

AN EXILE'S HOPES

Och! Health to thee, my Ireland,
The home of shamrocks green.
Och! Luck to thee, dear Ireland,
The sweetest land I've seen.
Hibernia for ever!
Thy lads, their colleens fair!
God bless them all and keep them
From ev'ry wrong and care!

Sure! Soft the sun god smilin',
Lifts up thy purple mist,
And all thy drowsy streamlets
By his warm beams are kiss'd.
Hibernia for ever!
Thy hills, thy mountains high!
God guard that I may see them
Once more before I die.

Faith! Rather than the angels
Would I my Kathleen hear
Sing passin' of a mornin'
With voice so low, so clear.
Hibernia for ever!
Red cloaks and colleens true!
My darlin', smile! for Patrick
Will come sailin' soon to you!

Whist! Down the night shades fallin',
The banshee's wailin's rise;
Whist! Whom is he foretelling'
Before the morning dies?
Hibernia for ever!
Thy fairies one and all,
May they live on for ever,
But, banshee, seldom call!

Ah! Think, if I returnin'
In hopes that I should wed;
Ah! Found, your honor banshee,
My colleen lyin' dead!
Hibernia could never
Relieve my cruel pain,
So, banshee, whist! now, won't ye,
Till I come home again?

ANGELA HASTINGS.

Dunedin.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

July 12.

On Thursday evening a progressive euchre party was held in the school, in aid of the funds of St. Joseph's conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There was a fair attendance.

I am pleased to note a marked increase in the number of subscribers to the *Tablet* in this district. This is due in a great measure to the advocacy of this excellent Catholic journal by the clergy.

Our choir has had an addition of several new voices lately, and a great improvement is expected in the near future.

Owing to numerous requests the Marist Brothers have decided to repeat 'Tarcissius.' It will be held in the Opera House early in September.

The half-yearly meeting of the Hibernian Society was held last Tuesday evening in St. Joseph's Hall, when nearly every member was present. Warden Bro. J. Cronin, who has now recovered from his recent illness, was present at the meeting. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Bro. A. J. Fitzgerald; vice-president, Bro. C. O'Leary; secretary, Bro. W. R. Setter (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. W. McTubbs (re-elected); warden, Bro. D. McAfee; guardian, Bro. A. B. McNaughton; sick visitors, Bros. J. W. E. Miles and E. J. McLachlan (both re-elected); delegates to the Friendly Societies' Council—Bros. W. R. Setter, A. J. Fitzgerald, and W. McTubbs; delegate to the Friendly Societies' Dispensary, Bro. A. J. Fitzgerald; delegates to the parish committee of the

Catholic Federation, Bros. A. McWilliam, P.P., and W. R. Setter. After the meeting the members adjourned to Muller's Tea Rooms, where a smoke concert was arranged in honor of the newly-elected officers. Several representatives of other friendly societies were present. Various toasts were duly honored. Items were contributed by Messrs. A. McWilliam, G. Walton, F. J. Shanly, F. McLean, C. O'Leary, C. Morgan, and Mr. W. Kenny officiated at the piano. A pleasant evening was concluded by the singing of 'Auld lang syne.'

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB, HOKITIKA

(From the club correspondent.)

July 17.

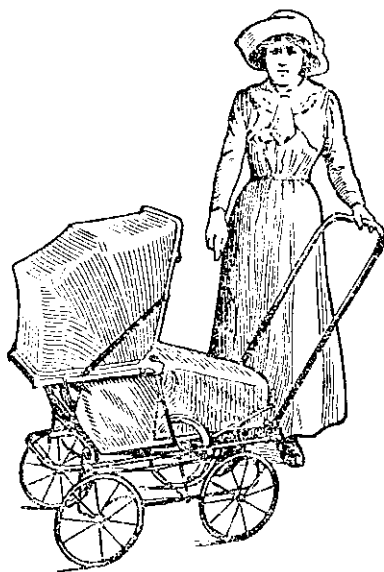
On Tuesday evening last the third of the medal speech compositions was held, when impromptu debates occupied the evening. The Rev. Father Clancy acted as judge, and gave as the subject, 'Is war justifiable?' After an interesting evening, during which many excellent speeches were given, Father Clancy made the following awards:—(1) Mr. G. Wormington (A.), 110 points; Mr. J. Downey (N.), 116—total, 226. (2) Mr. N. Warren (A.), 105; Mr. J. Hanrahan (N.), 95—total, 200. (3) Mr. R. Whitley (A.), 85; Mr. A. Hines (N.), 110—total 195.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Father Clancy was carried by acclamation, after which visitors and competitors sat down to a dainty supper provided by the committee.

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