

remarkably damp atmosphere. The rain of Thursday was certainly a great disappointment. It is told that one little boy had polished his boots the evening before and had got his best clothes ready, with a harp on the breast of his coat, but awoke through the night to hear the rain falling, when he burst out crying.

On Saturday, though the weather was still gloomy, the children of St Patrick's schools assembled at the Cathedral, where Mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by the Rev Father Hackett, who gave a brief address, principally a sketch of the life of St Patrick, who, he believes, was born in Scotland. The orphans of St Mary's and the children of the Ponsonby schools marched to the Cathedral, preceded by Mr Hunter's band, who then took a place at the head of the general procession, which walked through Hobson, Wellesley, and Symonds streets to the Domain, banners and bannerettes flying, and music sounding, the children wearing green rosettes, harps, and sashes. The St Patrick's schools were under the charge of the Rev Fathers Hackett and Doyle, the Marist Brothers, Misses Steehan, Gough, O'Neill, Harkins, Carrigan, Donovan, Messrs P. Dignan, Garlick, Martin, Amodeo, and others. The Rev Fathers Gillan and Egan, Misses Darby, Maguire, Lanigan and Martin, and Messrs Maguire and Harkins superintended the Ponsonby schools. In the Domain, ample food supplies were given to the children, who then ran races and had various sports, returning to town shortly after five o'clock. The Very Rev Monsignor McDonald was on the ground during the day, and so was the Mayor of Auckland, Mr Crowther, who distributed a large quantity of lollies to the children. In the afternoon, the St Benedict's and Surrey Hills children appeared on the grounds with the Rev Father Gregory and their teachers.

The Rev Father O'Gara left for London by the Kaikoura on Saturday, when many of his friends, including the Rev Fathers Downey, Egan, and Lenihan, Dr Bakewell, Mr and Mrs E. Mahony, Mrs Connolly, Mr P. Darby, and others went to say good-bye.

On St Patrick's night, a splendid concert was given in St James' Hall, the programme almost entirely comprising Irish melodies, rendered by capable musicians. Mr Morath, a tenor heard for the first time here, sang with a good deal of success, while Misses Knight, Quinn, Donovan, Corrigan, Mesdames Tutcha and Simpson, Dr Egan, Messrs T. M. Jackson, Williamson, Tapper, Simpson, and W. H. George also gave vocal solos. A violin solo, an arrangement of the "Last Rose of Summer," was rendered with taste by Miss Julia Moran, for whom Miss Moran played the pianoforte accompaniment with most charming effect. In Thalberg's "Home, Sweet Home," a pianoforte solo, Miss Lynch achieved great success.

Before Father O'Gara left Hamilton, where he has lived for many years, he received an address from the people and a handsome morocco dressing-case from the children. In reply he said he would always remember his Waikato parish and people wherever he went.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY FESTIVAL AT TEMUKA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Temuka, March 21, 1892.

THE day of days for the children attending the Convent schools at Temuka and Kerrytown was looked forward to with as much interest as on any previous year. For several days preceding Saturday rain kept constantly falling, and on Friday night the outlook was just the same. But this parish is under the protection of the great patron Saint of the Roman Catholic Church, and special favours obtained through his intercession are still fresh in our memory. Then those interested had recourse to St Joseph, and, strange but nevertheless true, the rain held off until the day's programme had been gone through. Since the arrival of the Sisters some eight years ago, the day for their treat has always been propitious. First Mass was celebrated by the Rev Father Le Peti at half-past six. At nine o'clock High Mass was chanted by the Rev Father Fauvel, S.M., the congregation being large. There were over 300 children present, besides a large number of adults. The church presented its usual beautiful appearance, the altars being dressed out very pleasingly by the Sisters of St Joseph, that dedicated to the patron saint being principally adorned with natural flowers. It is usual for the children to receive their first Communion on this day, and during the service a large number availed themselves of this opportunity. The boys wore a broad red sash and the girls were dressed in white, elaborately veiled. Besides the first Communicants about 50 other children received Communion. The choir had been specially trained for the occasion, and their portion of the service was excellently rendered, Miss Quinn presiding at the harmonium. Before Mass was sung "Te Joseph Celebrent" (Rev A. Police), "Est's Mass" (Butler) was rendered, and at the offertory Miss Quinn played a voluntary by Mozart. After Mass the hymn "Holy Joseph" was sung. When special prayer had been offered by the children, they were marched into the school, where a sumptuous breakfast had been prepared for them, this being the annual treat in connection with the Temuka and Kerrytown Convent Schools. The schoolroom was tastefully decorated with evergreens, while on the tables, five in number, which well nigh quaked beneath the abundance of delicacies of all kinds, was a profusion of flowers, which imparted to the whole a very

pleasant appearance. By half-past ten the children were all seated round the tables, numbering some 300, when the Rev Father Fauvel arrived, and grace before meals was said. Then an onslaught was made by the children on the good things which the Sisters had prepared for them. The good behaviour of the children reflected great credit on the Sisters. After breakfast a prayer of thanksgiving was offered, and the children adjourned into the two paddocks adjoining the school grounds—the boys in one and the girls in the other—to enjoy themselves in all kinds of sports. The tables were then re-laid for the adults, and the large assemblage partook of the good things before them as heartily as the previous guests. The Sisters were assisted in getting up the spread by contributions from several ladies of the parish. Mr D. McCaskill catered for the remainder of the provisions. Those who assisted the Sisters at the tables were:—Mrs O'Mara, Misses Demuth, Gillespie, Quinn (3), A. Brosnahan, Connolly (2), G. Wareing, M. Burke, E. Burke, Lavery (4), Fitzgerald (2), M. Brosnahan, and Clark, who were very attentive to the wants of the guests.

