

OBITUARY

MISS ALICE TUOHY, PATUTAHU.

On July 2, at Patutahi, Poverty Bay, Miss Alice Tuohy passed away at the early age of seventeen. For ten months deceased had been ill, and endured her suffering with Christian fortitude and cheerfulness. During her illness the deceased was regularly attended by the Rev. Father Carran, of Ormond, and her death, though deeply regretted, was not unexpected by her friends. Whilst ill she had expressed a wish to die on a feast day, and it was granted, for she passed away on the Feast of the Visitation.—R.I.P.

MR PATRICK McGETTIGAN, BALD HILL FLAT.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Patrick McGettigan, who passed away at his residence, Bald Hill Flat, on July 5, at the age of 82. The deceased, who was a native of Letterkenny, Donegal, came out to Australia in 1854. He was in Ballarat at the time of the Eureka Stockade trouble, and, after being engaged in gold-digging and store-keeping for some time, he came over to New Zealand in 1862, and proceeded to Dunstan to try his fortune on the gold-fields. He took part in the recent jubilee celebrations at Dunstan. The deceased, who was highly esteemed by all who knew him, was a practical Catholic, and he passed away fortified by the rites of the Church. He was attended in his illness by the Very Rev. Father Hunt, who read the first part of the burial service at the church, and also officiated at the graveside. The deceased leaves seven young children to mourn their loss, his wife having predeceased him about two years ago. The large number who followed the remains to the cemetery gave testimony to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.—R.I.P.

MR. W. A. INKSON, CHRISTCHURCH.

Sincere regret was felt here (writes our Christchurch correspondent) when the news of the death of Mr. W. A. Inkson at Toowoomba, Queensland, was received by cable. The deceased, who was a well-known and highly-respected Catholic resident of Christchurch, passed away at the age of 53 years. The late Mr. Inkson had been for many years connected with the business of A. J. White, Ltd., and in May, 1897, married the second daughter of the late Mr. A. J. White. He leaves a widow and six children—three boys and three girls—to mourn their loss. The deceased had been ailing for some years, and retired from business about four years ago. During his connection with the firm of A. J. White, he was president of the Warehouse Cricket Club and Rifle Club, and was keenly interested in bowling, being secretary of the Christchurch Bowling Club. In this he was an efficient player, and were it not for impaired health would probably have won the cup. A few weeks ago he went with Dr. Thacker and the League football team on their tour of Australia. Being seized with a sudden illness he was taken to Dr. Connolly's private hospital, where he passed away, the cause of death being peritonitis. He was attended by the Rev. Father Murphy, who administered the last rites of the Church. The remains were interred at Toowoomba. For years, the late Mr. Inkson was a valued member of the Cathedral choir.—R.I.P.

Methven

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Sunday, June 15, the devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration was commenced in Our Lady and St. John's Church, Methven, by Rev. Father Cooney, Lyttelton. The weather was perfect, and the attendance at all the services left nothing to be desired. On Monday morning Mass was celebrated at 7.30 o'clock by Rev. Father Cooney, at 8.30 by Rev. Father O'Connor (Lincoln), and at 9.30 a Missa Cantata for peace by Rev. Dr. Kennedy. Very many received Holy Communion. On Tuesday, Rev. Father Fanning,

of Darfield, celebrated Mass at 6.30 o'clock, Rev. Father Cooney at 7.30, and Rev. Dr. Kennedy at 8.30. At the last Mass there was a general Communion of all the children of the parish, many of them being happy First Communicants. At the Mass of Deposition, celebrated by Very Rev. Dean Hyland, large numbers were present. On Sunday evening Father Cooney preached to a crowded congregation, and on Monday evening, when Very Rev. Dean Hyland preached, the attendance was equally good. The altar was tastefully decorated by the Sisters of Mercy.

Wairoa

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The half-yearly meeting of St. Peter's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in St. Peter's Schoolroom, Wairoa, on Tuesday, July 1, Bro. Broad (president) being in the chair. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. H. Harker; vice-president, Bro. D. Murphy; secretary, Bro. J. Dinnan; assistant secretary, Bro. J. Gilligan; treasurer, Bro. H. Harrison; warden, Bro. H. Stairmand; guardian, Bro. N. Dinnan; chaplain, Bro. Rev. Father Le Pretre, S.M.; sick visitors—Bros D. Foley, J. Gilligan, T. B. Lyons, and Rev. Father Le Pretre, S.M.; trustees—Bros R. J. Pothan, Rev. Father Le Pretre, S.M., and T. B. Lyons; auditors, Bros. A. Curtayne and G. A. Broad. The past president (Bro. G. A. Grant) assisted by Bro. J. Fitzgerald, performed the installation ceremony, and in a few words thanked the members for the way in which they had worked with him. He impressed on the new officers the necessity of arranging a systematic canvass of the district for new members. The prize offered by the past president to the brother who introduced the most new members during his term was won by Bro. D. Murphy, with Bro. J. Dinnan a very close second.

Lower Hutt

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The good Sisters and children of the schools would not allow the anniversary of the Very Rev. Dean Lane's ordination to pass without paying him compliments, and showing their appreciation of his worth. Varied and artistic programmes from the high school and parochial convent school, were submitted during the day. They were full of artistic beauty, and consisted of recitations, songs, and violin, piano, and mandoline items. The combined effect was excellent and reflected the greatest credit on the Sisters' hard work and zeal. The Dean complimented the Sisters and the children on the excellence of the programmes submitted, and also congratulated the children on their great success in the examinations, and on the moral tone of the school throughout the year. He also thanked the children for their valuable presents—a number of precious vases for the church and also an expensive armchair, which he would cherish in memory of their goodness and kindness.

The Sisters, to the number of eighteen, went into retreat. They were fortunate in having the Very Rev. Father Roche, Superior of the renowned Order of Redemptorists in Wellington, to conduct it. Father Roche, who is quite a young man, possesses many fine characteristics of heart and head, otherwise he would not occupy the distinguished position which he now holds in his famous Order. He is a splendid missionary, and withal most amiable, gentle, and naturally genial, so that he finds his way without difficulty into the hearts of the people. The Sisters were delighted with his lectures and conferences. He hails from the South of Ireland, and is a credit to the Old Land.

HELD OVER

Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over 'Items of Sport' and other matter.