

OBITUARY

MR. BRYAN J. CASSELS, ASHBURTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Bryan J. Cassels, of the Postal Department, Ashburton, who passed away at the residence of Mrs. Soal on June 23, at a comparatively early age. The deceased was born in Cromwell, his father then being Sergeant of Police in that district. After leaving school the deceased joined the postal department in Dunedin, where he remained until he was transferred to Ashburton about 13 years ago. The late Mr. Cassels was a most zealous Catholic, and died a happy death, fortified by all the rites of the Church. He was greatly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and the most sincere regret was felt at his death by his large circle of friends in Ashburton and in Dunedin. The remains were brought to Dunedin on Thursday for interment at the Southern Cemetery. The first part of the burial service was read at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, by Rev. Father D. O'Neill, who also officiated at the graveside. The deceased, who was unmarried, leaves his mother, two brothers (Mr. John Cassels, Wellington, and Mr. W. Cassels, Oamaru) and three sisters (Miss Cassels, who resides with her mother in South Dunedin, Mrs. G. Strachan, Timaru, and Mrs. A. Anderson, Christchurch) to mourn the loss of a devoted son and brother.—R.I.P.

MR. DANIEL HANNAN, LEVIN.

Very great regret was felt in the Horowhenua district when it became known that Mr. Daniel Hannan, of Levin, had passed away. He had been ailing for some time, and an operation was performed by Dr. Martin, of Palmerston North, for an internal complaint, but it was of no avail. He was attended throughout his illness by the Rev. Father Henry, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. The deceased was born in Ballycurran, Castle Headford, County Mayo, in April, 1854. He arrived in Port Chalmers in 1876, and shortly afterwards joined the police force in Dunedin, and was appointed one of the mounted gold escort from Gabriel's Gully to Naseby. He served in the police force in Dunedin, Hokitika, Staffordtown, Otaki, and Masterton. He resigned in 1897, and went into the hotel business, buying out the Levin Hotel, and remaining there for seven years; after that he took the Club Hotel in Pahiatua for a short time, and later on started farming with his sons, which occupation he followed until his death. He took a keen interest in local politics, being a member of the Borough Council since its inception, of the Levin Chamber of Commerce, and of the school committee. He was also a member of the H.A.C.B. Society and St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Borough Councillors acted as pall-bearers at the funeral, which was a large and representative one, and was headed by the members of the H.A.C.B. Society in regalia. The remains were taken from the residence of the deceased to the church, where the first part of the burial service was read by Rev. Father Delach, who spoke very feelingly of the many good qualities of the deceased. The Rev. Fathers Melu and Delach officiated at the graveside. The deceased leaves a wife, and family of five sons and two daughters and seven grand-children.—R.I.P.

Bluff

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 23.

The Catholic ladies of Bluff are proverbial for the success of their undertakings, but they excelled themselves on the evening of June 26. They had arranged for a social and eucharic tournament, and when the night came it was with difficulty refreshments could be handed round the hall, so great was the crowd. The social was in aid of the Convent School building fund, and it was worthy of its object. A bazaar, under the management of the same band of ladies, to be held in August next, has every prospect of being equally successful.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

A NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Dean Darby deserves all praise for the able manner in which he has put forward the claims of Catholic New Zealanders to a benefit society of their own. A benefit society in a country like this should not be tied to any particular nationality, and it is painfully ludicrous in the initiation of a member to charge Spaniards, Portuguese, Italians, and others to 'cherish the memory of Ireland.' Irishmen are supposed to be so quickwitted that I am surprised that they don't see the incongruity of all this. We have nothing against Ireland or Irishmen, but why should a New Zealand society require the name of a far-distant country to prop it up? I would be in favor of calling our new society the New Zealand Catholic Benefit Association, and the different branches could be called after saints.—I am, etc.,

FRANCIS DE SILVA.

Cook street, Auckland, June 20.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Your esteemed correspondent, Dean Darby, has drawn down upon himself the ire of official Hibernianism, simply for urging that which the Church in every age taught, viz., the universality of her doctrines.

A Catholic society in these young countries, where all nationalities are represented and open to admission, should have a more universal name. Why not Catholic alone? True, the Hibernians have endeavored to foster the spirit of Faith and Fatherland, but the new gospel of Irish nationality is a union of all creeds and classes. It is claimed by some that the Hibernians are a great aid to the Church. Will they be less so with more enlarged ideas of its boundless charity and the universal brotherhood of all nationalities?—I am, etc.,

SHANE O'DALA.

WEDDING BELLS

McDONALD—JENNINGS.

A very interesting wedding took place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, on Wednesday, June 11, when Mr. Donald McDonald, of Scotland, and Miss Mary (Violet) Jennings, of Auckland, were married by the Rev. Father O'Doherty. The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. William Jennings (nee McIvor, of Fermanagh), one of Auckland's earliest settlers, who was married in the same church in 1850, in the days when Auckland was a small village. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. William T. Jennings, ex-M.P. for Egmont and Taumarunui, and was attended by Miss Agnes Smith. Mr. Frank Green was best man. Amongst the many valuable presents to the bride was a beautiful carved silver tray, with inscription, the offering of the ladies connected with St. Patrick's Altar Society.

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