

at this stall are from Liberty's, London, and include many choice articles.

No. 3, Canada and Scotland: Mrs. Bolton and Mrs. Keefe; assistants—Misses Saunders, Waters, Kersley, Quinn, Sullivan, Davis, Cosgrove, Gallagher (2), Corliss, Twohill, Henrys, Hutchison, Reston (2), Lane, McArdle, McSherry, Bannister (2), Taylor, Flanagan, Williams. Among the goods exhibited is an Irish linen quilt in Tenerife work, which was worked by the nuns at Tenerife; also some choice specimens of wood carving, fancy work, painting, etc.

At No. 1 stall, India and Africa, Mesdames E. Gibbs, Duignan, and Vincent preside, the assistants being Misses McManaway, T. McManaway, M. McDonald, Queenie Vincent, Kuchen. This stall has a fine display of articles of furniture, hand-painted mirrors, wood carving, oil paintings, point-lace work, Indian work, etc., and two life-size dolls beautifully dressed.

The tea kiosk is in charge of Miss Rigg, assisted by Mrs. Kelly, Misses Redmond (2), Ahearne (2), Butler, Collins, Sheridan, Casey, Young, Fitzgerald, Corrigan, Maginnity, Twohill (2), Sullivan (2).

The Wellington Gas Company has a stall where exhibitions of cooking are given on one of Fletcher's gas ranges. The illuminations, which the Gas Company have installed, are quite a feature of the bazaar, and attract considerable attention. On Monday evening the drillshed was crowded, when the grand spectacular display, 'Britannia's call to arms,' was given by 250 performers under Signor Borzoni. The centre of the drillshed was reserved for the performers, and seating accommodation has been provided along the sides of the hall for the public. The programme began with the arrival in camp of the Imperial soldiers, in which the regiments, carrying garlands of flowers, took part. The Horse Guards, Gordon Highlanders, Irish Fusiliers, Bengal Lancers, African Hussars, Canadian Dragoons, Australian Admirals, and New Zealand naval officers were each represented. The striking dresses of the performers presented a brilliant spectacle. A creditable performance by a number of juvenile 'Basutos,' who infused plenty of dash into their movements, was highly appreciated. A Canadian Polacco and a Spanish Bolero are the most intricate of the dances, and are given in a most graceful manner by the young ladies taking part. The concluding number of the first part of the programme is the March to Pretoria, in which the combined forces are again assembled and are put through a number of evolutions. Quite a dazzling picture is here presented when Mr. J. W. Henderson sings 'The children of the Empire' and Britannia, represented by Miss Mowatt, is drawn in a triumphal car through the ranks of her numerous followers. National dances are also given, the encores of each evening testifying to their popularity. The attendances have been very large, and the success of the carnival is assured.

DIocese of Christchurch.

(From our own correspondent.)

April 20.

The Very Rev. Father Keogh, S.M., Rector of St. Patrick's College, is at present in Christchurch.

The Rev. Father Hogan, of Dookie, Victoria, made a short stay whilst passing through the city on his way homeward.

A bazaar in aid of the Hawarden parish undertakings was opened at Amberley on last Friday evening, and was continued on Saturday.

Dr. Crooke, medical superintendent of the Christchurch Hospital, presided at the Pro-Cathedral organ morning and evening on Sunday.

A church parade of the Permanent Artillery was held at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, when a detachment under Lieut-Colonel Hume attended the 11 o'clock Mass. During the course of his sermon the Rev. Father O'Connell made appropriate allusion to the life and duties of a soldier.

There was a successful sale of work and musical entertainment in the Midland salerooms, Sockburn, on last Thursday evening, in aid of St. Mary's presbytery building fund. An attractive programme, under the direction of Mr. H. Rossiter, was contributed to by Misses N. Slattery, M. Cahill, Messrs Dillon, J. Shanley, J. Cameron, W. Inkstone, and J. Mackay. The Rev. Father Marnane cordially thanked the performers and the ladies of Hornby for their generous assistance, the monetary benefit to the object of their efforts being considerable.

A bazaar was opened in the Hanmer Public Hall on Easter Monday evening and continued on the following Tuesday, to help in providing funds for the erection of a Catholic church in this increasingly-popular health resort. The Rev. Fathers Hyland (Bangiora) and Price (Hawarden) were in attendance, and amongst those who took part in the bazaar work and musical arrangements were Mrs. A. Mead, Mrs. and Miss Bryant (Christchurch), Mrs. Early (Temuka), and Miss O'Carroll (Hawarden), all of whom journeyed up for the occasion. Mrs. P. Selig, of Christchurch, who was a visitor at the Springs, performed splendid work both at the bazaar and in her efforts towards inducing patronage from without, and, together with Mr. Selig, who rendered valuable assistance, is worthy of very warm thanks. Mr. Smith, of Wellington, enlivened the proceedings with his graphophone. Those taking part in the event speak in terms of gratitude for the universal kindness extended towards them by the residents of Hanmer, notably Mr. and Mrs. Hood. A sum of about £50 was realised in aid of the object of their endeavors.

