

pick of local talent is included. It will be published in our next issue. The public do not need to be reminded of Miss Blaney's many generous services, and we are sure there will be a crowded house on Friday, July 31st, at his Majesty's Theatre.

On Friday evening, July 10, a very successful entertainment was given by the pupils of the Convent of Mercy, Mosgiel, in the Volunteer Hall. Although the weather was very inclement still there was a crowded attendance. At eight o'clock sharp the curtain was drawn, and the stage, which had been artistically decorated, presented the appearance of a drawing room. The opening piece was a duet on two pianos, 'Diabelli in D,' which was rendered very tastefully by Misses Wilkie, Rankin, Monyhan, and Hawke. This was followed by a chorus, 'Moonlight on the lake,' in four parts, with organ and violin accompaniment. The members of St. Mary's choir were greeted with long and loud applause. Next came a great treat, the 'Marche aux Flambeaux,' by Master Wilkie and Miss Mears (1st violins), Master Thompson and Miss Tonner (2nd violins), Miss Walton (organ), Misses Wilkie and Hawke (pianos). The gem of the evening was a comic song, 'Mr. Mulcahy, Esq.' (in costume), by Masters Wilkie and Hawke. It fairly brought down the house. The pianoforte trio, 'Scottish airs,' by Misses Cahill, Dodd, and Cheyne, Miss Wilkie (organ), and Master Wilkie (violin), was very capably played. The dialogue, 'Little mothers,' by Misses O'Donnell, Walshe, and Harty, and a very interesting item. A pianoforte solo, 'Highland gems,' by Miss Walton, was played with taste. The Juvenile Minstrel Troup then appeared on the stage and sang 'Keep in the middle of the road' in a manner which would have done credit to adults. The boys then displayed their elocutionary abilities in a manner which quite surprised the audience. 'The Gipsy laughing chorus' (in costume) was quite a novelty. The solos, which were sung by Miss L. Hawke (gipsy king), and Miss M. O'Donnell (gipsy queen), were very well given. This ended the first part of the programme. The second part opened with Blake's 'Grand March,' by Miss Walton (organ), Misses Wilkie and Hawke (pianos), Master Wilkie and Miss Mears (1st violins), and Master Thompson and Miss Tonner (2nd violins). The Juvenile Minstrel Troupe again put in an appearance, and went very cleverly through some of their amusing performances. A pianoforte duet, 'Trovatore' (two pianos), was well played by Misses Wilkie, Thompson, Hawke, and Monyhan. The 'Nightingale and the rose,' a very pretty chorus, brought the musical part of the programme to a close. Rev. Father O'Neill then made a brief speech, in which he thanked those present for their attendance, and congratulated the performers on the excellent entertainment they had provided. The last item was a farce, 'Ici on parle Francais.' In this Miss N. Mehalski, who took the part of Mr. Spriggins, deserves special mention for the able manner in which she acted. Miss A. Mears also deserves a word of praise. Throughout the evening Misses Walton and Wilkie acted as accompanists. Among those present were Rev. Fathers Ryan, Delany, and O'Neill.

KOZIE TEA CASH BONUSES. Results of first distribution closed 21st May, 1903.—

1st Bonus, £10, cash, goes to Convent of Mercy, Hokitika; 2nd, £5, Mrs. W. Simpson Jun., Arno; 3rd, £3, Miss Fitzgerald, Waimihini; 4th, £2, Mrs. W. Lockhart, Milton; 5th, £1, Mrs. A. Hewitson Jun., Milton; 6th, 10s, Miss McMurtrie, Milton; 7th, 10s, Miss G. Paulin, Opoho; 8th, 10s, Miss M. Hunter, Caversham; 9th, 10s, Mrs. Gunn, Chatto Creek; 10th, 5s, Miss Ida Mills, Dunback; 11th, 5s, Miss Myrtle Curtis, Westport; 12th, 5s, Miss M. Hay, Invercargill; 13th, 5s, Mr. A. Singer, Hokitika; 14th, 5s, Miss E. Shipman, Balfour; 15th, 5s, Mr. Regie Harter, Poverty Bay; 16th, 5s, Mr. J. Feely, Timaru; 17th, 5s, Mrs. Johnstone, Nelson. The next distribution closes on the 30th November, and coupons must be sent in not later than 7th December. Remember the first three bonuses are £5 each, and the tea is the best and most economical in the world, retailed at 1s 6d, 1s 9d, and 2s per lb. Golden Tipped Kozie, a specially fine high grown tea, at 2s 6d, is superb. Notice change in the distribution of bonuses.—So as to give all a good chance of securing a substantial cash bonus, we have decided to withdraw the first and second bonuses of £10 and £5 and to substitute three bonuses of £5 each to go to the consumers sending in coupons representing the three largest quantities of Kozie Tea. The other bonuses will remain unchanged. We have checked the coupons returned to Messrs W. Scouler and Co. for first Kozie Tea distribution of cash bonuses, and certify that the above is a correct list of the winners.—(Signed) Barr, Leary, and Co., Auditors, Dunedin, June 10th, 1903.—***

