

of the infallible magisterium of the Pope (1869-1870). The spoliation of the Holy See by Victor Emmanuel (1870). The initiation of the Kulturkampf in Germany (1872). The accession of Leo XIII. (1878). There were six Popes in the nineteenth century: Pius VII. from 1800 to 1823; Leo XII. from 1823 to 1829; Pius VIII. from 1829 to 1830; Gregory XVI. from 1830 to 1846; Pius IX. from 1846 to 1878; Leo XIII., the present Supreme Pontiff, elected February 20, 1878.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

CONCERT AT PALMERSTON NORTH.

A concert and social were given in the Theatre Royal, Palmerston North, on March 18, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, when there was an unusually large audience present, many persons having to be content with standing room. The entertainment (says the *Manawatu Times*) was in every respect a marked success, the arrangements being carried out in a way which reflected great credit on Rev. Father Tymons, Messrs. W. Gamble, M. Hickey, Hanlon, J. Rodgers, Dallow, D. O'Reilly, and others who assisted. The theatre was decorated with evergreens and flags, an Irish flag with golden harp occupying the place of honor. The first portion of the entertainment consisted of a concert, in connection with which a very attractive programme was presented. The vocal items found great favor with the audience, particularly the Irish national airs, which were warmly applauded. Special mention must be made of the singing of the Convent pupils—Misses Oliver, Scanlon, Oakley, and Chandler, the artistic manner in which these young ladies rendered their contributions being evidence of the admirable tuition they have received from Sister Mary Augustine, of the local convent. The concert was one of the most enjoyable of its class that has been given for some time past, and the performers well deserved the warm encomiums they received from the audience. Following were the items given:—Fantasia, 'Irish Airs,' piano, Mr. Tombs; song, 'Killarney,' Mrs. W. Kendall; song, 'Molly bawn,' Mr. F. Rodgers; duet, 'Has sorrow thy young days shaded,' Misses Oliver and Scanlon; song, 'The minstrel boy,' Mr. V. Dallow; song, 'The last rose of summer,' Miss Hickey; song, 'The dear little shamrock,' Mr. Butt (encored); song, 'Rich and rare,' Miss Scanlon; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. A. Bennett (encored); trio, 'The young May moon,' Misses Oliver, Oakley, and Chandler; song, 'The low-backed car,' Mr. W. Gamble (encored); song, 'Believe me if all those endearing young charms,' Miss Oliver; song, 'O Erin my country,' Miss R. Oakley; song, 'Robert Emmett,' Mr. T. Rodgers; Irish jig, Mr. J. Hurley (encored).

Those who patronised the gathering were loud in their praise of the excellent evening's entertainment arranged by the members of St. Patrick's Church.

SPORTS AT KAIKOURA.

Though the weather was very unfavorable on Monday (says the *Kaikoura Star*) there was a large attendance at the St. Patrick's Day sports held in Mr. H. Harris's pretty grounds. The sharpness of the chilly wind was nullified by the warmth of the welcome extended to visitors by the 'sons and daughters' of the patron saint. This was very hearty. The Rev. Father Golden was very prominent, both in his greetings to adults and the attention he paid to the juveniles. He was unceasing throughout the day in keeping the children amused. Though he missed the assistance of Mr. Morgan, he found ready and valuable helpers in Messrs Barton, Maddocks, H. Harnett, Adair, Burland. The more prominent of the sports officials were Messrs. J. Kerr, W. Cooke, W. Smith, and B. Burland. Others who did good work were Messrs. H. Montague, J. W. Smith, J. M. Hailes, P. Keenan, Garrett (2), J. Keehan, P. McSwiggan, S. Chisnall, and S. O'Donnell. Of the lady helpers it may be said 'their name was legion.' Mesdames O'Donnell, Cur-tain, Maddock, Garrett, Keenan, Keehan and Kerr, with the Misses Chapman, Daly, Hill, Gallagher (2), Sedgwick, and Peoples dispensed refreshments, and Mrs. Bell and the Misses Smith (2) and Gallagher had charge of a stall, which also proved an attraction. The brass band, under Mr. King's leadership, provided a liberal programme of musical items, which met with appreciation. The various athletic events were well contested.

SPORTS AT TIMARU.

(From our own correspondent).

March 25.

The annual sports meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Association took place in the South Canterbury A.A. Club grounds on Monday, March 18. Despite the fact that wind and rain prevailed throughout the day, the gathering was a most successful one financially, the attendance being good considering the weather. The procession starting from the old bank corner was the largest of its kind ever seen in Timaru, and the streets were lined with crowds of spectators to witness it. The officials and members of the association numbering about 100, headed by the Battalion Band, were followed by the Highland pipers. The rear consisted of about 24 men, the South Canterbury quota of the Seventh Contingent for South Africa under Staff Sergeant-Major Jones, followed by several in Highland costume, the whole procession marching to stirring Irish national airs, and creating quite a complete suspension of business. The ground was reached about 1 p.m., and the different committees set to work with a will to get a lengthy programme through in the time at their disposal. The special aim of the association this year was to cater for

