

is always a foregone conclusion, the results of the four nights of the annual bazaar, which concluded last Saturday night, exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine. Prior to the official opening on Wednesday night the pupils of the convent school gave a short musical programme, after which the Mayor declared the bazaar open. In the course of his remarks he said he had great esteem for Father Brodie, an esteem he felt that was general throughout Waihi. As chairman of the Hospital Committee Father Brodie was invaluable, and his retirement, which was the outcome of ill-health and pressure of church work, was felt even now. Personally, he regretted very much losing the help of so earnest a worker on the Hospital Committee, and there was a want in the ranks of the Hospital Trustees which he would like to see filled by Father Brodie. In concluding he thanked Father Brodie and the ladies for the honor they had conferred on him in asking him to open the bazaar.

Mr. Simmons, on behalf of the assemblage, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor, who, he said, was a sort of father of Waihi. He was one of those who had brought the Waihi mine to a payable stage. Father Brodie, during his residence in Waihi, had achieved great work by his strenuous efforts. The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

At this point of the proceedings Miss Katie Murphy, on behalf of the convent school children, read an address of thanks to the Mayor for presiding that night, and presented him and Mrs. Gilmour with a pair of prettily carved and painted panels.

The ladies in charge of the stalls were as follows:—

Jubilee Stall.—Mesdames Simmons, Cullen, Pilling, and Dixon; Misses Garvey, Power (2), Simmons, Sullivan, Cullen Naughton (3), and Forter. Work Stall.—Mesdames Hatton, Parkes, Huett, and Donnelly; Misses Ryan (2), Geary (2), Boggs (2), Colebrook (2), Johnson, Newth, Delaney, Rogers, Farley, Quinlan, Lolly. Doll Stall.—Misses Davidson and Garvey (2). Refreshment Stall.—Mesdames Sullivan, Toomey, Buelach, Misses Dunn, Huett, Toomey, Sullivan, Berryman, Maroney, Henderson. Produce Stall.—Mesdames May, Sibley, Wilson, Misses Quinlan, May, Henderson.

The receipts in connection with the opening night totalled £103, which may be considered as a record. On the second night there was again a good attendance. To the excitement of the bazaar work was added the attraction of the lazy stick pulling contest, in which there were 17 competitors. After some very good pulls, Mr. W. Gaynor and Mr. Bert Power were left to contest the final, which resulted in a victory for Mr. Gaynor. The receipts on this night amounted to £86. The bazaar was continued on Friday night, and for what is called the slack night good business was done, over £51 being taken. During the evening a dance took place in the supper room, at which there were nearly 50 couples. The lazy stick contest again proved very interesting. Eight competitors were engaged, Piacum and R. Hooker being left to contest final honors. Hooker proved to be too good for his opponent. Hooker then pulled with Thursday's winner, Gaynor, for first prize, and by a very neat pull secured the victory. On the last night (Saturday) the hall was so packed that it was scarcely possible to move about in it. All the most valuable prizes were drawn for, but the drawing for several others had to be postponed to Monday night. The receipts on this night totalled £150, making a grand total for the four nights of £390, and it is expected it will be made up to £400 next week. This is very creditable to the Very Rev. Father Brodie, whose anxiety and energy to reduce the debt on the church and convent buildings were crowned with well-merited success.

The total entries for all classes, except implements, for the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association's show are 1537—an increase of 11 on the record established last year. Sheep number 651; cattle, 218; horses, 171; pigs, 50; dogs, 16; dairy produce, 128. The implements exceed last year's.

During the quarter ended September 30 the revenue of the Post and Telegraph Department was £117,956, against £109,717 for the corresponding period of last year. During the same period £1,129,911 was deposited at the Government Savings Banks, and £1,111,857 was withdrawn. Discount stamps to the value of £855 were sold during the quarter.

The man who drives the royal mail,  
The maid who carries the milking pail,  
The stockman on the cattle run,  
The sportsman with his dog and gun,  
The watchman going his nightly round,  
The miner working underground,  
All make themselves from colds secure  
By using WOODS' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.

