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acted as secretary, and Mr H. Hart as handicapper. The Blue Spur Brass Band played selections during the day. Mrs Casey, of Blue Spur, had charge of the refreshment booth. The programme contained twenty-three items, and there were large entries. The keenly-contested cycling events were a very interesting feature of the proceedings. The report of the concert is not to hand, but, no doubt, the great success of former years was repeated, and a handsome sum for the Catholic schools will be the result of the St Patrick's Day celebrations.

AN AUSTRALIAN PRIEST ON MAORILAND.

FATHER LE BENNETEL, S.M.

THE Very Rev P. Le Bennetel, S.M., head priest of St Patrick's, Sydney, who has been spending two months in New Zealand, returned to Sydney (says the Sydney Freeman, March 7) by the a.s. Anglian on Saturday. The Very Rev Father Maher, Superior of the Vincentians, the Very Rev Father Kirk, S.M., of Wanganni, the Rev Father M. O'Sullivan, S.M., of St Patrick's College, Wellington, and the Rev Father Harlin, S.M., of Timaru, were passengers by the same steamer. Father Maher is now at the Vincentians' Retreat, Ashfield. The three visiting Marist Fathers are staying with the members of the Order at St Patrick's and Villa Maria.

Father Le Bennetel, seen by a Freeman reporter on Tuesday, said he had little to tell in the way of experiences. In answer to questions he, however, supplied the following information:—

"The only thing of which I can boast with credit is that I did not spend all my time sight-seeing or butterfly-hunting. I gave four Retreats, and you may say so if you wish. Two I gave at Wellington for the Brothers and Sisters, one at Nelson for the Sisters of the Mission, and one at Meanee for our scholastics. As for experiences they were almost entirely confined to the Maori Catholic missions, and I must say these visits were very interesting. First, I went to the mission in Jerusalem. There I found neither Maronites nor Melchites, but 800 Catholic Maoris, under the care of Father Soulas—one of our Fathers. His special solicitude is for the young. He sees to their education and their general training. This is in the Wellington Diocese. Then, I had some delightful days on the Wanganui River. There is nothing like it in the Southern Seas, and in my opinion it takes the shine out of the Rhine. On my visit to the Maori mission at Otaki I found 200 Catholics. The Marists are in charge. Then I visited the mission at Tararaki, where there are 500 Maoris under Father Cogniet. He is also one of our Fathers. On these visits I was accompanied by Dr Pestre, our Provincial in New Zealand. With the next turn of the travelling kaleidoscope I was in Auckland. Father Lenihan made me his guest. On all sides I heard nothing but kind words of Father Lenihan, and I am sure his appointment as Bishop will be most popular among all classes. Of course, you know Father Lenihan is first on the list of nominations sent to the Holy See. No better successor to Bishop Luck could be selected. He knows the people well, and the people love him. Leaving Auckland, I went to Rotorua, and I need not say how glad I was to meet there our own Dean Sattery, of Newtown, and the always genial Father Hayes, of Windsor. We three "did" the hot springs and the geysers together. And for fear I should forget it let me say that one of the most charming drives I have ever had in my life was from Nelson to Blenheim, a distance of 86 miles. At Nelson I visited the Stokes Orphanage, kept by the Marist Brothers. It is an excellent building, with 400 acres of well-cultivated land. There are 200 boys, and the management is next to perfect. They have a brass band of 40 players—one of the best in New Zealand. There is no better managed and more prosperous institution in the Colony.

Brother Leitus, formerly of St Patrick's district, is in charge. At Wellington I met Archbishop Redwood and Bishop Grimes, of Christchurch, and just before starting I assisted at the Month's Mind of the late Bishop Luck in Auckland. While in Auckland I stayed at the Bishop's Palace. It is a splendid building, erected by the late Bishop, who has left it to his successor free of debt. During my journeyings through New Zealand I heard a good deal about Monsignor Verdon's appointment as the new Bishop of Dunedin. I was delighted to hear all the expressions of approval from clergy and laity. I am sure Dr Verdon will be a most successful, as well as a most popular, Bishop. Archbishop Redwood and Bishop Grimes were most enthusiastic in the expression of their feelings of gratification."

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT, DUNEDIN, 1896.

THE annual concert to commemorate the festival of Ireland's patron saint was held in the Garrison Hall on Tuesday night, and from every point of view proved eminently successful. The attendance may be regarded as a record one, the spacious building being so crowded that many were compelled to content themselves with standing room. The vocalists were all well and favourably known and their efforts, in many instances, ar used the audience to a state of enthusiasm. Mr W. F. Young met with a particularly flattering reception, and his two numbers, "The low-backed car," and "The memory of the dead," evoked encores that would admit of no denial. His added contributions were, "Off to Philadelphia," and "The wearin' of the green." The latter, instead of satisfying the audience, created a more impatient request for a repetition, and Mr Young therefore had to reappear and contribute further verses. Miss Kitty Baney, who was in excellent voice, sang Trotter's "Asthore," with such sweet effect that she also was honoured with an encore, and in response "Coming from Kildare" was rendered, while she secured a recall for her other number "Killarney so fair." "The Minstrel Boy," as sung by Mr Burns-Walker appeared to delight the audience in no ordinary degree. He made an ineffectual attempt to escape an encore but the audience being persistent he sang "The harp that once." He also per force repeated a portion of his other solo "Aileen Allamah" which was sung with an invisible chorus. Mrs J. H. Coombs installed herself in the good graces of her auditors by her singing of "Goodbye Mavourneen," and "Kate O'Shane," and as an encore to the former sang "Sweet and low," while Mr P. Carolin was honoured with a recall for his effective reading of "She is far from the land." Miss Sophie Hall gave a brilliant interpretation of Sivrai's pianoforte piece "L'Irlande," and the skill displayed by Misses S. and N. Hall, N. Scanlan and E. Lawrence in the pianoforte quartette, "Concordantia," afforded another striking proof of the high standard of training imparted by the Nuns of the Dominican Convent. A small orchestra played some capital selections while Mr Vallis played the accompaniments. At the close the Very Rev Father Lynch in a few happily chosen remarks thanked the vast audience for their patronage.

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