

inmates. The following programme was submitted:—Tambourine dance, Misses Dwyer and Bennet; song, 'Genevieve,' Miss O'Brien; song, 'A woman's resolution,' Miss Van Dyke; song, 'Her bright smile haunts me still,' Miss M. Jones; pianoforte duet, 'Sunday,' Misses E. and D. Bennet; song, 'Island of dreams,' Miss Foley; pianoforte solo, 'Come back to Erin,' Miss O'Brien; trio, 'A bunch of Irish shamrock,' Misses Bennet and Oliver; girls' hornpipe, Misses Dwyer and Bennet; song, 'Won't you buy my pretty flowers?' Misses Van Dyke and E. Bennet; chorus, 'The old folks at home,' the company. Phonographic selections were given by the Rev. Father McManus. Two inmates of the Home (Messrs. Mayne and Hayes) contributed recitations and a song respectively. The party supplied and dispensed supper, which the inmates greatly appreciated. Mr. J. H. Parker presided. The chairman of the Board (Mr. Bellringer), on behalf of the inmates and hospital staff, returned thanks to the party for the excellent evening's entertainment they had provided. The party were subsequently entertained to supper by Mr. Farrar and his wife.

Rotorua

(From our own correspondent.)

May 22.

On Sunday last the Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse gave two addresses on the Papal Decree concerning Matrimony.

Very Rev. Dean McKenna, of Masterton, who has been in indifferent health of late, is spending a few weeks in Rotorua.

The Rev. Father Holierhoek, who has been on an extended visit to the Old Country, is expected to arrive here in the course of a week or two.

The ladies of the parish, who assisted at the recent bazaar and sale of work, are shortly to be entertained at a progressive euchre party by the Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse.

A grave matter that is at present occupying the serious attention of both public and press alike in this province is the escape of three dangerous criminals from the Waiotapu prison camp, situated in this district.

The Rev. Father Wientjes, who for some time has been assisting Dean Lighthouse in the missionary work in this district, has been compelled, owing to ill-health, to proceed to Father Becker's district at Mongonui. Father Wientjes' departure is deeply regretted.

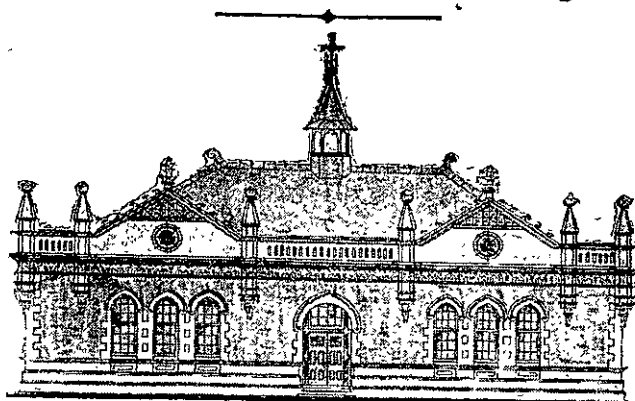
The historic Wairoa Geyser at Whakarewarewa, which on several previous occasions had refused to respond to a saponaceous method, has at last renewed its lost vigor. On Tuesday of last week, in the presence of Lady Plunket and party, it gave a fairly good exhibition to its usual application of soap, sending up a stream of water to a height of 70 feet.

The bazaar held recently in aid of the church funds was an unqualified success. Each evening the Assembly Hall was crowded. The various stalls were well stocked and presented a picturesque appearance. After 10 o'clock on the last night all articles remaining were auctioned, keen competition resulting in good prices being obtained. The Town Band rendered valuable services each evening. Popular items each evening were the poi dances performed by three different companies, representing as many tribes, and were a great attraction. The gross proceeds of the bazaar were £204, and the expenses in connection therewith £38. The balance in hand proved sufficient to liquidate the standing debt recently incurred by the parish in renovating the church, enlarging the school, etc.

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Now is the season to order all kinds of fruit trees, roses, etc. If you should be so unlucky as to sow an inferior kind of grain you lose only one season, but if you plant an inferior fruit tree three or four years may elapse before you discover your mistake. You can avoid disappointment by purchasing your trees from a reliable and long-established firm such as Messrs. Howden and Moncrieff, Dunedin...

Johnston Memorial School at Feilding



The above is the front elevation of a new Catholic school at Feilding, which is to be erected in memory of the late Hon. Walter Johnston. The building will have four large class-rooms, separated by a spacious corridor, and will accommodate about 160 children. The design is a very handsome one, and as the building has a frontage of 76 feet it will be a decided improvement to the town. The structure will be carried out in pressed bricks, relieved with cement facings, cornices, enrichments, and gables. The interior fittings, ceilings, etc., will be of picked red pine. The building is to be finished at the end of the year.

Apples in Early History

In Deuteronomy God is said to have kept his people 'as the apple of His eye' (says Dr. J. M. Buckley in the 'Christian Advocate'). The Psalmist prays: 'Keep me as the apple of the eye,' and again in Proverbs God is represented as calling upon men to keep His commandments, to keep His law 'as the apple of thine eye,' and in the song of Solomon the statement is made that 'as the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons'; in the Lamentations of Jeremiah there is a prayer, 'Let not the apple of thine eye cease'; in Joel the palm tree and the apple tree are spoken of together, and in Zachariah God's people are told that he that touches them 'toucheth the apple of His eye.'

Apples are also spoken of in three passages, one of which is one of the most beautiful in the Bible: 'A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver'; but it is difficult to find any fruit now called 'apple' which can be identified as being any fruit mentioned in the Bible by any word in the original translated apple.

The difficulty is equally great in studying the matter from the point of view of the history of the English word 'apple.' The origin of the word is unknown, as is its relation to the Teutonic language. It has been in the English language a little more than a thousand years, standing for the tree known as crab-apple in Europe and southwestern Asia.

There is a curious prescription nearly 400 years old. I quote it just as it is spelt: 'Rough tasted appules are holsome where the stomache is weake.' Another definition of the word is: 'Any fruit, or similar vegetable production; especially such as in some respect resemble the apple, but, from the earliest period, was used with the greatest latitude.'

In 1555 'venomous apples' are spoken of, wherewith certain tribes poisoned their arrows.

Exactly 360 years ago a writer spoke of the fruit or apples of palm trees. At one time the pomegranate was called apple punic, and then the apple of Sodom, or Dead Sea fruit. These have been spoken of in the English language for the last 700 years.

Several centuries ago a writer mentioned 'Apples of Sodom which dye betwixt the hand and the mouth.' Some persons of high intelligence think that the Bible speaks of Eve eating an apple, and are greatly surprised when asked to find any such thing in the Bible. It is not there, and never was; but the 'forbidden fruit' was so spoken of nearly 1000 years ago in English, and Milton says: 'Him by fraud have I seduced from his Creator . . . with an apple.'

There are alligator apples, balsam apples, cherry apples, custard apples, elephant apples, kangaroo apples, oak apples, pineapples, prairie apples, thorn apples, and fir apples.

The 'apple of the eye' was so called because it was supposed to be a globular solid body.—'Boston Pilot.'