. Hall, of Leeds, who had been a resident of this Colony for about forty years, passed away at his residence, Queen street, on Tuesday at the age of 74 years.—R.I.P.

On Monday evening, at the meeting of the South Dunedin Catholic Literary Club, Mr. J. B. Callan gave an admirable lecture on Goldsmith. Mr. Callan also gave a reading and a recitation which were greatly enjoyed by the crowded audience that had assembled to hear him. Mr. Callan's lecture and other items were a treat of quite an exceptional kind, and the evening was, by general consent, voted one of the very pleasantest in the history of the club. During the evening Miss Patterson contributed a pianoforte solo, and songs were given by Misses Fitzpatrick and Carr and Messrs. Gafaney and Graham.

A record was established in the way of benefit concerts on Friday at his Majesty's Theatre, Dunedin, when the entertainment organised by the local letter carriers for one of their number, Mr. G. E. Forster, attracted an audience which filled the building in every part fully half an hour before the time advertised for the proceedings to begin. The joint secretaries, Messrs. A. J. Miscall and W. Lyon, on whom a great deal of the work fell, expect to be able to hand over to Mr. Forster close on £150. The committee deserve praise for the zeal and energy with which they carried out their duties, and much of the success of the concert is due to them.

In some respects the bazaar in aid of the Dominican Nuns, which was opened on Wednesday night in St. Joseph's Schoolroom (says the 'Southland Times') was too much of a success, inasmuch as the capacity of the room proved utterly inadequate to the demands made upon it. The consequence of so much crowding was that moving about was accomplished only with great difficulty, and though a brisk trade was undoubtedly done, the efforts of the saleswomen would have been far more profitably exercised had there not been quite so many patrons—and patronesses. If there is one thing that differentiates one bazaar from another, and to an ordinary male person they are all the same, it may be said without being invidious that those that are promoted on behalf of the Catholic Church, or any of its numerous organisations, are invariably attended with great enthusiasm, and distinguished by the wealth and beauty of the articles submitted for sale. There are four stalls, and these are filled to repletion with goods of the most choice description, as they must needs be when it is said that they are chiefly the work of the nuns. These stalls are under the charge of Mesdames McGrath, McDonough and Timpany, while the handkerchief stall, which gives its distinctive name to the bazaar, is presided over by Misses Kelleher and Mitchell. The outfit of an entire stall with handkerchiefs is something of a novelty, but the stock will not prove too large, for inscriptions round the walls in several places enjoin visitors to purchase a handkerchief each as a souvenir, and the injunction will certainly be obeyed. From this the origin of the title given to the bazaar may be gathered, but it may be pleaded in extenuation that the handkerchiefs are very nice ones, and each has a monogram tastefully worked in the corner. Nor does this close the devices intended to draw the not unwilling coin from the pockets of visitors. A superbly fitted-up tea kiosk is provided, and is presided over by Mrs. O'Byrne. There is also a small but efficient orchestra, consisting of piano (Miss Hishon), violin (Mr. Wills) and cornet (Mr. McGrath). Some dances had been arranged for pupils of the nuns, but owing to the crush one of these had to be abandoned. That which was preented was a very pretty flowergirls' dance with song. It could be enjoyed by only a few at the front, however. Thursday night was also a great success, the total takings amounting to £100.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

September 27.

The Rev. Father Bowden was the victim of a severe shaking and nasty sprained ankle whilst returning from Ashurst on Sunday last. On turning the corner of Broad street the horse stumbled and Father Bowden was thrown out, and will be unable to get about for some days in consequence.

The following remarks are culled from the Inspector's report on the recent examination of the parish school: 'This school has passed a highly satisfactory examination. The teachers are to be commended on the attention given to handwork, praiseworthy specimens of wood-carving by the boys and of cooking by the girls were on view. The three additional subjects have been exceedingly well taught.' When the three devoted Sisters have presented and passed 101 pupils

and 50 infants the parish can hardly prize their year's work too highly.

The usual fortnightly meeting of St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the parish school on Wednesday last. In the absence of the Rev. Father Tymons (president), who was away on a sick call, Bro. Mathew Kennedy was voted to the chair. Three members were initiated and twelve candidates proposed. The handsome new case and merit board, with dispensation neatly framed in rosewood were placed in position and exposed to view for the first time and were much admired. At the close of the meeting, on the motion of Bro. Joseph Carr, and seconded by Bro. John Hanley, the president was asked to convey the Brothers' sympathy to the Rev. Father Bowden, chaplain, in the painful trap accident sustained last Sunday.

TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent.)

September 28.

The following Timaru candidates passed the examination in musical knowledge held by Trinity College this year: Intermediate.—honors—E. Spring, 83 (Miss Fitzgerald). Junior.—honors—M. Goulding, 96; A. Dick, 91 (Miss E. McGuinness); Miss Franks, 92. Preparatory—V. Earl, 96 (Sisters of St. Joseph, Temuka).

The Rev. Father Fauvel, who was taken suddenly ill at Vespers a fortnight ago, is now sufficiently recovered to drive out.

The Very Rev. Father Tubman has completed the purchase of the remaining sections of the block on which the Marist Brothers' monastery and boys' school stand. The block faces Heaton street on the north, Browne street on the south, Rose street on the east, and Town Belt on the west, and is directly opposite the 'Priory.'

The particulars of the presentation to be made to Bro. P. J. O'Sullivan by the members of the District Executive of the Hibernian Society, as reported in the 'Tablet,' was slightly inaccurate as to the number of members proposed by him. Bro. O'Sullivan proposed 88 members within three months, of whom 66 have been initiated, not 65 in six months, as reported.

WEDDING BELLS

NOLAN—HANLON.

A very pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) took place at Macraes Catholic church on Wednesday, September 9, when Miss Margaret Hanlon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, of Moonlight, was married to Mr. John J. Nolan, of Springs, Waihao Downs, South Canterbury. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion by the numerous friends of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lynch. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a handsome costume of cream flowered silk, with court train, and wore the usual wreath and veil. The bridesmaid, Miss Maggie Hayes, cousin of the bride, was becomingly dressed in cream cashmere, with large picture hat. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. E. Nolan, of Riversdale, as groomsman. Over 40 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast, which was held at Mr. Griffin's hotel, Macraes. The presents were numerous, valuable, and handsome. The happy couple left for the south on their honeymoon. The bride's travelling costume was of rich blue poplin, with cream tucked satin front, and large picture hat.

OBITUARY

MR. P. O'CONNOR, NELSON.

The death is reported of Mr. Patrick O'Connor, which occurred at his residence, Appleby, Nelson, on September 21, at the advanced age of 87 years. The deceased came to New Zealand nearly 60 years ago, and was father of a numerous family, members of which reside in Appleby, Blenheim, and Australia.—R.I.P.

MRS. E. DUFFY, TUAPEKA.

The 'Tuapeka Times' reports the death of a highly-respected Catholic resident of Tuapeka West in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Duffy, wife of Mr. P. Duffy, who passed away on September 21 at the age of 74 years. The deceased was one of the first settlers at Tuapeka Mouth, where she was held in the greatest esteem by all her neighbors. The deceased lady had been for about 40 years in New Zealand, and to her husband and family in their bereavement we tender our sincerest sympathy.—R.I.P.