

Oamaru

(From our own correspondent.)

November 25.

Our 45th A. and P. Annual Show has come and gone, and the town is quiet once more. On People's Day about 10,000 were present on the new show grounds, and the exhibition was voted an all-round excellent one.

Owing to numerous counter attractions the programme for last Friday at the Oamaru Catholic Club was cancelled. The club purpose holding a progressive euchre and fancy dress party on the evening of the 29th inst. As this will be the final euchre party of the present session a large attendance is expected.

The practical music examinations under the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. were held in Oamaru on Thursday last, Mr. R. Cummings being the examiner. The following are the results:—Lower division (pianoforte)—Margaret Twomey (Dominican nuns), 130 (distinction). Elementary division (pianoforte)—Doris Potter, 124; Aggie Pringle, 118; Jane Pringle, 111; Rita Falconer, 111; and Eva Miller, 103 (all pupils of the Dominican nuns). Primary division (pianoforte)—M. Whillans (Miss Cartwright), 137 (distinction); Dolly Kelly (Dominican nuns), 136 (distinction); Greta Cooney (Dominican nuns), 131 (distinction); Elsie Fleming (Dominican nuns), 121; K. O'Donnell (singing) (Dominican nuns), 101.

Palmerston North

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November 24.

The pupils of the convent purpose holding their annual concert on December 12.

The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, of Meaneer, preached at both the 11 o'clock Mass and at Vespers to-day to large congregations.

As regards the reference to the 'Elijah,' to be put on shortly for the Hospital funds, by an error it was made to appear that there would be a difficulty in obtaining some 250 voices, whereas it should have read no difficulty in obtaining same, and at our first meeting of selection committee we had no less than 150 names to go through, and have some 60 more for to-morrow night's meeting.

The remaining prizes held over from the Dominion Bazaar were disposed of at the Zealandia Hall on Wednesday last, in the presence of Messrs. E. O. Hurley and R. Edwards and a large audience. At the conclusion of the proceedings Rev. Father Bowe, on behalf of the committee, presented the secretary, Mr. W. Ryan, with a silver-mounted umbrella suitably inscribed, as a token of the esteem in which he is held.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, who are leaving the parish to reside in Wellington, were presented by the Rev. Father Costello with a silver tea and coffee service on behalf of the members of St. Patrick's parish. Eulogistic references were made by Father Costello and Messrs. W. Devine, W. Ryan, and M. J. Kennedy to the many excellent qualities of Mr. and Mrs. Hanlon, and much regret was expressed at their departure. Mr. Hanlon, in responding, expressed the hope that he would return to Palmerston in the course of a few years.

The Catholic Men's Club held an oratorical competition in the Zealandia Hall on Monday last. Mr. M. J. Kennedy occupied the chair, there being a fair attendance. The competitors and their subjects were Messrs. P. Power ('Robert Emmet'), F. Kennedy ('Daniel O'Connell'), L. Hanlon ('George Washington'), A. J. Richard ('Michael Davitt'). The judges, Dr. O'Brien, and Messrs. W. F. O'Donnell, Moriarty, and A. L. Westmoreland, found it a hard task to place the speakers, the oratory being of a higher order than anything yet attempted by the club. Mr. L. Hanlon was awarded first place, with the narrow margin of one point from Mr. F. Kennedy, who got second. The winner will be presented with a handsome diploma of merit by the Executive of the Federated Catholic Clubs.

