

as such, in the celebration—for this, it seems, was also determined on by that rowdy meeting.

MR. J. CHURCH of Oamaru lectured on the history of Ireland at Ngapara on May 27. to a highly appreciative audience, Mr. G. Livingstone, President of the Athenæum, occupying the chair. Mr. John Conlan in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, is reported by the correspondent of a contemporary as follows:—He complimented him (the lecturer) on his research and thorough knowledge of Irish history, and on his sympathy with the Irish race in their endeavour to get justice done them in the granting of Home Rule to Ireland; and he (the speaker) should wish to see it extend to Scotland and Wales. It seemed to him to be so absurd that people of intelligence should argue that the granting of Home Rule would disintegrate the Empire. It stood to reason that Irishmen, after assisting to build up an empire by blood on many a battle-field by land and sea—and such an empire that any British subject can boast of—would never entertain any such erroneous idea. Had not Irishmen fought shoulder to shoulder with their comrades, the English and Scotch, on every battle-field, lost or won? and why should they be coerced, and the finger of scorn pointed at them. Nothing could be more acceptable to the Irish heart than to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee year, or to immortalise her reign, by the granting of Home Rule to Ireland. If that were done it would be hailed with one grand cheer from pole to pole, wherever the Irish race was. The speaker concluded by again thanking Mr. Church for his lecture. The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. A. Murdoch, who, although not himself an Irishman, expressed his sympathy with the cause of Home Rule.

Those requiring the services of a dentist should call on Messrs MYERS and Co., Dentists, Octagon, corner of George street. They guarantee highest class work at moderate fees. Their artificial work gives general satisfaction, and the fact of them supplying a temporary denture while the gums are healing does away with the inconvenience of being months without teeth. They manufacture a single artificial tooth for Ten Shillings, and sets equally moderate. The administration of nitrous oxide gas is also a boon to those needing the extraction of a tooth. Read.

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## CATHOLIC BAZAAR AT AKAROA.

(Akaroa Mail, May 27.)

AMONGST the other sources of amusement provided for the public on the Queen's Birthday was the bazaar held by our Catholic friends of the Peninsula for the purpose of paying off some debts that have been incurred in connection with the enlargement of the church and addition to the presbytery in Akaroa. The ladies belonging to this church and their friends have been busy for a number of months in preparing goods of all sorts for the successful holding of their bazaar, and the exhibition of works of all sorts, useful and ornamental. Last Tuesday showed what taste and skill can achieve when combined with earnest hearts and willing fingers. Owing to the large number of bazaars held here recently, all the religious denominations in the town having had a recent innings, the one under notice for several prudential reasons was delayed until Her Majesty's birthday, and the success of the whole affair showed the wisdom of the step. The proceedings took place in the Town Hall, and during the whole career of that useful building its interior never looked prettier and better than it did at the opening hour, noon on Tuesday. To the untutored ordinary male reporter the whole scene seemed a peep at fairy land, with the addition of seasonable and useful articles of all tints of the rainbow, some of which one could recognise as being intended for the comfort and adornment of the happy homes of the Peninsula, and amidst these and flowers flitted the fresh and pleasant faces of the busy stall-holders. The stalls were arranged round the sides of the large room of the hall, and were, as already indicated, crowded with every conceivable article of use and ornament, while in one of the ante-rooms a substantial and elegant luncheon was laid out by Mr. Rodrigues, with that taste and skill for which the genial host of the Madeira Hotel has been so long celebrated. The other important part of the show was under the charge of Mr. Conlan, Mrs. Narbey, and Mrs. Kotoloski, helped by a number of young lady assistants, and could not have been in better hands, the wants and wishes of their customers being promptly and civilly attended to. The stalls for the sale of the other goods of a less perishable nature were in the hands of the following ladies.—Stall No. 1, Miss De Malmanche, Miss Rodrigues, and Miss Helen Rodrigues. The goods on this stall were what were officially described as fancy goods, and to this description we can have no possible objection. Stall No. 2, Mrs. Citron, Miss Annie Cullen, and Miss Kate Narbey. This stall

