

fortunate in securing this novelty. The object of the festival is to liquidate the debt on the Convent of Mercy, South Dunedin. Those willing to assist the good Sisters are urged to forward blocks and remittances without delay, as the drawing of the art union will positively take place on the last night of the fête.

THE IRISH ENVOYS

The following letter has been received by the editor of the 'N.Z. Tablet,' from Mr. Joseph Devlin, M.P. —
Dubbo, New South Wales,

November 1, 1906

My Dear Father Cleary,—I have been waiting for definite information as to the exact time we will be required here before writing you fully in reply to the communication you sent me last week. It has now been decided that we will complete our work in Australia on the 1st of December, and leave by the first steamer we can get for New Zealand from Melbourne. Dr. O'Haran has been in communication with Mr. Kennedy, of Wellington, and I expect that we shall speak there first, but I am not sure whether anything definite has been arranged up to the present. With regard to small meetings, I may say that I have arranged to address demonstrations in the United States during the month of February, and it will, therefore, be necessary for me to leave New Zealand on January 11. I shall gladly speak every night if meetings can be organised during that time, and I think Mr. Donovan would be willing to give three weeks longer in New Zealand if it were found necessary. He could devote the time I am giving to America to such work as you might require him for in New Zealand. We could meet in New York say at the end of February, and return to Ireland together. I should like to know what you think of this idea. I think the best thing to do would be to arrange for the big centres first during whatever part of December meetings could be held, and leave to Mr. Donovan the smaller meetings, for which he would remain if you thought well of it. Thanking you for your warm interest in our mission, and looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

JOSEPH DEVLIN,

Mr. Martin Kennedy, Wellington, writes to say that he has received a letter from the Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran, Sydney, to the effect that the Irish delegates are to arrive at the Bluff from Melbourne on December 3, and that they are to leave Auckland for San Francisco on January 11.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11.

The Irish envoys, Messrs. Devlin and Donovan, are to leave Melbourne on the 26th inst. by the 'Warri-moo' for the Bluff. They will visit various towns in the South Island and deliver addresses. During Christmas week they are expected to be in Christchurch and Wellington. A visit will be made to Blenheim from this city. After the conclusion of their mission here, the envoys will leave for Auckland, one going by way of Masterton, Hastings, Napier, and Gisborne, the other by way of Palmerston North, Wanganui, and Stratford. They are timed to leave Auckland on January 11 for San Francisco.

A very enjoyable day at tennis was spent on the Young Men's Tennis Court on Friday, when members of the Bidwell Street Club were present. A number of closely contested games resulted in victory going to the Catholic Club. The visitors were entertained at a luncheon in Godber's Rooms.

The Literary and Debating Society of the Catholic Young Men's Club is to hold an oratorical contest on Monday, 19th inst., in St. Patrick's Hall. The subjects of the several speeches will be characters from Irish History. The contest is expected to be a very keen one, and the public are cordially invited.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 11.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration, which began in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, Novem-

ber 4, was unusually well attended, large numbers approaching the Holy Table. The Very Rev. Father Lewis, S.M., V.G., celebrated the 11 o'clock Mass on Sunday, and the Rev. Father Costello preached an eloquent sermon. In the evening the Very Rev. Father Lewis preached a most instructive sermon on the Real Presence. The Very Rev. Dean Grogan preached a most impressive sermon on Monday evening. On Tuesday morning Dean Grogan celebrated High Mass, Rev. Father O'Meara being deacon, Rev. Father Bowe subdeacon, and Rev. Father Costello master of ceremonies. After Mass there was a procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

A sacred concert was given by the members of St. Patrick's choir in aid of the parish debt in the Zealandia Hall this evening after Vespers, and was largely attended. Miss Coletta Lorrigan (late of Auckland) made her appearance before a Palmerston audience for the first time. In her two items, 'Calvary' and an 'Ave Maria' by Millard, she excelled anything we have heard on the concert platform for a very long time past. A number of trios, quartettes, and choruses rendered by the choir, assisted by a strong orchestra under the baton of Mr. E. Hitchings, were well received, and showed great improvement on the two previous concerts. The accompaniments were played by Mrs. Hitchings and Mrs. J. C. Russell in their usual well-known style. The soloists were Misses C. Lorrigan, Thompson, and Watts, and Messrs. J. Russell, Jewett, and Higgins. Professor Earnshaw played two violin solos in a finished manner.

A most successful concert was held at Shannon on Wednesday night in connection with the Catholic church there. Both from a musical and financial point of view the concert was a decided success. The programme drawn up being more than usually attractive, while the presence of a number of visiting vocalists also contributed materially to the success of the evening. Mesdames Bruce and Dalton played a pianoforte selection as an opening piece in fine style, and were followed by a quartet of little girls from the Otaki Convent, who delighted the audience with their dancing. Mrs. D'Ath sang 'Tosti's Good-bye' in charming style, and being recalled, sang 'My Rosary.' Misses Rabone and Lamacroft, pupils of St. Mary's Convent, Wellington, were heard to great advantage in vocal items and were encored. Miss McLeavey, an Otaki Convent pupil, made a success of her song. Miss Sylvester and Mr. McCormack were associated in an old favorite, 'What are the wild waves saying?' Other contributors to the programme were Mr. Rawle, Mr. Denton, Mr. and Mrs. May, Master Brooke Wallace, and Mr. Kearsley. The accompaniments were played by Mesdames Bree and Dalton and by Misses McLeavey and Stansell.

LUMSDEN

A party of ladies, a portion of St. Joseph's Cathedral choir, Dunedin, on Friday last, gave an entertainment before the Lumsden people, the object being to raise funds to assist in freeing the residence belonging to the parish at Riversdale from debt. Amongst the ladies was Mrs. John Fuller, jun., and when this became known success was assured. The house was literally packed, every available inch of space being occupied. The entertainment (says a correspondent) was a musical treat such as the people here have never before had placed before them by amateurs, and much superior to more than one professional company. The first part of the programme consisted of solos and choruses by the lady minstrels, consisting of Misses A. Heley, M. Drumm, K. Carter, M. Mahoney, M. Heffernan, Lestranger, M. Bryant, A. Brady, M. Rodgers, H. Whelan, and Mrs. Flynn. Mrs. Fuller brought the first part to a close with 'Navajo,' for which she was vociferously encored. During an interval the Rev. Father Keenan thanked the audience for the manner in which they had patronised the function, and explained the purpose to which the funds were to be applied. The second part opened with an overture, followed by a solo, 'A dream of Heaven,' by Miss Lestranger; a duet, 'Musical madness,' by Misses Heffernan and Drumm; solo, 'Gondolier,' by Mrs. Fuller; 'Idle words,' by Miss Carter; a comic trio by Misses Heley, Mahoney, and Drumm, which was very acceptable; 'Sunshine and rain,' Miss Heffernan; 'When in the twilight,' Mrs. Flynn; and 'I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut,' Mrs. J. Fuller, who had again to respond to an encore. The accompanist, Miss McCrorie, A.T.C.L., is an accomplished musician, her rendering of the overtures being a musical treat, and the manner the accompaniments were furnished was pronounced faultless.

A committee, consisting of Dr. McIlroy, Messrs. P. J. Rodgers, J. Moloney, E. Joyce, F. Crosbie, and M. Maley, entertained the visiting ladies at a picnic at Caroline Bush, some thirteen miles distant from Lumsden, and a most enjoyable day was spent.