

Hall on Wednesday, July 27, in aid of the Takapuna Orphanage. The entertainment was a clever blending of singing, elocutionary items, and dancing, suitable costumes enhancing the effect of the performers' efforts, and good music by Miss Beresford's orchestra was greatly appreciated. Various national dances were interpreted in artistic style by Miss Beresford's pupils, solo parts being taken by Vivian Watson, Irene Kelly, Connie Barrie, and Avonia Craig. In a Continental scena, wonderfully pretty dances were introduced, the principal performers being Fay Brookling, Mavis Morgan, and Isola St. Clair. An Indian scene, which concluded the programme, was a striking performance, the soloists being Monte Newton, Nellie Dawson, and Mavis Morgan. Songs were rendered by Mrs. Hanson, Misses Connie Barry and Dora Jenkins, and Mr. McLean. Duos were given by Misses Mollie Burke and Ava Brookling, and Misses Irene Kelly and Vivian Watson, and Misses Thelma Hunter and Rhoda Jenkins. Mr. Les. Watson-rendered monologues, and Mr. Walter Beresford gave an eccentric dance. What became a "star" item occurred during a sung appeal for assistance for the orphanage. Two small girls, one dressed in male evening dress and another in sailor uniform, commenced to gather the coins, which were showered on the stage. These were joined by several other children, one being a tiny tot dressed for a subsequent dance, in the old-fashioned lady's attire of the "wig and powder" age, and the manner in which she chased coins about the stage convulsed the audience.

SELF-DETERMINATION FOR IRELAND LEAGUE, AUCKLAND.

A magnificent demonstration in sympathy with Ireland's just demand for the recognition of her rights and liberties, was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday night, July 13. The hall was crowded in every part, well over 3000 people being in attendance. A splendid reception was accorded the speaker, Mr. Hall-Skelton, who is an Anglican, a New Zealander of Irish parents, and a barrister, a fluent speaker, and the president of the Self-Determination League in the Auckland province. Rapturous applause greeted the speaker as he drove home every point in his soul-stirring and memorable address. The manifesto and other literature of the Self-Determination League were distributed freely to the vast audience. At the conclusion of the address cables were despatched to Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Eamon de Valera advocating Ireland's right to self-determination.

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

August 1.

Mr. Harry Anthony, of the Prisons Department, who has been in charge of the boot manufacturing section of Lyttelton and Paparua prisons during the past seventeen and a half years—14½ years at the former and 3 years at the latter—has just received intimation of his transfer to Invercargill. Mr. Anthony, apart from being very popular among the members of the prison staff, has taken a very active interest in social, national, and religious matters, and will be greatly missed from Canterbury. His numerous friends will wish him every success and prosperity in his new sphere and in the discharge of the onerous duties for the undertaking of which he is being transferred.

The members of the New Headford branch of the H.A.C.B.S. were entertained by St. Patrick's branch in the Hibernian Hall on Tuesday evening at a card match. The visitors added another win to its card records, being the victors by 56 games to 48. Supper was served, speeches were made—that by Bro. Lloyd, founder of the New Headford branch, being especially appreciated—and a musical and elocutionary programme carried out, terminating with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

A sale of work will be opened on Saturday evening next in the old St. Joseph's School, Lower High Street, in aid of

the school funds. Rev. Father Hanrahan, Adm., has exerted an amount of energy in the interests of the venture, and is being ably supported by a strong working committee. The various stalls will be found well stocked with useful articles, and a programme of entertaining items will be given each evening. In the matter of side shows there will be plenty of amusement. It is intended to keep the sale open for a fortnight.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 2.

Rev. Father O'Leary, Marist Missioner, is at present conducting a Retreat for the pupils at the Sacred Heart Convent.

A social was held in the girls' school hall last Thursday, under the auspices of the Celtic Club, the proceeds of which are intended to augment the fund to meet the cost of additions to the hall in Brown Street. The social was well attended, and all present spent a very pleasant time.

The concluding portion of the lecture on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was given by the Rev. Father Hurley, S.M., in the girls' school hall last Monday night, when there was a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Cuthbert Knight was specially thanked for the capable manner in which he worked the lantern. The parishioners are looking forward to the next lecture from Father Hurley in the near future.

The total amount collected by the Self-Determination for Ireland League committee here in aid of the distressed families in Belfast was £80. The parishioners at St. Andrews subscribed the sum of £20 last Sunday towards the same worthy object.

DEATH OF HON. T. J. RYAN

A cable message under date August 1 announces the death of the Hon. T. J. Ryan, formerly Premier of Queensland, and Deputy-Leader of the Federal Opposition, who died as the result of a sudden attack of pneumonia, while assisting in the Maranoa by-election campaign.

A Sydney message says:—

Widespread regret is expressed by all political parties in all the States at Mr. Ryan's death. He is referred to as the strong man of the Labor Party. He will be given a State funeral at Brisbane.

The Hon. Thomas Joseph Ryan was born at Port Fairy, Victoria, on July 1, 1876. He graduated B.A. at Melbourne University in 1897, LL.B. in 1899, and was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1900. Nine years later he was elected Labor member for Barcoo in the Queensland Legislative Assembly, and in 1913 he became Leader of the Opposition.

The advent of the Queensland Labor Party to power in 1915 naturally gave Mr. Ryan the chance of forming a Ministry, which he did on June 1. He became Prime Minister, Chief Secretary, and Attorney-General, with the Hon. E. G. Theodore as Treasurer and Minister of Public Works. His much-criticised Ministry, which was "Labor" to a degree, continued till October 16, 1919, when Mr. Ryan resigned his seat in Parliament preparatory to contesting a Federal constituency. He was succeeded as Premier by the Hon. E. G. Theodore.

At the general election in December, 1919, after a strenuous and somewhat bitter campaign against the leadership of Mr. Hughes, Mr. Ryan was returned by a large majority as member for West Sydney in the Federal House of Representatives. Owing to the illness of Mr. F. G. Tudor, nominal head of the Labor Party in the House, Mr. Ryan had for some time past been the virtual leader of the party, and an unsparing critic and opponent of Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Ryan, who was married in 1910, leaves a widow and one son and one daughter.

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