

ciety and the League of the Cross will, with the hearty encouragement of his Grace the Archbishop, continue the good work in which they have received a stimulus to renewed efforts.

The Pope to Arbitrate

The Governments of Brazil and Bolivia have agreed to refer their frontier dispute to the arbitration of the Pope. His Holiness has entrusted the preliminary enquiries to the Nuncio at Rio de Janeiro.

NELSON

(From our own correspondent.)

Popular interest was manifested in a wedding which took place in St. Mary's Church, Blenheim, the other day, when Miss Edith Mary Waddy, of Blenheim, was married to Mr. Edward L. Broad, of Wellington, eldest son of the late Judge Broad. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Servajean in the presence of a large number of people, the church being filled with friends and relatives. The bride was led to the altar by her brother, Mr. G. Waddy, and was attended by Misses Waddy (2) and Miss Z. Broad as bridesmaids. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. Holmes, of Wellington. The wedding march was played as the bridal party entered the church. Subsequently Miss F. Morrison sang an 'Ave Maria.' The wedding guests were entertained by Mrs. Waddy at her residence, Maxwell Road. The presents were numerous and valuable.

Last week the Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., addressed the Catholics of Nelson on the formation of a branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, the Rev. Father Clancy presiding. Mr. Beehan referred to the many advantages that were to be gained by becoming a member of the Society, and said that our Catholic young men were too much inclined to join other benefit societies, which, although good in themselves, had not the same objects in view as the H.A.C.B. Society. Mr. Beehan closed an interesting address by saying that he trusted the parishioners would try and do their best and be able to report to him that favorable progress would eventuate. Rev. Father George Mahony proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Beehan, and fully endorsed his remarks as to the benefits resulting from the starting of a branch of the Society in Nelson. Mr. Jas. Armstrong seconded the resolution, which was carried by acclamation.

The practical music examinations by Mr. Graham Moore, of the Associated Board, was held recently, the following pupils from St. Mary's Convent being successful:—School elementary (piano), Misses Stephens (distinction), E. Saunders, M. Lodge (distinction), L. Taylor, M. Coglan, school lower (piano), Misses R. Roughton (distinction), E. Lodge, F. Hailes, E. Cruickshank, A. Casey.

ROSS

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A crowded audience packed the Totara Hall on Wednesday evening, November 9, on the occasion of the annual entertainment in aid of St. Patrick's Convent School. The performance was one of the best of its kind held in Ross. The orchestra, led by Rev. Father Aubry, and aided by Misses G. McDonald, M. Sullivan, U. Sullivan, E. Daly, and Master C. Ross, opened each part with a selection, and won the commendation of the audience. The programme, which was a lengthy one, was most enthusiastically received, encores being the order of the evening. Miss Healy sang 'Rose of my life' in good style. Miss Brook's fine voice was heard to advantage in 'Island of dreams' and 'Killarney.' A piano duet was nicely played by Misses E. Allen and J. Adamson. Mr. Coulson recited the 'Motor car' in good style, and had to respond to an encore. Miss Grimmond, who is an old favorite, was repeatedly recalled, her singing of 'Good-bye, Mavourneen,' etc., being all that could be desired. Mr. J. McKay was heard to advantage in 'Out on the deep,' and was honored with an encore. A Highland fling was danced by Mr. Morgan. Miss Daly played a piano solo in capital style. Mr. McSherry sang in his usual finished manner 'Plymouth Sound.' Miss McGuinness (Timaru) contributed a vocal selection and had to respond to more than one encore. A dialogue, entitled 'Taking the census,' closed the first part of the programme, the characters being taken by Misses Collins, Roberts, and Pedrazzi. In the second part Mr. Morgan danced an Irish jig, and Mr. McCullough recited. A dialogue was the next item, the characters being taken by Miss McCormack, Mr. Minehan, Miss Collins, and Mr. McEnroe. The entertainment was brought to a close by an American sketch, in which Mr. Morgan gave clog and long shoe dances.

The Mayor (Mr. Grimmond) thanked the audience for their attendance, and referred in glowing terms to the work done by the good Sisters in our midst. He thought that one had only to speak to and have dealings with the children to know by their good behaviour that they belonged to the convent school.

Father O'Connor, on behalf of himself and the Sisters, thanked all those who had in any way contributed towards making the concert the unqualified success it was.

Mr. Morton, Government Inspector, examined St. Patrick's School on Thursday, November 10, and expressed himself highly pleased with the results, not a single child in the school failing to pass. He was also very pleased with the physical drill, which the children went through under their instructor, Mr. Collins. He thought the school was second to none on the Coast in this subject. The Sisters are to be highly congratulated on their success, which they well deserve.

THE OTAGO A. and P. SHOW

The twenty-eighth annual summer show of the Otago Agricultural and Pastoral Society was held at Tahuna Park on Thursday and Friday last. The weather on the first day, when the principal business was the judging of the various classes, was fine, and up to mid-day on Friday it gave promise of being on its best behaviour. Shortly after noon, however, evidences of the fickleness of the Dunedin climate were not wanting, and before the afternoon was very far advanced a cold south-west storm of rain, accompanied by peals of thunder, set in, deterring those on pleasure bent from proceeding to the show grounds. Naturally the unexpected change in the weather had a material effect on the attendance, which, under favorable circumstances, would have been very large. The exhibits were somewhat less than last year but they made up in excellence for lack of numbers.

Our local manufacturers were, as usual, well to the fore with a fine display of useful exhibits. Among these were the Milburn Lime and Cement Company, who, in addition to their other lines already so popular in the Colony, have added that of cement pipe making, of which they had a fine display on the grounds. The pipes run in diameter from four inches to two feet, are three feet long, and are perfectly uniform in size. The principal characteristics of these pipes are lightness and strength. The Company also exhibited lime and rough lime, the former being suitable for sowing through a manure drill, cement, phosphate, and the Californian weed destroyer. As examples of local manufacture the articles exhibited by the Company attracted a good deal of attention from the visitors.

To have an agricultural show without the leading firm of agricultural implement makers, Messrs. Reid and Gray, displaying their varied assortment of requisites for the farm, would be like a production of a play with the principal character left out. The manufactures of this firm have now an Australasian reputation, and are much sought after by all up-to-date agriculturists, and consequently on this occasion their comprehensive display attracted the attention of all interested in farming pursuits. Their fine collection of ploughs—including the champion double furrow, three furrow, digging, hill-side, and single lever—was a credit to the firm, and we might say to the Colony as examples of local workmanship. Among their other exhibits were disc harrows, turnip sowing and thinning machines, spring tooth cultivators, chaff-cutters, the Hornsby-Ackroyd oil engines, Deering harvesting machinery, and other farm accessories too numerous to mention. The machinery turned out by this firm has been tested by the farmers of this Colony for many years and is still growing in popularity, a sure sign that it is all that it is represented to be. Their locally-made farm implements are up-to-date in every respect, the workmanship is of the best, and the material is first-class. The goods which they are agents for in New Zealand have also a well-deserved reputation for excellence.

Messrs. Brinsley and Co., the well-known makers of the Champion ranges, which have become so popular with housewives, were to the fore with a number of their ranges—suitable according to size for all dwellings from a cottage to a mansion. Some of these were of very handsome design, and all were fitted up with the latest improvements which are productive of economy, cleanliness, and ease in manipulation. A special feature of these ranges is the use of cold rolled steel for the internal parts, so that the possibility of cracks is obviated. As the many admirable qualities of these ranges are now well known and as the firm is up-to-date in effecting improvements where experience shows such are necessary, it is needless to say that the display