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All Seasons' Carnival, Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

The All Seasons' Carnival in His Majesty's Theatre, to raise funds for liquidating the debt on the Catholic Cathedral presbytery building, was opened in a thoroughly successful manner on Saturday evening, and the business transacted was so great as to give the promoters confidence that the fund will benefit considerably. The majority of the seats in the body of the theatre have been removed, and round the walls there is a series of stalls and side-shows arranged in a very tasteful manner. The stalls represent 'Morning,' 'Night,' 'Noon,' 'Summer,' 'Spring,' 'Autumn,' and 'Winter,' and the color scheme is most effectively worked out. The attendants in charge of the 'Night' stall are garbed in a unique costume of black, with moons and stars in silver, and those at the 'Noon' stall wear pale blue and silver. The 'Autumn' maidens in deep yellow and colored leaves, and 'Winter' in white and furs, also make pretty pictures. In the foyer there is a cosy tea-room. The bazaar is under the supervision of the Very Rev. Father Price, who is assisted by a strong committee, of which Mr. E. O'Connor, who has a vast experience in such matters, is secretary. The musical programme is in charge of Mr. R. H. Rossiter, who is assisted by a capable orchestra.

The opening ceremony was performed by the Hon. D. Buddo, Minister of Internal Affairs, before a very large audience. The Minister said that it gave him great pleasure to declare the carnival open for such a worthy object. He would not detain the people from business by a speech, but he understood they would be allowed to retain their tram fares.

A cleverly-arranged musical programme, under the direction of Madame Cathro, was then given, and elicited very hearty applause. The opening item was a March of the Seasons, in which the colors blended most happily. A gavotte by thirty-six children, a song by twelve others, and a Japanese ballet completed the first part. Other ballets were a dolls', a wattle blossom, and a snow ballet, all of which were danced in exceedingly good time. A duet, 'Like the rose, you're the fairest flower,' was quite a feature of the programme, the parts being very cleverly taken by Master Alexander McDonald and 'Little Clare.' A floral spectacle by a number of children was introduced with very fine effect, and the audience insistently demanded an encore. A coon song and a cakewalk were well done, and a solo dance in a ballet, by Miss Jessie McDougall was very clever.

The side-shows include a bicycle-guessing competition, a sketch artist, a medal machine, a 'Pike' with many attractions, and a jumble sale, and a doll-dressing competition is in progress for a five-guinea prize given by Miss Florence Baines. The attractions are under the direction of the Catholic Club.

The stalls and their attendants are as follow:—

Morning (colors, pale pink and yellow)—Stall-holder, Miss Sloan; assistants: Mesdames Judd, Wilson, and O'Leary, Misses Archer, Granger, O'Connor, Dumphy, K. Campbell, Petersen, Garty, Quinn, and Kelly.

Night (colors, black with moons and stars)—Stall-holders, Mrs. W. Rodgers and Miss H. Harrington; assistants: Mrs. O'Connell, and Misses Rodgers, M. Nelson, N. Nelson, W. Nelson, Harney, Flutcy, Power, O'Donnell, Cronin, Grant, and Flemming.

Noon (colors, pale blue and silver trimmings)—Stall-holders, Miss Ellen Brophy and Mrs. E. Watson; assistants: Misses N. Brophy, V. Felton, Aldridge, Selig, O'Connor, Kelly, Lyons, Thompson, M. Watson, and McDonald, and Mesdames Selig and Hammond.

Summer (color, pink)—Stall-holders, Mrs. P. Devane and Mrs. G. Buchanan; assistants: Misses Ivess, McGill, Taafo, O'Connor, Beri, Devane, Egan, Buchanan, and Corliss, and Mesdames A. J. Wood, Green, and Dobbs.

Spring (colors, white, pale green sashes, and wattle)—Stall-holder, Miss Catherine A. Bunker; assistants: Misses Agnes Bunker, Mary Greaney, May Greaney, Mary O'Con-

nor, C. Commons, K. Commons, M. Pender, Grant, C. O'Connor, Vallant, Glaskin, and Horgan.