Kerrytown

The schoolroom at Kerrytown was crowded on Thursday night of last week on the occasion of the annual concert in aid of the Catholic schools (says the 'Temuka Leader'). The following was the programme—Part 1—Duet (pianoforte), Misses A. and C. Coughlan; action song, junior girls; duet (pianoforte), Misses Myrtle Petrie and Lucy Brosnan; comedietta (junior

boys), 'Blind Obedience,' in which the characters were sustained by Masters Michael Brosnan, Gilbert Tozer, Robert Brosnan, Maurice Brosnan, William Coffey, Thomas Fitzgerald, E. Tozer, C. Scannell, L. and J. Brosnan, F. Naughton, W. O'Driscoll, and Miss Margaret Brosnan; duet (pianoforte), Misses M. and M. T. Brosnan; dance, Highland fling, Misses K. Brosnan, M. A. Brosnan, C. Coughlan, and M. Nolan; duet (pianoforte), Misses Blanche Hoare and Lucy Brosnan; club drill, Misses M. Fitzgerald, M. O'Connell, K. O'Connell, C. Coughlan, K. Brosnan, and B. O'Driscoll (accompanist, Miss Scannell); drama (senior boys), 'The Confidential Clerk,' in which the parts were undertaken by Masters James Brosnan, Michael Brosnan, Thomas Fitzgerald, Thomas Brosnan, Frank O'Connell, Maurice Brosnan; duet (pianoforte), Misses Katie Brosnan and Clara Coughlan. Part 2—Duet (pianoforte), Master Thomas and Miss Mary Fitzgerald; monologue, Mr. Barrie Marschel; song, 'The song that will live for ever,' Miss Carlyon; comedy, 'A field of clover,' Mr. Barrie Marschel and Miss Irene Carlyon. As in former years the musical part of the programme was made a special feature. There were no less than six pianoforte duets on the programme. The children showed considerable skill, and acquitted themselves in a manner that reflected great credit on themselves and their painstaking teachers. The action song by the junior girls made a very pretty spectacle. The comedietta by the junior boys entitled 'Blind Obedience' was very good. The boys spoke clearly and distinctly and without hesitation, and showed remarkable dramatic talent. The four girls who danced the Highland fling did so in a splendid manner. Miss Scannell (piano) and Mr. Coffey (violin) provided the music. The club drill was another much appreciated item. The drama of 'The Confidential Clerk,' by the senior boys was quite a treat. The boys entered thoroughly into the characters they impersonated, and spoke clearly and well. Miss Scannell acted as accompanist in a very efficient manner. After the interval Mr. Barrie Marschel gave a monologue item which caused great amusement, and in response to a very hearty encore he gave 'Shamus O'Brien' in great dramatic style. Miss Irene Carlyon sang 'The song that will live for ever,' and as the audience insisted on an encore, she sang 'The wearing of the green,' and was again applauded, and bowed her acknowledgments. Mr. Barrie Marschel and Miss Irene Carlyon were very successful in their comedy entitled 'A field of clover.' Altogether the concert was a great success, and the Sisters are to be congratulated on the excellent work done by the children under their tuition.

REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS IN VICTORIA

Catholic Primary and Sub-primary Parochial Schools

The following Memorandum respecting the Registration of Teachers in Primary and sub-Primary Schools has been sent to Mr. Bent (Premier of Victoria):—

1. We have in this State of Victoria 205 Primary and sub-Primary Schools, staffed by between seven and eight hundred teachers.
2. We educate in these schools about 30,000 children without any expense to the State.
3. These children belong to the same class as those attending the State Schools.
4. In our schools the programme of the State Schools is fully carried out, and the same system of education prevails in both.
5. We ask, therefore, that in the training and examination of our teachers, we shall be allowed to adopt, as an alternative, the programme prescribed for the training and examination of State School teachers, so that no person qualified to teach in a State School shall be debarred from teaching in any of our Primary or Sub-Primary Parochial Schools.
6. We shall always be prepared to carry out, under the supervision of the Registration Board, any improvements that may be made in the State School programme.
7. As students require four years to prepare for registration, and as it is only at the beginning of next year that our scholastic arrangements can be completed, we ask to have the time for preparation extended to the end of 1911.

✠ THOMAS J. CARR,

Archbishop of Melbourne.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, November 12, 1907.

A list of winning numbers in the Art Unions, in connection with the Timaru Catholic Bazaar, appears in this issue....