

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

October 28.

There was a large attendance at the opening of the Catholic bazaar. Rev. Father Lane briefly introduced the Mayor (Mr. G. Wildish), who, in a short speech, congratulated our worthy parish priest and the Catholic community on their praiseworthy efforts to raise £2000 for building churches in the suburbs. He also expressed a hope that the erection of a new church in town would follow. The stalls represent various countries—Italy, Australia, New Zealand, America, England, and Ireland—the latter being the most attractive owing to it containing on exhibition the tempting prizes to be won during the week. The refreshment stall was very capably managed by young ladies attired in the national costume of Japan. The principal attraction in the entertainment line is the excellent dancing of Mrs. May's pupils, and these reflect credit on that lady's efficient tuition. The incidental music was supplied by Miss E. Hall, and an orchestra played musical selections each evening. The very complete arrangements received the personal supervision of Father Lane; Mr. T. Haisman erecting the stalls with material supplied by Mr. Quirke. The stage decorations were capably carried out by Mr. C. Bergamini, the effect being greatly enhanced by the use of mirrors, and the colored lighting scheme of Mr. P. Sheridan. Others who have done good work in connection with the bazaar include Mr. A. Cassin (secretary), Mr. B. Pollard (assistant secretary), and Mr. O. Alley (treasurer).

November 5.

The bazaar now being held in the World's Picture Theatre is proving an unprecedented success, and a notable feature is the excellent patronage being accorded by the non-Catholic public. The bazaar is now in its second week, and the various stall-holders are working in friendly rivalry to secure the highest results. On Monday a "children's night" was given, and proved a great treat for the little ones, who were present in considerable numbers. On Tuesday night an Irish entertainment was given, and the items rendered by Mrs. Phil. Barry, Misses Parker, Brosnahan, Sexton, Newey, M. O'Connell, and pupils of the Convent School, were fully appreciated by the large audience; as were a recitation by Mr. P. Sheridan and an Irish jig by G. Newey. Irish selections were rendered by an orchestra under the leadership of Mr. Charles Woods, and the various numbers were much enjoyed. During the evening an Irish flag was auctioned by Mr. Geo. Miller, and realised £19 10s. Rev. Father Lane expresses himself as being highly pleased with the results of the bazaar, and predicts a record for Poverty Bay when the closing night arrives.

Nelson

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November 6.

Country residents are asked to note the following arrangements of Sunday fixtures, owing to the present requirements at Takaka. Takaka and Tarakohe will be served on two consecutive Sundays, the 16th and 23rd inst.; Waimea and Wakefield will forego the 22nd and be supplied on the 30th, the last Sunday, in place of Takaka.

All the candidates presented by the Sisters of the Mission of the local convent were successful at the recent musical examinations. The Royal Academy passes are—Primary 3, elementary 3, lower division 4. Trinity College—First steps 4, preparatory honors 1, pass 5; junior (singing), honors 2; (piano) pass 1; intermediate 2, senior honors 1; pass 2 (singing 1); higher local 2; A.T.C.L. 1.

Dr. Jamieson (superintendent) and Mr. S. Blomfield (clerk) have tendered their resignations to the Hospital Board. Both officers have earned a wide reputation for competency and courtesy, and their positions will be difficult to fill. At a time when there was not a single Catholic on the Hospital staff, the needs of Catholic patients were considered in a most marked manner.

Father Fay has gone to Reefton to preach the occasional sermons at the Forty Hours' devotions.

Ormond

A very successful sale of work was held in the hall recently to defray the expenses recently incurred in renovating two of the churches and the presbytery (writes a correspondent). It closed with an Irish concert and dance in the Waerenga-a-hika hall on the third evening of the season. During the brief time in progress the sale realised much higher results than were anticipated. The

organisers deserve high praise for the capable manner in which they carried out their work, and the committee cordially thanks all those who contributed to make the sale of work, etc., such a marked success. Messrs. Bowler, Deegan, Kallender, and Neenan, assisted by willing hands, worked strenuously and indefatigably in the erection of stalls, and Mesdames Bowler, Jones, Rigney, and Laskar, assisted by Misses Condy and Tuohy, were prompt in having them suitably and tastefully arranged with various fabrics, farm produce, and other provisions, which soon created a brisk sale; whilst Mr. Laskar, assisted by Mr. Kallender, kept the visitors busy and well entertained at the games provided. Mrs. T. Brosnahan, by her untiring zeal and perseverance, contributed largely to the financial aspect, being the first who donated a valuable prize for the competitions. Mrs. Proudfoot, an old and faithful worker for the Church, and Miss Proudfoot ably discharged their duties at the tea and refreshment rooms. Mrs. T. Crammins and the Misses Lynn, Griffin, and Bean, also rendered valuable assistance. Mesdames Angland and Lewis, Misses McLoughlin, Grierson, and Tuohy, Messrs. Kallender and T. Lynn donated prizes. The following contributed to the programme of the concert: Misses Doyle, Byford, and O'Connor, Messrs. Kirkland and Lark (songs), Messrs. Lark and Webber (vocal duet), Rev. Father Faragher (recitation), Mr. McFlynn (Irish jigs), and Mr. Bennett (humorous items). The concert was brought to a close by Mr. Kirkland singing "God Save Ireland," to which the audience heartily responded by joining in the spirited chorus. Father Faragher then briefly thanked the audience, and complimented the performers on the very enjoyable musical treat afforded. The results from sale of work and concert amounted to £310.

A SWEDISH SAILOR'S MITE FOR IRELAND.

He came into National Headquarters of the Friends of Irish Freedom and said that he wished to give a small sum to the Irish Victory Fund (says a writer in the *Monitor*). He was so keenly disappointed when told that individual contributions were not received there, that one of the office staff agreed to take the gift and enter it on an official New York collection card. When he gave his name, the remark was made that it did not sound Irish. "No," he said, "it is Swedish."

Sensing the surprise of his auditors, the visitor continued: "I am of Swedish birth, but an American citizen, and I fought for America in the war. I have received my honorable discharge from the United States Navy. And it is because of what I saw and learned as an American sailor that I want to help the Irish cause. My ship was in Irish harbors a good deal. It was in English harbors, too, and there was all the difference in the world between the ways the English and the Irish treated us. The English were so arrogant that it makes my blood boil to think of it. But in Ireland every American was treated like a brother. The Irish people made us at home, gave us comforts, treated us like men. And we saw the men and women of Ireland compelled to stand up and fight for the rights of freedom, which we had gone across to fight for. We saw them denied those rights by the same English whose arrogance and ingratitude we had felt. It made me think of what I'd read in history about the American Revolution. Here was a people suffering the same things the founders of this Republic had suffered, and putting up the same fight for liberty. We used to get in the Sinn Fein processions over there to show how we felt. And now I'm back, even though I haven't a job yet and can't give much, I want to give all I can to help the Irish Republic!"

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