Autumn (colors, deep yellow and autumn leaves)—Stall-holders, Miss Mary Neligan and Miss Agnes McGuire; assistants: Misses McGuire, Hughes, McPhelan, McGloin, A. Whittington, M. Whittington, E. McCormack, Anderson, Thomas, Reddington, Wright, and Grantham.

Winter (colors, white, with white furs and caps)—Stall-holder, Mrs. Cahill; assistants: Mesdames Williams and Sexton, Misses Kearney, Anderson, G. Hanna, M. Hanna, Lavery, Knight, Fanning, Brosnan, McKendry, Dineen, Sandman, Beecham, Foley, Murphy, McCarthy, Whelan, Leader, and Ryan.

The carnival will be continued until April 21.

OBITUARY

SISTER MARY ST. SYRA (BARRETT), CHRISTCHURCH.

The Institute of Notre Dame des Missions (writes our Christchurch correspondent) has sustained a sad loss in the death of a young and promising religious, Sister Mary St. Syra, which occurred at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Barbadoes street, on Good Friday evening, at the age of twenty-eight years, and in the first year of her religious profession. The late Sister, whose relatives reside in the Taranaki district, developed a serious malady about a year ago, from which she rallied in a marvellous manner at intervals after several severe attacks. The best medical skill and most attentive nursing, however, failed to effect a cure. About a week ago an unexpected relapse occurred, and she gradually passed to her eternal reward fully conscious of her approaching end, and comforted by her Sisters in religion, and with the constant and most devoted attendance in her dying hours of the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm. Her death was a holy and edifying one, all the last rites of the Church being imparted. On Monday morning a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated in the convent chapel by the Very Rev. Father Price, Adm., Rev. Dr. Kennedy being deacon, and Rev. Father O'Hare subdeacon. The 'Dies Irae' and Gregorian music were sung by the Rev. Fathers Moloney, S.M., and O'Connell, S.M. His Lordship the Bishop was present in the sanctuary, and preached an impressive discourse on the ennobling life of the deceased Sister, and her resignation. The Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., gave the absolution at the coffin. The interment took place in the Catholic portion of the Linwood Cemetery, the Very Rev. Father Price officiating at the graveside. The funeral cortege was taken part in by the school children and boarders at the convent. Six members of the Cathedral congregation were pall-bearers. She was the first Sister to make her profession in the new chapel of the convent and the first to be borne therefrom after death.—R.I.P.

Temuka

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The fifth annual meeting of the Temuka Catholic Club was held in the club rooms on Tuesday evening of last week, Mr. C. A. Winn, vice-president, being in the chair. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was most enthusiastic. The report showed that the club had made substantial progress during the year, over fifty members being on the roll, and the balance of receipts over expenditure amounted to £7 5s. During the past year the club purchased a new billiard table and other attractions, and fitted up and furnished new club rooms. The only outstanding liability at present is a sum of £5 due on table. Regret was expressed at the removal of Rev. Father McDonald, and the secretary was instructed to convey to the Rev. Father the club's appreciation of his kindly and valued assistance during the past year. His successor, the Rev. Father Le Floch, was cordially welcomed. The following were elected officers for the coming year:—Patron, Ven. Archbishop Le Menant des Chesnais; spiritual director, Rev. Father Le Floch; president, Mr. C. A. Winn; senior vice-president, Mr. J. Scott; junior vice-president, Mr. Frank Connell; secretary, Mr. E. B. Gillespie; treasurer, Mr. Wm. Spillane; committee, Messrs. F. F. O'Connell, Jos. Tangney, T. Creedy, R. Wareing, and S. Coughlan; billiard committee, Messrs. T. Creedy, A. Gillespie, J. Tangney, J. Spillane, and M. Fitzgerald. The fee for the coming year was fixed at 5s. The secretary read a telegram from the Celtic Football Club, Timaru, congratulating the club on their efforts to form football teams, and wished them every success. Thirteen new members were elected. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lady friends of the club for their kind assistance on many occasions, and in particular Mrs. Beri.