

NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

It will be interesting to many (says the 'Otago Daily Times') in view of possible prohibition, to learn that the favorite temperance drink, sarsaparilla and ginger ale, contains a certain proportion of alcohol. It was disclosed by the analysis obtained in connection with court proceedings on Thursday that this medicine contains a fairly good percentage of proof spirits, which will explain the demand for it in certain districts where thirsts are long and drinks 'soft.'

On Sunday last the popular pastor of Hastings, Very Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Church, among the clergy present on the occasion being the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., Provincial of the Marist Fathers in New Zealand. The popular and justly esteemed jubilarian was not only the recipient of many congratulations and other tokens of goodwill from the assembled clergy and his own parishioners, but also received numerous telegrams conveying the good wishes and congratulations of the senders from all parts of the Colony.

A public meeting in connection with the proposed monster bazaar and spectacular display in aid of the Stoke Orphanage rebuilding fund was held on Thursday night in St. Mary's Hall (says the Nelson 'Colonist'). The Rev. Father G. Mahoney, who presided, said it was proposed to hold the bazaar and spectacular display about the middle of next February. He said they could not have a more deserving object to work for than providing a suitable home for the poor lads. It was also intended that the new orphanage building should be a memorial to the late Dean Mahoney, who had labored zealously for a number of years in the cause of the orphans. Providing a home for the orphans was a work of Christian charity, and the proposal that that home should be a memorial to the much-lamented Dean Mahoney was one that, he felt sure, would make all work heart and soul for all efforts put forward in aid of the building fund. He felt sure all would strive to make the bazaar a success, also the spectacular display, which would be under the management of Signor Borzoni, who had had much experience in getting up such displays. The bazaar would entail a large expenditure of time, thought, and labor. Those taking part in the spectacular display would have to find their own costumes and dresses, but he had been assured those would not be very expensive. Mr. C. A. Seymour was appointed secretary of the undertaking, and the following were chosen as a committee:—Mesdames Burnes and Redmond, Misses Frank, Bunney, Duff, and M. Driscoll; Messrs. A. P. Burnes, L. Frank, B. Crisp, Redmond, H. Seymour, and G. Frank. A large number of names were handed in of ladies who would assist with the stalls of the bazaar.

The late Mr. Daniel Dennehy, of Charleston, whose death was reported in our last issue, had an adventurous career since his arrival in the colonies in 1851. Immediately on reaching Melbourne he started for the goldfields, spending three years at Castlemaine, Bendigo, and Ballarat. In 1859 he was attracted by the gold rush at Fitzroy River, Queensland, but after 12 months spent in that district he returned to Melbourne, where it was reported that gold had been discovered in Otago. He sailed for Dunedin early in 1861, and was one of the first to commence operations at Gabriel's Gully. After spending three years on the Otago diggings at Arrow, Maori Point, Dunstan, Queenstown, etc., he left for the West Coast by Whitcombe Pass and the Cannibal Gorge, and on arriving there began his search for the precious metal at Waimea (Goldsborough). From there he followed the various rushes to Teremakau, Bruce Bay, etc. In 1865 he, with seven others, chartered a little ketch and started for Constant Bay on a prospecting expedition, but being unable to land there proceeded further on to Woodpecker Bay, and from there proceeded overland to Charleston, where they remained only for a few weeks, returning to Hokitika, where they sold the first gold procured at the Charleston diggings. In 1866 the late Mr. Dennehy left for Melbourne, where he was married soon after his arrival. Returning to the West Coast he spent some years at Reefton, Addison's Flat, and Staffordtown, and in 1870 he proceeded to Coromandel, but returned to Charleston the following year, where he resided until his death. The deceased was a practical Catholic and was a member of the Charleston branch of the I.A.C.B. Society since its formation in 1869, which was the first started in this Colony. The deceased leaves a widow, five sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

At this season everybody is liable to Coughs and Colds. Avoid all danger by taking TUSSICURA.—***

Southland News Notes

(From our own correspondent.)

A magazine club has been formed at Rakahouka church by the Rev. Father Lynch, and is likely to be well supported, as already about 30 per cent of the congregation are members. It is his intention, I believe, to form a literary and debating society there later on, and judging from the interest taken in the club it should meet with every success.

A small bazaar and art union are to be held in the convent school on the 23rd and 24th of next month to raise funds to pay for the recent improvements to the school.

A sad and sudden death occurred on Wednesday last, when Mr. J. Murphy, traveller for Messrs. J. G. Ward and Co., fell from the train near Lumsden and was killed. Deceased was highly respected and was well known and very popular throughout Southland.

PALMERSTON NORTH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 23.

St. Patrick's branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was duly opened by the Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C., the District President, assisted by Bros. Aloysius Dallow, of Wellington, and James B. Carr, Melbourne, on Sunday afternoon. Great interest and enthusiasm were evinced throughout. To judge from the remarks of the Hon. D.P. the lodge starts stronger in members than has ever before been the case in New Zealand, some twenty-five being initiated, while fully as many country members who intended being present when at church in the morning, were deterred by the terrible storms that began at mid-day and continued raging all the afternoon, making travelling impossible. The following officers were elected and began their duties there and then:—President, Rev. Father P. Tymons; secretary, Bro. Aloysius V. Dallow; treasurer and chaplain, Rev. Father Bowden; vice-president, Bro. F. Herring; sick visitors, Bros. T. Norris and J. Purcell; warden, Bro. J. Minogue; guardian, Bro. L. Hanlon; trustees, Bros. J. Hickey, T. Norris, and F. O'Donnell; auditors, F. Oakley and P. Feeney.

The new president thanked those present for the honor conferred on him that day, saying, in a few well-chosen remarks, that he hoped they would all co-operate with him in making it a very strong and exemplary lodge, and in thanking the Hon. Mr. Beehan for coming to open it.

The social and concert held in the Theatre Royal were a pronounced success in every way, and a substantial amount now stands to start the coming bazaar in aid of the convent fund. The following contributed towards the concert programme:—Instrumental item, by Messrs. Cornwall Bros. and Burt; 'Hark to the mandoline,' by Misses C. Rush and Coles; 'Maid of Athens,' by Mr. V. D. Dallow, both these items being well received. Miss C. Rush gave a good rendition of 'The swallows,' responding to a well-merited encore with 'Mignon.' The trio, 'With a laugh as we go,' by Misses Rush, Oakley, and Coles was loudly applauded. The Rev. Father Lacroix contributed two vocal items, besides a number of selections on his graphophone. 'Believe me,' by Mr. T. Rodgers was also well appreciated; the mandoline duet 'Bocaccio,' by Cornwall Bros., bringing a lengthy programme to a close. Misses Scanlon and O'Connor supplied the accompaniments.

PORTRAITS ON CARDS, SUITABLE FOR FRAMING, OF PIUS X. AND LEO XIII., 7d EACH, POST FREE. SEND STAMPS.

At the June quarterly meeting of the Central Council of the Catholic Truth Society of Scotland, Major-General Lord Ralph Kerr, K.C.B., occupied the chair. The editorial committee's statement, the treasurer's report, and the arrangements for the annual demonstration of the Society were the chief items on the agenda paper. The editorial committee resolved to petition the Bishops of Scotland to allow them to curtail the commission of the censor, which at present enables him to deal with questions of literary opinion and taste as well as with matters of faith. Though the committee themselves originally conceded this power, they now find that its exercise greatly hampers its work. They, therefore, wish to limit the scope of the censor to the domain of 'faith and morals' alone. The treasurer's report showed that the Society had a balance on hand of £134 2s 3d.