Popular appreciation is a great test of the worth of anything, and as Red Cross Ointment has been for 20 years on the market and is every day increasing in popularity it is proof positive that it possesses all the qualities that are claimed for it by the sole proprietor, Mr. Peter Dutton, of Auckland. All wholesale houses stock it....

Religious Profession at Gisborne

July 18.

A ceremony of religious profession (writes an occasional correspondent) took place at the Convent of Mercy, Gisborne, last Thursday. The novices admitted to profession were: Miss Julia McCarthy (in religion Sister Mary Aloysius), youngest daughter of Mrs. T. McCarthy, Greymouth, and Miss Elizabeth Cowan (in religion Sister Catherine), daughter of Mr. L. Cowan, Athlone, County Westmeath, Ireland. The beautiful music incidental to the solemn ceremony of religious profession was rendered by the convent choir. Rev. Fathers Mulvihill and Lane officiated.

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In consequence of the unusual pressure on our space several reports are unavoidably held over till next issue and others appear in a necessarily condensed form.

PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT

The debate on the Address-in-Reply was resumed on Tuesday in the House, and continued during the week. The discussion became very monotonous towards the end, and nearly everyone save those who had not had an opportunity of airing their views would have much pleasure in seeing it brought to a close several days earlier. As it was, 72 members, out of a House of 100, succeeded in getting their views on many and various subjects into 'Hansard,' and it is doubtful if the words of wisdom which fell from the lips of our legislators will have any very appreciable effect in shaping public opinion. In fact nearly the whole of the speeches delivered were more remarkable for quantity than quality.

A number of Auckland residents and several legislators met in the House during the week and made a presentation to Mr. W. T. Jennings, member for Egmont, for his wife, of a lady's gold watch (suitably inscribed) and chain. The articles were the gift of the Auckland branch of the New Zealand Natives' Association and of personal friends, and were intended as an expression of the satisfaction of the donors at Mr. Jennings's election to the House. The Hon. J. Carroll acted as spokesman.

Messrs A. and T. Inglis, the well-known drapers of George street, Dunedin, have an important notice with regard to their annual colossal sale in this issue...

According to their usual custom at this season of the year, Messrs Duthie Bros, the old-established drapers of George street, Dunedin, are now clearing out seasonable lines so as to make room for their new stock. To do this as expeditiously as possible they have made substantial reductions in all departments, and as a further inducement will give all cash purchasers of twenty shillings worth of goods a discount of 2s in the £. The sale will only last four weeks.

Now is the season for waterproofs, and any of our readers requiring such a necessary article of clothing cannot do better than visit the New Zealand Clothing Factory, which has branches in every centre of the Colony. The New Zealand Clothing Factory makes a speciality of these goods, and in case a customer is hard to fit a coat will be made to measure at very short notice...

Mr. J. W. Copithorne, of Ingestre street, Wellington, is an expert brass, orchestral, and military band instrument repairer, and his work has been highly praised by many of the leading bandmasters of New Zealand. He is prepared to tune and repair organs and pianos at very moderate rates, and give the fullest satisfaction to all patrons. Brass instruments which were quite useless and apparently battered out of shape have, under his skilful manipulation, been made to look as good as new....

One of the most comfortable and best appointed hotels in Dunedin is the Crown in Rattray street, which has been conducted for many years with such marked success by Mr. P. Keligher. The accommodation for visitors and boarders is unsurpassed, the bedrooms being all commodious and comfortable, whilst the dining and other rooms are all that could be desired. The sanitary arrangements are according to the most modern ideas, whilst fire escapes and other requirements are in accordance with the regulations of the public authorities. The Crown has been, ever since Mr. Keligher has become proprietor, noted for its excellent table, the mid-day luncheon being a special feature of the establishment. For country visitors and travellers the Crown has first-class accommodation, and will be found most convenient, situated as it is in the very heart of the business portion of the city, and within two minutes walk of the Post Office, the banks, and the principal warehouses....