

ORIENTAL CARNIVAL, CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

The grand Oriental Carnival was opened under very auspicious conditions in the Olympia Skating Rink, Hereford street, on last Saturday evening. Although the weather was inclement the attendance was large, and good business was done. Just before 8 o'clock the Marist Brothers' School Cadets, over forty strong, commanded by Lieut. Thom, and looking exceptionally well in their smart, carefully-kept uniforms, lined both sides of the lengthy corridor, which forms the entrance to the Rink, as a guard of honor to his Worship the Mayor (Mr. H. Holland), who performed the opening ceremony. At their own expense, Messrs. Luttrell Brothers, the well-known builders and architects, erected an immense stage, with lofty wings enclosing it on three sides, which proved admirably adapted for the attractive spectacular display, arranged by Signor Borzoni, and for which about 200 performers had been trained to perfection. Derry's Band supplied the incidental music. The big building looked very well with its abundantly stocked stalls flanking a long and wide promenade, and its extensive refreshment and tea rooms. A pretty sweets and confectionery stall occupied one end of the building fronting the stage. An outstanding feature of the bazaar portion of the carnival is the valuable nature of the wares displayed in most of the stalls, including complete dining-room and drawing-room suites. Quite a varied collection of side shows are being run in connection with the Catholic Club and Tennis Club stall, and the Hibernian and M.B.O.B. Association stall.

In his introductory remarks the Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., said that in the absence of his Lordship Bishop Grimes, he (the Dean) was there to represent the Bishop, who, had he been in New Zealand, would not have missed the occasion. The inauguration that evening of the carnival was, he said, very auspicious. The object of the carnival was to pay off as much as possible of the debt that was still owing on the Cathedral, which was decidedly one of the most artistic monuments of the city. When the Cathedral was opened it had a debt of £20,000, the balance now owing being £7000. A big effort was being made to wipe this out altogether, or, at least, to reduce it very considerably.

Mr. Holland said that he was pleased to see so large a gathering. He congratulated those who had organised the carnival on the display, and hoped they would achieve their object. He was sorry that they were in the midst of a very severe struggle between Capital and Labor. As Mayor of the city, he appealed to them not by any thoughtless act or word to precipitate matters into a very serious struggle. He hoped that good sense would prevail, and that the difficulty would be swept away without further trouble. He hoped those present would be liberal and generous with their money, and that the people of Christchurch would show their appreciation by purchasing the goods that were displayed. He stated that he had very much pleasure in declaring the sale open.

On the invitation of the Very Rev. Chancellor Price, Adm., those present carried by acclamation a very hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor for so kindly coming to declare the bazaar open.

Lincoln

(From our own correspondent.)

A bazaar will be held in Lincoln from the 12th to the 15th of December for the purpose of clearing off the debt on the new presbytery, and, according to the latest reports which Father O'Connor has received from the stallholders and his friends, it promises to be a great success. The following are the stallholders:—No. 1 stall, Mrs. M. F. Ryan and Mrs. McCormack; No. 2, Mrs. Doyle and Mrs. O'Neill; refreshment stall, Mrs. Welsh and Mrs. O'Doherty; jumble stall, Messrs. T. Welsh and B. White. The side shows will be in

charge of Messrs Corrigan and Erickson, while the produce department will be under the capable management of Messrs C. Ryan, O. McCormack, and J. Cunneen. A short time ago a very successful concert was held at Tai Tapu for the purpose of raising funds for the bazaar. Many of those who contributed items motored from the city, and one of the many pleasing items was an eight-handed reel by little boys and girls who were trained by Miss O'Connor, of Sydenham.

On Thursday evening a very pleasant gathering of the parishioners was held in the schoolroom to bid farewell to the Misses Leathem, who are leaving for Christchurch. All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Supper was served by the ladies. Father O'Connor, on behalf of the parishioners, expressed regret at the departure of the Misses Leathem, and the gathering that evening testified to the many friends they were leaving behind. They were exemplary Catholics and energetic helpers in parish affairs. Miss Emma Leathem had done much for the Altar Sodality, and all were very sorry to lose her valuable services. Father O'Connor, in presenting Miss Emma Leathem with a gold pendant and chain and a gold brooch, and Miss C. Leathem with a cut-glass scent bottle and a handbag from their Catholic friends, wished them much happiness in their new home in the city, and expressed a wish that, as they were not going far away, they would return often to see their old friends. The Misses Leathem were recipients of presentations from the citizens of Tai Tapu, amongst whom they lived for some time, and by whom they were highly esteemed and respected.

OBITUARY

MRS CARRAN, AUCKLAND.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

Mrs. Carran, mother of the Rev. Father Carran, died at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital last Saturday afternoon. The deceased lady had been some weeks at the institution, and the Sisters of Mercy did all possible to alleviate her sufferings. She was constantly attended by Rev. Father Carran. She bore her sufferings with Christian fortitude, and passed quietly away surrounded by friends. A Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated at St. Benedict's at 10 o'clock this (Monday) morning by Rev. Father Creagh, C.S.S.R., Rev. Father O'Doherty being deacon, and Rev. Father Clarke subdeacon. His Lordship the Bishop, Right Rev. Mgrs. Gillan, V.G., and Brodie, V.G., and all the city and suburban priests were present in the sanctuary. At the conclusion of the Mass, his Lordship addressed the large congregation, and, in feeling terms, expressed his sympathy with the sorrowing relatives, and extolled the beautiful life of the deceased, whose virtues and example would remain with us as an incentive to a holy life. The interment took place after Mass in the Symond Street Cemetery.—R.I.P.

MRS. J. J. WOODS, LAWRENCE.

It is with deep regret that we (*Tuapeka Times*, of October 29) have to chronicle the death of Mrs. J. J. Woods, wife of our respected County Clerk. The deceased had been in failing health for some months back, but at the beginning of last week her illness took a more serious turn, the members of her family being sent for. She lingered, however, till Saturday night, when she passed peacefully to her rest at about 10 o'clock. The late Mrs. Woods was a native of Churchtown, County Cork, Ireland, and had been a resident of Lawrence for forty years. In the early days she was a tower of strength in all our musical organisations, and it is not very many years since she was made the recipient of a handsome piece of furniture in recognition of gratuitous services in St. Patrick's Church for a period of over thirty years. She was an exemplary woman, and her kindly nature and bright and helpful disposition must have been an inspiration to hundreds of the younger women in our community. That she was highly esteemed and beloved by a very wide circle of friends of all denominations goes without saying, and her bereaved husband and members of her family