## THE CATHOLIC CONGRESS

### THE OPENING CEREMONIES

(From our own correspondent.)

Melbourne, October 18.

Interest in the approaching Congress runs higher and higher. The eagerness of members has been manifested this week in a rush made on the office at the Cathedral Hall on its opening on Monday morning, when badges were issued to all who presented receipts signed by the general or local secretaries. The badges have been very neatly produced, in shape something after the design of a Maltese cross. Each bears the name of the particular member, and those of the president, Most Rev. Dr. Cair, and the hon. secretary, Dr. A. L. Kenny. They are made of cardboard and in color are of a greenish tint, bearing in black letters the title and dates of the Congress. Provision has been abundantly made for perpetuating the memory of the Congress by means of the photograph art. The principal picture will be that of the members in a body, which will be taken on Tuesday forenoon, 25th inst, outside St. Patrick's Cathedral. Smaller groups, variously associated, will also be photographed. Copies of all will be obtainable.

#### Exhibits and Papers.

An exhibit of special interest will be a collection of Bibles containing the earliest editions procurable. An appeal was made on Sunday in the several churches by the clergy, requesting members of the congregations who had in their possession Bibles of old-time publication to send them in for the occasion, so that they might go to increase the number that his Grace the Archbishop had already secured. The significance of this exhibition will be evident, and it is unnecessary to dwell on it.

Of the papers to be read not the least interesting should be that of Dr. De Borsmieu, who, as I mentioned last week, comes from New Guinea. The scene of the missionary labors of this prelate derives a special interest just at present from the terrible massacre that has recently been reported. The locality concerned, indeed, was in German territory, but the disposition of the natives can hardly be affected by the particular flag under which they live, and in one part of the country as well as in another the missionary must carry his life in his hands. A fact significant of the standing of the men who, nevertheless, devote themselves to the work of these missions of the Sacred Heart, may be noted in the selection of one of their number—Rev. Father Genocchi—to serve at Rome on the Biblical Commission appointed by the late Pope. A scholar of such eminence does, indeed, descend in a degree little, if anything, less than heroic, when he devotes himself, as in the case of which I speak, not only to instructing the mind of the savage but even to personally tending his diseased body. The natives of New Guinea are specially liable to sores and ulcers which they expect the missionaries to handle and heal. A paper of a different kind but also of deep interest may be anticipated in that on the Gaelic revival, to be read by Dr. N. M. O'Donnell, who is an enthusiastic promoter of the movement in question. Such headway as the revival of the language has made in Melbourne is due to the Doctor's efforts. And now that the movement is worldwide and forms an international bond, as witnessed, for example, the other day when the Pan-Celtic Congress was held at Carnarvon, and the Stone of the Nation, representing the six Celtic nationalities, was laid, there are valid reasons to advance in support of it. It seems at least rightly characteristic of any body claiming the name of Celtic that one of their objects should be the revival of the national language. There is in Melbourne a body bearing the name of

#### The Celtic Club

and consistently filling the place suggested in their title, of which also, by the way, Dr. O'Donnell is a member and committee-man. The Club have recently moved their quarters to a position in Elizabeth street, facing St. Francis' Church, their whereabouts being notably proclaimed by the words, 'Cuideachta na nGaedheal,' inscribed in gold letters, of Irish type, on the front of the building above their rooms. The rooms consist of a suite of seven, and are sufficiently spacious and convenient. There is a reading-room well supplied with newspapers and containing a glass case in which is a well chosen selection of books, those of a national character being prominent; a fine billiard-room, with two excellent tables; a card-room, and other snuggeries and accommodations. The official staff is—Mr. O'Sullivan, president; Dr. Maloney, M.P., and Mr. J. Hughes, J.P., vice-presidents; and Mr. R. F. Rice, secretary. That Gaelic good-fellowship, which may be taken as implied in the Gaelic title of the Club, is a distinctive characteristic of the body has been made plain in

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