An open air carnival and bazaar arranged by the parishioners of Leeston, under the direction of the Rev. Father Goggan, in aid of the local church requirements, was held on the Leeston Recreation Grounds, commencing on last Saturday week and continued on Easter Monday. The attendance was very satisfactory throughout, especially on the general holiday. The attractions included the usual stalls, booths, and side shows, the Ellesmere Brass Band supplying the requisite music. The proceeds were upwards of £100, the success of the undertaking being mainly attributable to Mr. F. J. Holley, who was an energetic honorary secretary, and the committee of management. At the wind-up of the carnival the balance of the goods not sold privately was auctioned. The various attractions were presided over as follows:—Refreshment booth, Mrs. Bohan; fancy goods stall (No. 1), Mesdames Thos. Holley, F. J. Holley, and A. Fay; No. 2 stall, Mesdames John O. Boyle, J. Holley, Mrs. McCloy, and Miss M. Fay and the Misses O'Boyle (3); flower and produce stall, Mesdames Dierck and Stapleton and Miss Stapleton; bran pie, Miss O'Boyle and Miss Bohan; fishing pond, Misses M. and N. O'Boyle; Aunt Sally, Messrs. T. Holley and J. Flanagan; phonograph, Mr. R. E. Brooke. Messrs. Scott and Brown, electrical engineers, Christchurch, installed a good electric light display, lighting up the grounds all over. A programme of bicycle and athletic events, and children's sports was gone through on Easter Monday afternoon, thereby adding a varied interest to the proceedings.

ST. ANDREWS.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

April 19.

In the quiet little township of St. Andrews, situated 12 miles south of Timaru, the public at large and travellers by train for some time back have noticed the erection of a church not more than a hundred yards from the railway station. The foundation stone was laid by his Lordship Bishop Grimes six months ago. It is now complete, and certainly 'a thing of beauty.' The style is purely Gothic, with its pointed arches. The walls are of brick, cemented, which gives it the appearance of stone. Considering the locality, its dimensions and seating capacity are everything to be desired. It is capable of accommodating twice the number of the present congregation. Three hundred, at least, could find seating room within it. It contains a porch, bellry, and sacristy. The walls being 18ft. high give it a commanding appearance from a distance, beyond that of its compeers. It is very handsomely finished, and reflects the greatest credit on all who had a share in its erection, especially the architect and builders. The congregation have been hearing Mass for the past 10 years in the public schoolroom, waiting patiently, contributing generously, and looking forward anxiously to the day when they could offer better accommodation to 'The Master.' At first a mere handful, they are now a fair-sized congregation, owing to the local operation of the Land Settlement Act. And they are justly proud of their united efforts in raising to God a monument which, if not the best of its kind, is, to say the least, very creditable. His Lordship Bishop Grimes has kindly consented to bless and solemnly open the sacred edifice on the first Sunday of May (the 3rd prox.). This happy event has been long and lovingly looked forward to by the little congregation—pinched and crushed in a small schoolroom surrounded by wall-pictures of all the animal life that flourished at the time of the flood, and of many creatures of the present day, which may be helpful to learning, but certainly not to devotion and contemplation. I need not add then that the 3rd of May is going to be a red-letter day for the Catholics of St. Andrews, and their feelings are growing stronger as the noise and bustle of the workmen grows weaker.

AKAROA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The 'Akaroa Mail,' of April 15, gives an interesting account of a very successful concert given at the Oddfellows Hall, Akaroa, on Easter Monday by the children of the convent school. The object of the concert was to liquidate the debt on the beautiful new school recently erected on the church grounds by the Rev. Dr. Kennedy. The Oddfellows' Hall was crowded by an enthusiastic and appreciative audience—the largest audience for years past. The s.s. Piraki, which was running special trips to the bays, brought in a number of friends, who had some difficulty in finding seats. Mr. Ingram acted as stage manager. The programme was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Mitchell; violin solo, Miss Winnie Harbey; songs by Mrs. Ingram and Miss F. Lyons; violin duet by Misses O. Le Ijevre and W. Narbey; violin trio ('Grandpa's darlings'), Misses F. Lyons, F. Vangioni, and E. Rodrigues; 'Charity (song with tableau), Miss N. Vangioni; comic duet, Misses F. Lyons and F. Vangioni. The cantata ('The Violet-Sellers') which closed the first part of the programme, was much admired, as the young people acquitted themselves remarkably well and evidently succeeded in pleasing the large audience. The performance concluded with a very amusing farce, entitled, 'Ici on parle Français.' After the entertainment the Rev. Dr. Kennedy addressed the audience, thanking them for their attendance and kind co-operation. He referred to the juvenility of most of the performers and to the efficient manner in which they had, nevertheless, acquitted themselves of their parts. The financial results were