

### Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 18.

Mlle. Dolores sang to a crowded audience in the Opera House on Thursday night.

An influential meeting was held in the Zealandia Hall on Friday last for the purpose of making arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day. It was unanimously decided on the proposition of Mr. W. Scanlon to hold a sports gathering on the local Show Ground on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 20, in addition to the usual national concert at night. Mr. I. McLean occupied the chair, and Mr. McKeown acted as secretary, and a strong committee was elected to carry out the above objects. It was decided to give free entrance and tea to all the children of the parish. The meeting was most enthusiastic, the Rev. Father Costello heading the subscription list with a donation of £10 10s.

### Rotorua

(From an occasional correspondent.)

For several months past Father Kreymborg has been engaged in the erection of a church in Mamaku, which was brought to completion in October. The pretty building, made of the best mountain rimu, was solemnly blessed and dedicated to St. Joseph by the Very Rev. Dean Lightheart on the second Sunday in October, a very large congregation being present. The novelty of seeing a church, practically entirely erected by the pastor himself, had brought many sympathising non-Catholics to the ceremony. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the choir of Rotorua journeyed to Mamaku, and sang Webbe's Mass in G., and also the music for Benediction in the afternoon. During the sermon the Dean eulogised the untiring labors of Father Kreymborg. Probably the Catholic community of Mamaku is the smallest in the Colony that can boast of having a church. This is the first church in that part of the district. It is neatly finished, and fitly decorated, having seating accommodation for about 60 persons.

His Lordship Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, held on last Sunday a visitation in St. Michael's Church, Rotorua. The church was filled to overflowing, many having to content themselves with standing room only. Mass having been celebrated by Father Kreymborg, his Lordship addressed the large congregation of Europeans and Maoris. He referred in a special manner to the great satisfaction and pleasure he had received from his extended visit to some of the Maori missions. In many respects the native Catholics were an example to the Europeans, showing by their large gatherings and enthusiasm how they appreciated the

visit of their Bishop. He had just returned from Tokaanu, Lake Taupo, where he had confirmed about 50 Maoris. Then he explained in a lucid manner the principal teaching of the Church; impressing upon his hearers the great help to be derived from the different Sacraments, and exhorting those to be confirmed to be ever faithful to their sacred obligations. After these most instructive words had been rendered into Maori by Father Kreymborg for the benefit of the many Natives present, his Lordship administered Confirmation to 11 Europeans and 58 Maoris. The ceremonies were concluded by solemn Benediction. During the evening devotions the Very Rev. Dean Lightheart preached an eloquent sermon on Faith.

In the higher examination in the art of teaching, held by Trinity College in July last, Miss K. Cartwright obtained her diploma of Associate. Miss K. Cartwright, A.T.C.L., is a pupil of the Dominican Convent, Oamaru. The four pupils presented by the same convent for the Royal Academy examination held by Mr. W. Wesche were successful. In the elementary grade, Miss Annie Lynch gained 126 marks and Myrtle Garard 115. In the primary grade, Grace Molloy gained 114 and Irene Madden 111. Two pupils of Miss K. Cartwright, A.T.C.L., were also successful—Alis Molloy gaining 116 marks in primary grade, and Maude Cartwright 113 in the same grade.

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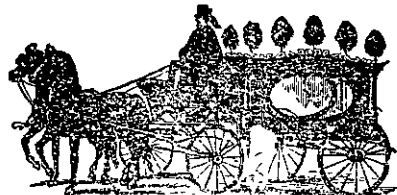
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