

once, Miss Strangman; 'A yarn or two,' Mr. Marcus Marks; song, 'The wearing of the green,' Mrs. Allen; dance, 'Irish jig,' Miss O'Leary; quartet, 'Simple Simon,' Messrs. Newton, Kenny, Twiss, and Blundell; song, 'My own land,' Miss Madge Higgins; song (humorous), 'The Irish orchestra,' Mr. D. Kenny; part song, 'Irish reel' and 'God save Ireland,' convent pupils; song, 'The minstrel boy,' Mrs. Allen; violin solo, 'Irish airs,' Miss Strangman; song, 'The dear little shamrock,' Miss C. Moroney; 'Any old thing,' Mr. A. Newton; song, 'Off to Philadelphia,' Mr. F. Twiss; song, 'Believe me,' Miss M. Higgins; quartet, 'Little Tommy went a-fishing,' Messrs. Newton, Twiss, Kenny, and Blundell; dance, Mr. J. Brandon; song, 'Alexander's rag-time band,' Mrs. F. Twiss and Wellingtonians. The accompaniments were played by Misses Lee, Shanly, McGrath, Mrs. O'Reilly, and Mr. Kenny. Mr. Duggan briefly thanked the performers for their assistance, and also stated that thanks were due to Mr. J. Higgins, of Napier, for the loan of the Irish flag, which was displayed on the stage. The proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

FOXTON.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A most enjoyable time was spent in the Coronation Hall, Foxton, on St. Patrick's Night. Much credit is due to the zealous pastor (Rev. D. P. Cronin) and his co-workers, especially Mr. J. Golder, who organised the concert. The entertainment consisted of a concert followed by a social. The concert items were contributed by local talent and the children of the convent school. Many of the items were encored, one of them being Gounod's 'Ave Maria,' rendered by forty voices, accompanied by the orchestra. Supper was supplied by the ladies of the congregation.

GISBORNE.

(From our own correspondent.)

March 21.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in Gisborne with an illustrated lecture on 'Ireland,' given in the Opera House. The various scenes were ably and graphically described by the Rev. Father Lane, who received a hearty reception on his first public appearance since his return from Ireland. Musical items were given by Mrs. P. Barry and Mr. Grant Down. St. Mary's Choir sang 'A nation once again' at the conclusion of the lecture. Miss M. Neill played the accompaniments, and the Opera House Orchestra contributed Irish airs.

On Tuesday Rev. Father Lane gave the school children a treat by repeating the lecture and picture show for their benefit. The St. Patrick's sports were postponed, and will be held on Easter Monday.

Opunake

From our own correspondent.

Last Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at the Opunake Church.

Now that Rev. Father Harnett has an assistant priest, there will be two Masses each Sunday at Opunake.

Rev. Father Kelly, who has been appointed assistant priest in the Opunake parish, has taken up his duties.

The weather was very inclement for the Catholic social held on St. Patrick's Night, nevertheless, there was a good attendance. An excellent supper was provided by the ladies. The table decorations were in the hands of Miss M. Herlihy, who carried out the work in a highly artistic manner. The ladies' committee, consisting of Mesdames Dudley, Hickey, Callaghan, Misses Green, Fleming, Herlihy, DeCastro, Fennell, Carroll, O'Brien, and Callaghan, worked hard, and the success of the gathering was due to their splendid efforts.

The secretary, Mr. Alan Brennan, had everything in good working order. The proceeds, about £25, are to be devoted to the new church fund.

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