



Mr. Alexander Sligo , J.P., who was returned to Parliament for Dunedin at the by-election in 1897—caused by the death of Mr. H. S. Fish—was born in Perth, Scotland, in 1832, educated at the old Guild School, Perth, and served an apprenticeship to the stationery and book binding business in his

native city. Arriving in Melbourne in 1854, Mr. Sligo worked at his trade as a book binder and paper ruler, subsequently going to Ballarat, where he was at the time of the riots. For several years Mr. Sligo was engaged on the Victorian goldfields, and in 1863 arrived in Dunedin.

After a short experience on the goldfields he settled in Dunedin, where after working at his trade for a time he established his present business in 1871 at 42 George Street. Mr. Sligo is an importer of all classes of stationery and books. He acts generally as a news agent, and conducts a considerable business as a bookbinder and paper ruler.

Mr. Sligo has long taken a leading part in connection with the Order of Oddfellows (Manchester Unity), and was for many years Corresponding Secretary for the Otago district. He has been almost continuously a member of school committees since the commencement of the present act, was eight years a member of the Dunedin Licensing Committee, and chairman for three years. In the Caledonian Society of which he is a director, Mr. Sligo filled all the offices during a number of years. He is likewise a director of several public companies, and has always been willing to assist any social or benevolent movement for the advancement of the interests of Dunedin.

From an advertisement in 1883 we can see the range of products sold by Sligo -

ALEXANDER SLIGO.

"NEW ANNUALS. SLIGO'S— Chatterbox, Boys' Own Annual, Girls' Own Annual, Every Boy's, Every Girl's Annuals.

SLIGO'S— British Workman, Cottager and Artisan, Band of Hope, Child's Companion, Children's Friend.

SLIGO'S— Prize, Child's Own Magazine, Children's Paper, Little Wideawake, Little Folks.

SLIGO'S -Illustrated Almanacs, Whittaker's Almanac, Calvert's Mechanics, Punch, Hood's, Cassell's, &c. to arrive.

SLIGO'S-Prize, Present, and Reward Books. All the best of the best publishers.

SLIGO'S-New Scrap-books, from 1s; new Photo. Albums, from 1s.

SLIGO'S— Christmas and New Year Cards (plain and fringed edges), all prices; all tastes.

SLIGO'S— Desks, Stationery Cases, Purses, Colour Boxes, Reward Cards, Scraps, New notes and Envelopes. SHILLING PACKETS NOTEPAPER, five quires, ruled or plain; Envelopes, less than 2d per packet.

SLIGO'S— Bookbinding, Paper-ruling, Printing.— ALEXANDER SLIGO, 42 George Street.

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Alexander Sligo died on 1 December 1909 aged 77 years and is buried in Dunedin's Northern Cemetery in the Sligo family grave. His wife Jane died aged 80 years in 1909.

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