

the half-mile, his time being 1 min 56 sec. The previous record put up by him at the last meeting of the Auckland club, was 1 min 58 1-5 sec in this race.

The national concert in the Town Hall in the evening attracted another large crowd, the big hall, holding 3000 people, being full in all parts. The entertainment was attended by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Liverpool, the Mayor and Mayoress. Patrons had their fill in enjoyment of a typical Irish National programme, and the applause was enthusiastic and frequent throughout the proceedings. Influenced in no small measure by selections on Irish pipes, lent by Mr. Allen Doone, all agreed that the celebrations conclusively demonstrated that the Irish cause has advanced by leaps and bounds in recent times.

The procession to the Domain this morning was watched by thousands in Queen street. The authorities are to be congratulated on the good order maintained throughout the route to the Domain.

On Saturday night last a reunion of Irishmen took place, when it was stated that the St. Patrick's Day of 1913 was the most eventful of hundreds that had gone before, because of the remarkable progress that had been made during the year in connection with the *Homo Rule* movement.

In preparation for the national festival the members of the Hibernian Society approached the Holy Table in large numbers at a special Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday. After Benediction in the evening, at a large gathering in St. Patrick's Presbytery, Very Rev. Dean Lightheart and Mr. Allen Doone were elected life members of the Auckland branch of the Hibernian Society, the initiating ceremony being performed by Bros. Sheahan and Hon. W. Beehan, M.L.C.

The committee and all connected with the carrying out of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations are to be heartily congratulated on the splendid results achieved in the face of the unsuitability of the day, and special praise must be given to the clergy, the Sisters of the various convents, and the Marist Brothers for their indefatigable efforts to bring the carnival to a successful issue. Mr. A. J. Woodby was the sports secretary and Mr. M. J. Sheahan general secretary. Apart from the national sentiment attaching to these gatherings, there is the financial side, and as in years past the proceeds go to swell the fund initiated by the late Bishop Lenihan to provide free education in Catholic schools, it is gratifying to note that the fund will be considerably augmented this year.

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The Irish national concert in Dunedin on St. Patrick's Night has always been a great success both from an artistic and an attendance point of view, and that on Monday night in the Garrison Hall can take rank with the very best that has been given here. Long before eight o'clock patrons began to find their way into the building, and some time before the proceedings began all the seating accommodation of the commodious hall was fully occupied, and late comers had to be content with standing room. A St. Patrick's Night concert, apart altogether from the talent of the performers, is sure to draw a good house, but on this occasion there was the undoubted attraction that the best local talent procurable had been secured. The public thronged the hall in their numbers in the expectation of hearing in every instance a finished interpretation of the most popular items of Irish music, and in this they were not disappointed. It is rarely, if ever, any such concert has reached so high a degree of excellence as that on Monday night. The committee in charge of the arrangements, with the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., as hon. treasurer and Mr. E. W. Spain as hon. secretary, left nothing to chance, and it must be highly gratifying to them that their work was crowned with a success which was well deserved. The concert was opened by the Kaikorai Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Laidlaw, with 'Reminiscences of Ireland,' which was played in a manner that merited the well-deserved applause with which it was received. The

Band also contributed the overture to the second part of the programme with equal success. Mrs. R. A. Power, who received an enthusiastic reception, sang in her customary finished style 'The Kerry dance,' and in reply to an imperative encore, gave 'She is far from the land.' Later on Mrs. Power did full justice to 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' her recall number being 'Home, sweet home.' Miss Daisy Hall gave an artistic rendering of 'Home of my heart,' her encore number being a highly appreciated novelty, 'Moreen,' in the Gaelic language. It is needless to say that this item was received with much enthusiasm. In the second part of the programme Miss Hall sang Moore's 'Has sorrow thy young days shaded' with much feeling and expression, and an undeniable recall following, she gave another Gaelic item, 'An ode to the Irish language.' Mr. Philip Newbury, whose appearance was the signal for long continued applause, brought down the house with his rendering of 'Erin is my own land,' and although he bowed his acknowledgments more than once to a demand for an encore, still the audience would not be satisfied until he responded with 'Oft in the stilly night.' His other programme number was 'The wearin' of the green,' the splendid rendition of which raised the audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm, and to the undeniable recall he responded with 'Eily Mavourneen.' Mr. J. McGrath's selection of patriotic numbers, splendidly rendered, always appeal to the feelings of his audience, and his programme items on this occasion, 'Countrymen, awake,' and 'The West's asleep,' were warmly applauded. His encore numbers were 'For the green' and 'God save Ireland,' the latter being an especially fine item. The ever popular 'Off to Philadelphia' was splendidly sung by Mr. T. J. Hussey, who gave as a recall item 'The low-backed car,' which also met with much favor. A delightful item was 'Come back to Erin' by a double male quartet, consisting of the senior members of the Christian Brothers' Choir—Messrs. F., D., and J. Fogarty, J. Tarleton, J. Stapleton, T. Hughes, F. Yule, and P. Keligher. This was deservedly encored, and they responded with the last verse. The Christian Brothers' Choir, Mr. P. Keligher conducting, and Miss C. Hughes accompanying, were warmly applauded for their rendering of the bracketed items, 'The minstrel boy' and 'The dear little shamrock.' Mr. Keligher is to be warmly complimented on the high state of excellence attained by the choir under his conductorship. Mr. A. Vallis played the accompaniments for the soloists during the evening. The singing of 'God save the King' brought to a conclusion one of the finest St. Patrick's night concerts ever given in Dunedin.

At Vespers at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., preached on St. Patrick, and especially on the results of his labors throughout the ages, and at the present time. The sermon was based on the text 'You have not chosen Me; but I have chosen you; and have appointed you, that you should go, and should bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain' (St. John xv., 16). After dealing briefly with the missionary labors of the Apostle of Ireland, Father Coffey went on to speak of the results of these works as shown not only in Ireland, but also in various countries on the Continent of Europe, where hundreds of churches owed their origin to missionaries from Ireland. Among the saints whom Ireland sent forth, 150 are now honored as patrons of places in Germany, of whom 36 were martyrs; 45 Irish saints are patrons of places in Gaul, of whom six were martyrs; 30 in Belgium, 44 in England, 13 in Italy, and eight in Iceland and Norway. It has been calculated that the ancient Irish monks had thirteen monastic foundations in Scotland, twelve in England, seven in France, twelve in Armorica Gaul, seven in Lotharingia or Lorraine, eleven in Burgundy, nine in Belgium, ten in Alsace, sixteen in Bavaria, six in Italy, and fifteen in Rhetia, Helvetia, and Suevia, besides many in Thuringia and on the Rhine. Father Coffey next referred to the persecution to which the Church was subjected in Ireland by the Norsemen and Danes, and then to the progress made by it between the eleventh

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