running, jumping, dancing, etc., and give those events the extra encouragement which cycling events had previously received. The result showed that it was a step in the right direction, as the entries for those events were more numerous than any previously received. The cycling events—three in number—were also well contested, and in those, as well as in the running events, the finishes were extremely close and interesting. A special event was added to the programme for the men of the Seventh Contingent (120yds race), in which Trooper Tennent received first prize, Trooper Spring second, and Trooper Cook third. The prize money was freely subscribed on the grounds. The stewards and officers of the association worked well getting the events off to time, and not a hitch occurred during the afternoon. The stewards, in accordance with a resolution passed at a previous meeting, wore a black ribbon in their rosettes as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Jeremiah Egan who was one of the first and most enthusiastic members of the association. The Irish dancing was very good, and a special prize of £1 is having been offered for the best costume, a noticeable and pleasing improvement resulted. The sports came to a conclusion at 5 p.m. in miserable weather, a happy and good-humored spirit however prevailing. The genial president, Mr. H. Geaney, and Mr. D. Mahoney, the late president, were almost ubiquitous, and to their excellent supervision and energy the success of the meeting is mainly due.

To wind up the day's celebrations an Irish National concert was held in the Assembly Rooms, and was well attended. Mr. Langdon's orchestra contributed a selection of popular Irish National Airs. His Worship the Mayor (Mr. J. Hole) took the chair, and the Seventh Contingent recruits occupied seats in the front of the stage. Mr. Gilchrist opened with the ever popular 'Dear little shamrock,' his encore number being 'Eileen alannah.' 'Kathleen mavourneen' by Mrs. Lynch was received with deafening applause, her encore number ('Ashthore') being similarly treated. Mr. J. Rodgers, the popular cornet soloist, in his fantasia, 'Bohemian Girl,' well merited the recall which he received. Miss Stevenson in the 'Mother's choice' richly deserved the encore, but didn't respond, and Mrs. Sommerville similarly declined the compliment after singing very sweetly 'Terence's farewell.' The comic element was supplied by Messrs. Bennetts and Crawford, who were encored. Mr. Jefferson never sang to such advantage as he did in Kipling's 'Wearing of the green,' which fairly brought down the house. 'Off to Philadelphia' was the encore number. Miss Emma Campbell sang 'Dreen' very sweetly, and items by Mr. Duncan McDonald and Miss Smith (encored) brought a pleasing programme to a close. During the interval the Mayor, on behalf of the Association, welcomed the members of the Seventh Contingent, and made some flattering remarks as to their pluck and valor in being ready to lay down their lives for their King and country. The recruits, having to leave, then rose in a body and gave three cheers for the St. Patrick's Sports Association. Mr. Sidney Wolf played the accompaniments in finished style.

SPORTS AND CONCERT AT LAWRENCE.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated at Lawrence by a sports gathering and concert on Monday. The weather was fine, and notwithstanding counter attractions the attendance at the sports was satisfactory. The various events were well contested, and the officials are to be complimented on the success of the gathering as a whole.

The concert in the evening (says the *Tuapeka Times*) attracted a large assemblage, the building being packed. The programme, which consisted of 10 items followed by a comedy entitled 'An Irish engagement,' was opened by a pianoforte selection by Miss Woods, which was played with her customary skill. The next item was a song by Mr. J. McLean, rendered with fine effect and warmly applauded. Mrs. King, who was cordially received, was given an enthusiastic encore for her capital rendering of 'Paddy,' and in response gave a patriotic song which met with much favor from the audience. Mr. J. J. Woods, an old-time favorite with Lawrence playgoers, met with a hearty reception, and for his rendering (in character) of the jockey song, 'I ride to win,' received a prolonged encore, to which, however, he declined to accede. Mr. T. J. Anthony's comic song, into which he infused much genuine humor, occasioned a good deal of hearty laughter and, as a matter of course, he had to respond to an encore. Mr. A. Campbell, who met with a flattering reception, gave a very nice rendering of 'The dear little shamrock,' for which he was warmly applauded, and in the recitation, 'Ordered to the front,' a martial piece having its origin in the South African war, Mr. L. Pastorelli acquitted himself very creditably. Mr. J. J. Woods was very happy in the song and dance, 'The big sunflower,' and was again loudly applauded, and Mrs. King sang with appropriate feeling 'Rory darling,' for which she was deservedly applauded. The first part of the programme concluded with the duet or, to speak more accurately, the dialogue 'The two Micks in town,' by Messrs. E. Kehoe and J. Dee, in which there was a considerable flavor of humor. Mr. Anthony, as 'Tim Rafferty,' was the central figure of the comedy, and showed himself to be the possessor of a considerable fund of humor as well as a very capable impersonator of character, and he succeeded in keeping the audience in the best of humor. Mr. Pastorelli, as 'Mr. Bulfinch,' made a very good representative of the irritable old gentleman of a type but rarely seen to-day, whilst Mr. Dee fitted well into the minor part of 'Mr. McCarthy'; Miss S. Smith acted the part of 'Julia Bulfinch,' very capably; Miss W. Heffernan as 'Norah' answered all the demands made on her, and Mr. J. McLean filled the bill as 'Captain Foxglove.' Everything ran very smoothly during the evening, and the audience appeared to be well pleased with the entertainment provided for them. Miss Woods played the accompaniments, and, needless to say, pleased both performers and audience.