

first intended that the hall should be available to Catholic seamen only, but it has been decided, in view of the fact that seamen choose their friends irrespective of creed, to make the institution open to men of all denominations. Amongst those interested in the project are his Lordship Bishop Grimes and Rev. Father P. J. Cooney, who is in charge of St. Joseph's parish, and spiritual director of the Conference. A plot of land in Winchester street, Lyttelton, has already been secured, and it is anticipated that sufficient money, added to the funds already in hand, will be obtained from the bazaar to enable a start to be made by the end of January with the erection of the building, which will cost about £800.

In the course of some preliminary remarks, the Rev. Father Cooney referred to the object for which the bazaar and art union had been organised, and said that for the past six years members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society had devoted much of their time to attending to the spiritual welfare of seamen visiting Lyttelton, and to the poor people in the parish, and they found that their services were acceptable to a large number of people outside of the Catholic Church. In addition to providing a social hall for seamen, the proposed building would be available for parish purposes, so that young men and boys could meet for entertainments. Although the building would be under the control of the Catholic Church, it would be open to seamen of all creeds. Father Cooney thanked the ladies and gentlemen who had worked very energetically to make the project a success, and in asking Mr. G. Laurenson, M.P., to open the bazaar, he referred to the valuable services rendered by him, and to the fact that this was the fourth Catholic bazaar at which he had officiated during his twelve years' service as the representative in Parliament of the Lyttelton electorate.

Mr. Laurenson, before declaring the bazaar open, said that he was pleased to take part in such a function, the object of which was for elevating the life of seamen and the young men of the country. He trusted that it would be a financial success.

The attendance at the opening, and on subsequent evenings has been very good, and excellent business has resulted.

WEDDING BELLS

DUNCAN—HARTNELL.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the Church of the Holy Angels, Darfield, on November 29, when Miss Mary Hartnell, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hartnell, of 'Sampford,' Hororata, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. James Francis Duncan, third son of Mr. J. Duncan, Hawkins, Canterbury. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Fanning, S.M., of Darfield. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a corded silk eolienne dress, trimmed with silk lace and insertion, and the usual wreath and veil. She also wore a beautifully jewelled gold necklet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss Maggie Hartnell and Miss Maggie Duncan, wore gold brooches, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold albert. Mr. P. Close, Christchurch, was best man. After the ceremony the wedding party, numbering about 150, adjourned to 'Sampford,' the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. The Rev. Father Fanning, presided, and proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom. The other customary toasts on such occasions were also duly honored. The popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan was evidenced by the large number of handsome and useful presents they received, which included some valuable cheques. In the afternoon the happy couple left for the north, where the honeymoon was spent.

HELD OVER

Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over several news items.

OBITUARY

MR. CORNELIUS BROSNAHAN,
BEACONSFIELD.

Sincere regret was felt in the district when it became known that Mr. Cornelius Brosnahan, of Beaconsfield, had passed away on November 27, after a brief illness. The deceased was born in the parish of Bally McElligott, Kerry, Ireland, about 52 years ago, and came to New Zealand in 1873. After working for his brother, Mr. T. H. Brosnahan, Washdyke, for some time, he started farming on his own account at the Levels, and afterwards at Kakahu. About four years ago he settled in Beaconsfield where he purchased a large farm which he successfully cultivated until his death. A Requiem Mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Dean Tubman, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, who also officiated at the graveside, assisted by the Rev. Father Fay, at Temuka, where the interment took place. The attendance at the funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in the district, bore testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held. The late Mr. Brosnahan leaves a widow and family of nine children to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

MR. DANIEL LYNCH, WELLINGTON.

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

I regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Daniel Lynch, who passed away at the age of 78 years on Christmas Eve. The deceased, who was chief messenger at Parliamentary Buildings for many years, died at the residence of Mr. J. Murphy, Guildford terrace, where he had lived since the death of his wife two years ago. The late Mr. Lynch, who was a West Coaster, was very well known. His children are Very Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., formerly of Dunedin, and now at Philippine Islands; Mr. J. D. Lynch, Greymouth; Mr. F. J. Lynch, Sydney; and two daughters, Dominican nuns, Dunedin. Prior to the interment, on December 26, which was private, a Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Basilica. The burial service at the graveside was read by the Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., assisted by Rev. Fathers Brown, C.S.S.R., and Peoples, S.M.—R.I.P.

MR. J. W. STACK, HASTINGS.

(From our own correspondent.)

On Friday, December 22, Mr. John W. Stack, a well-known and highly-respected resident of this district for over thirty years, passed away peacefully at his residence in Railway road, Hastings, after an illness extending over four months. Deceased, who was 63 years of age, was a native of County Kerry, and left for America when quite a young man. After a few years he returned to Ireland, went back again to the United States, and proceeded thence to New Zealand, where the rest of his life was spent in Hastings. The deceased has several brothers holding good positions in the United States, and he leaves a widow and family of three boys and five girls to mourn their loss. Deceased who was engaged in farming, and for many years conducted a successful carrying business, in this district, retired from business about twelve months ago to enjoy the rest he so well earned. The funeral, which was a very large one, and was representative of the whole of the Hawke's Bay district, took place on Sunday, December 24. The remains were taken to the Church of the Sacred Heart, where the first part of the burial service was read by the Very Rev. Father Keogh, who also officiated at the graveside. The high esteem in which the deceased was held was further testified to by the numerous messages of condolence received by the sorrowing family.—R.I.P.

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