was the shop for plain needlework and generally of useful articles, but to the unexperienced eye of a simple newspaper man much of the work looked highly artistic. Stall No. 3, Mrs. B. M. Barry, Mrs. W. Barry, and Miss Barry (Christchurch). The contents of this stall were mostly Japanese goods, which are now the popular and fashionable nick-knacks for decoration. Stall No. 4, Mrs. Ditely, Miss Kearns, and Miss Rosa Narbey. This stall had also a fine and useful collection of that sort of plain work that might be described as "handy for all." A beautiful Christmas Tree bearing all the fruits both in and out of season, presided over by the Misses Lelievre, Callaghan, L. Cullen, and C. Ditely. Fathers Kickham and Hurley, along with a considerable number of the public, were present at the opening ceremony, which took place at 12 o'clock. In formally opening the proceedings, Father Kickham said he was sure they would all be sorry not to see the representative of the district, Mr. Montgomery, present that day, but he had just heard from that gentleman that the state of the political atmosphere in Wellington, and the exigencies of party, prevented him leaving Wellington for the present. He felt that his thanks were especially due to those ladies who had worked so hard and so long, with the excellent result that they now saw on the stalls around them, and he was sure that if the result was not a success it would not be their fault. He trusted all would work harmoniously together—both sellers and buyers—so that they would be able to bring the work they had all at heart to a successful issue. He had now to declare the bazaar open. (Applause.)

During the afternoon, selections of music were given by the following young ladies, which, by the way, added greatly to the enjoyment of the proceedings:—Misses Callaghan, Narbey, Porter, and Hahn. The room of the hall was crowded during the afternoon and evening; in fact, almost inconveniently so. When the doors were closed at 11 p.m., it was found that the result of the day's takings was £94.

The bazaar was again opened on Wednesday for business at noon, but owing to the wet weather and the state of the roads, the attendance during the afternoon was but limited; but, as the weather cleared towards the evening, the attendance again increased until after tea the hall was again quite crowded. A large selection of capital music was again supplied during the evening, and several gentlemen, among others Messrs. Penrose and Jacobson, came prepared to sing, but the excitement of the raffings, and the solicitations of the stall-holders quite precluded the possibility of this part of the programme being carried out. The results of the day's takings were about £41, making a net total of £135 for the two days. At the end of the proceedings, when almost all the goods were disposed of, Father Kickham took the opportunity of thanking those who had worked so hard and well to make the undertaking the success he was so thankful to say it was. He had not only to express his thankfulness to the ladies more especially interested in the matter, but also to those and other kind friends of other denominations, who had so kindly given them their assistance and support. It was almost his first official visit here, and he had met with much kindness and sympathy, and the whole matter would be a pleasure to him that he could never forget. Again thanking all who had in any way interested themselves in the affair, he had now to declare the bazaar closed. (Applause.) A large quantity of goods and Peninsula produce still remains unsold, which we understand Mrs. Cullen has taken in hand to sell privately.

## CANTERBURY CATHOLIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

Christchurch, June 4, 1887.

THE usual weekly meeting of the above Society took place on Tuesday evening, May 31. Present—The President (in the chair), and about 45 members. Two candidates were nominated for election at next meeting. The President reminded the members that the annual meeting would take place on Tuesday, June 14, and that instead of one, as heretofore, it would be necessary, according to the new rules, to elect three vice-presidents, besides the other officers. The programme for the evening was to have been a lecture by Mr. Nolan, but that gentleman (who was present) apologised for not being able to keep his engagement, as he was prevented from doing so by unforeseen circumstances. However, in order not to disappoint the meeting, he gave a brief, but very interesting sketch, of the life, sufferings, and martyrdom of St. Cecilia, and also referred to the miraculous preservation of her body from decay, as was proved to be the case when her tomb was opened in the sixteenth century, thirteen hundred years after her death. Mr. Nolan likewise exhibited a drawing of the chair of St. Peter, of which he gave an historical account. On the motion of Mr. Hoban, a vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer, after which the meeting was closed with prayer, in the usual manner.

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The Concord (N.H.) *Independent Statesman* says of the Faneuil Hall meeting in Boston;—"When a meeting is presided over by the Governor of the State, and addressed by United States Senators and other high functionaries, it cannot be well characterised as a mob of hoodlums and desperadoes. Tory persecution has succeeded in making the cause of the Irish the cause of humanity. Time was, and not so long ago either, when public sentiment in this country was divided and indifferent upon this subject, but that time is past. There is now practically no difference of opinion, the interest is no longer confined to any class or race, and what is true of the American people is true of all others who love liberty and respect fair play. The phrase, 'our friends, the enemy,' has an especial significance for the struggling Irish race."