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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

### DUNEDIN.

Owing to St. Patrick's Day falling on Sunday, the concert in connection with the Irish national festival was held on Monday evening in the Garrison Hall. The celebration committee, with their energetic hon. secretary (Mr. W. P. Rodgers) left nothing undone to secure the best possible available talent for the occasion, and the excellence of the programme submitted was convincing evidence that they had succeeded in their efforts. Nearly every item was encored, and all were received with much enthusiasm by the very large audience. The programme was opened with 'The gems of Ireland' by the 'Kaikorai Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Laidlaw. This was splendidly played, as was the overture to 'Zampa' in the second part, and also the instrumental quartet by Messrs. J. A. O'Brien, D. Whelan, F. McLean, and E. Kerr. The Coulin' found a very sympathetic interpreter in Miss Violet Fraser, who was enthusiastically recalled. She received a like compliment for her singing of 'Serenade in summer.' Two bracketed items, 'I know a lovely garden' and 'The Urth of morn,' were given with much artistic taste by Miss Nellie Hall, who had also to respond to an encore. As this was practically Miss Hall's first appearance on the public concert stage, her success was highly gratifying. Mrs. R. A. Power's programme numbers were a 'Russian love song' and 'Oh! steer my barque to Erin's Isle,' in addition to which she gave as an encore, 'Say yes.' A feature of this lady's finished rendering of the items was her clear enunciation. Mr. P. Carolin was recalled for his singing of 'The rose of Tralee,' and as an encore gave 'The shamrock of Ireland.' Mr. Hussey was warmly applauded for his singing of 'The Irish emigrant,' the inevitable encore being responded to by 'The low-backed car.' Mr. J. McGrath gave a fine rendering of 'The wearing of the green,' for which he was emphatically recalled. Mr. Arthur Murphy was encored for his singing of 'Come back to Erin,' but contented himself with bowing his acknowledgments. The balance of the programme was made up of vocal quartets, 'Spring rejoices' and 'In May-time,' by Messrs. A. Wright, E. Falck, P. Lemon, and T. J. Hussey, and selections of Irish melodies by St. Joseph's choir under the direction of Mr. Vallis. These items met with much favor from the audience. The accompaniments during the evening were played by Miss M. Drumm and Miss S. Hall.

### MILTON.

On Friday evening a concert in connection with St. Patrick's Day was given in St. George's Hall, Milton. The proceeds were in aid of the local Dominican Convent, and the Very Rev. Father O'Neill and the committee went to no little trouble to arrange a programme worthy of the occasion. Besides the children's items, which were well done and created much interest, and to the training of whom a good deal of patience and attention had been given, there were visitors (says 'The Bruce Herald') whose singing was of a very high order. Principal amongst these was Miss Woods, L.R.A.M., of Lawrence, who sang with every appreciation of the theme of her songs, and in a pleasant, easy fashion, while her playing was in itself finished and artistic. Miss Woods's numbers were 'Avourneen,' (encore), 'The Kerry Dance,' 'My snowy breasted pearl,' and 'Kathleen Mavourneen.' Miss Fraser, A.T.C.L. (Dunedin) sang her numbers sweetly and effectively. 'Rory darling' with encore 'Serenade in summer' and an 'Irish Folk song' were Miss Fraser's contributions. Mr. P. Carolin (Dunedin) was in good voice. 'The minstrel boy,' that evergreen and

ever new favorite from Moore's ballads, was given with power, and in his 'Dear little shamrock,' and 'Eileen Allamah,' with a concealed chorus, he made a popular hit. Mr. and Miss Marryatt had a flattering reception in their duet 'Very suspicious,' which took on immensely, and Mr. Marryatt's solo 'Asleep in the deep' was well received. A recitation by Mr. Christie, with several children's items completed a very good programme. By some oversight Mr. W. Kirby's step dance was omitted from the printed programme, but was brought on as a concluding item after Very Rev. Father O'Neill had thanked the performers for their services. He also hoped they would have many more musical treats to keep alive the memory of their Patron Saint. Miss Scanlon and Miss Hart deserve a word of commendation for their sympathetic accompaniments to the singers. During the interval Mr. J. Powley danced a sailor's hornpipe.

## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

The Hibernian Hall, Wellington street, was recently crowded with an enthusiastic gathering to do honor to the southern delegates of the H.A.C.B. Society. It was a memorable assemblage and will live long in the minds of those whose good fortune it was to be present. That it will do great good to the Hibernian Society goes without saying, and must have a beneficial effect on our Catholic community as a whole. The chair was occupied by Bro. Thos. Pound (president of the Auckland branch). The district president (Bro. P. J. Nerheny) was on his right, and the D.V.P. (Bro. G. Corbett) on his left. There were also present Rev. Father Holbrook (chaplain of the local branch), Rev. Fathers Kehoe, Furlong, McManus (New Plymouth), and Bro. O'Dwyer (Hawera). The toast of the 'Pope and King' was proposed by the chairman; the 'H.A.C.B. Society' by Bro. J. J. O'Brien, who was the first district secretary of the N.Z. District; Bro. G. J. Sellars, P.D.P., (Christchurch, responded; the 'District Executive' by Bro. P. J. Duggan (Oamaru), replied to by the D. President; 'Visiting Delegates,' Bro. R. Casey (Auckland), replied to by Bro. J. J. Marlow, P.P. (Dunedin); 'Our Fatherland,' proposed by Bro. M. J. Sheahan, district treasurer, responded to by Bro. M. F. Dennehy (Timaru); 'Kindred Societies' by Bro. Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., replied to by Bros. Newburn (Druids) and Burns (Protestant Alliance); 'The Press,' by Bro. Jos. Fitzgerald (Tamaru), who nicely introduced the 'Tablet' coupled with the name of its editor, Rev. Father Cleary. The speaker said that from boyhood he had read and profited by the 'Tablet,' and earnestly urged upon all to subscribe to it, and above all to read it constantly and diligently. Bro. Moriarty (Waimate), travelling representative of the 'Tablet,' responded, and thanked the mover for its eloquent and kindly remarks concerning the 'Tablet,' and hoped that the advice given would be followed. During the evening the following rendered musical items: Bro. J. P. Lonergan, Messrs. O. Pritchard, J. McKenna, and T. Guscott, Mr. Armiger playing the accompaniments. Bro. Dennehy recited 'Fontenoy,' and aroused great enthusiasm by the dramatic force with which it was delivered. Mr. Harry Herbert recited Robert Emmet's speech from the dock, and received well-merited applause. The singing of 'God Save Ireland' brought to a close the most successful gathering held here in connection with the Hibernian Society.

## HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space we have been obliged to hold over editorial matter and all correspondence that reached us on Wednesday morning.

An esteemed correspondent informs us that the Akaroa Convent, recently opened, cost £700, not £6000, as stated by our Christchurch correspondent.

The time-table on the Government Railways in connection with the Easter holidays is published in this issue....

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