The sports for the girls and younger boys were supervised by the Sisters, who were untiring in creating amusement for the children. Races, etc, for the senior boys were arranged by Messrs Gillespie, R. J. Lavery, H. Hoare, and Polaschek, and a long list of events was gone through without a hitch, the principal ones being:—Races: St Joseph's Day Handicap, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, J. Lavery 1, S. Coughlan 2; over 13 J. Moore 1, J. Connell 2; over 12 and under 13, J. Barry 1, B. Burke, 2; 10 and 12, J. Flaherty 1, D. Horrigan 2; 9 and 11, L. Archer 1, S. Coughlan 2; do, M. Demuth and D. McAuliffe 1; under 9, S. Connolly 1, J. Hannifin 2; consolations, No 1, M. Brosnahan 1, T. Brosnahan 2; No 2, P. Hamilton 1, P. McAuliffe 2; No 3, R. Goldstone 1, M. Connolly 2, Three-legged races: Over 11, Fleming and Bracy 1, Stack and Kelly 2; under 11, Connell (3) 1, Hoare and Coughlan 2; under 10, Goldstone and Healey 1, Wareing and Melvin 2. Walking: Over 12, M. Brosnahan 1, B. Goldstone 2, J. Brosnahan 4; under 12, R. Burke 1, J. Kelly 2. Jockey races: Over 13, J. Connell (Horrigan) 1, J. Stack (Tangney) 2; under 12, J. Kelly (Horrigan) 1, W. Moore (Bari) 2. Wheelbarrow race, Stack and Kelly 1, Goldstone and Burke 2. Wrestling: Over 14, J. Moore 1, Jas. Hoare 2; under 14, Paul 1, Stack 2; under 11, M. Connolly 1, M. Melvin 2; Jumping: High jump, J. Kelly 1, J. Moore 2; hop, step, and jump, M. Connolly 1, B. Horrigan 2; long jump, M. Demuth 1, J. Moore 2; vaulting, B. Horrigan 1, M. Demuth and J. Moore 2. The prizes consisted of toys of every description, books, etc, and were in abundant supply. Refreshments were plentiful throughout the day. Amongst the large number present was the Rev Father Fauvel, who evinced great interest in the sports.

At about a quarter to three the children were drawn up into line, and marched to the church to be present at the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Benediction service rendered by the choir was a choice one composed in three parts. The hymn "Holy Patron" brought a very enjoyable gathering to a close.

Shortly after rain again commenced to fall, and it continued raining heavily until late this evening.

WHAT PEOPLE SAY.

Mrs M. L. Morgan, Clifton, Aratapu, Auckland, N. Z., under date 24rd January, 1892, writes:—

Dear Sir—Some two years ago, having previously enjoyed fairly good health, I was taken seriously ill, and found it very difficult to get relief. At first I treated myself, thinking that I should soon be well again; but my illness grew upon me and I was completely prostrated, and unable to do anything. I sought medical advice from our local doctor, and he prescribed for me. My ailment was described as black jaundice and gall-stones, and at times I suffered much pain. Our doctor's treatment did not do me much good, as the attacks were frequent and very severe. Some months passed, and I felt that I was becoming hopelessly ill. My friends were shocked at my sallow and changed appearance, and more than one has told me since that they never expected to see me well again. I went to Auckland for change of air and scene, and to seek further medical advice. I got it, and for time seemed to improve, the change evidently doing me good; but it was not tonic enough, for after a week or so I was again laid up.

All the medical advice I got in Auckland seemed unavailing, and I returned home with very little to hope for. Here I suffered several attacks, and had to lay up repeatedly. My husband had a very poor opinion of patent medicine, but seeing Clement's Tonic advertised as of such wonderful effect in serious cases, and being quite at a loss to suggest any other untried remedy, he brought me home a bottle, and we determined to try it. At the same time we resolved to say nothing of the medicine we were using until fully satisfied of its effects. The first dose did me good, and I improved rapidly. Friends who would not have been surprised to hear of my death were really astonished at my rapid recovery. I was soon satisfied as to the value of Clement's Tonic, and gladly recommended it to others, and so did my husband. The storekeeper spoke to him one day, and asked him if he had been recommending Clement's Tonic, for he was almost sold out, and had only one bottle left. "Give it to me," said my husband: "I wouldn't be without it for anything." By the time I had taken one bottle I was able to get about my work again. Friends thought the improvement only temporary, but I am thankful to say that such has not been the case. Every dose did its work, and after a fortnight I only took one dose a day, in the early morning. I have used only three bottles, and have the fourth in the house. I do not take it regularly, but fly to it on the least symptom of anything being wrong, and I have many times proved it to a good preventive of returning sickness. It is now eight or nine months since I recovered, and Clement's Tonic has kept me in good health all through. I can again get on with my house and dairy with comfort and pleasure. I am pleased to be able to recommend Clement's Tonic, for I have found it a true friend, and am convinced that it will give health to many now suffering if they will only give it a trial.—I am, Sir, yours gratefully, M. L. Morgan