

thers Schools attracted a very large crowd of patrons to the Parochial Hall, Charleville, last week. The parents, friends and relatives of the students figuring in the cast were also present at the production, which, for amateurs, was outstanding in its execution and art.

The Interpretation.

Individually, each member of the cast played his part true to life. Collectively, they all entered into the spirit of the play and the interpretation of the many and set out with him.

During his absence a revolution had taken place. Many of the Spaniards were dissatisfied with the harsh rule of Francisco Pizarro, and in particular the "Men of Chile," the old followers of Almagro, towards whom he was especially severe. This faction found a leader in the son of their former commander, a young man of good education and generous character. Yet though the malcontents steadily increased in numbers, the Governor, who was residing in Lima, seems not to have realised the danger that was threatening him.

ATTACK ON PALACE.

At length, on June 26th, 1541, a party of men issued from Almagro's house and forced an entrance into the palace. Pizarro defended himself bravely, but was overpowered and stabbed in the throat, and died immediately afterwards. With his own blood he drew a cross upon the ground and kissed it as he expired. He left no children to inherit his title and possessions, and on the death of the last of his brothers his family became extinct.

The history of the Spanish colonies in South America for the few subsequent years is a record of fierce struggles between rival leaders for the government of the country. Finally order was restored and for a long time Peru and Chile furnished the Spanish Treasury with an apparently inexhaustible supply of the precious metals. But when the lawlessness of the Spanish colonists ceased their activity ceased with it. The causes which paralysed the energies of Spain in the sixteenth century extended their influence to its dependencies in the West. The colonies sank into a condition of comparative torpor, and the zeal and success with which the Spaniards at first prosecuted geographical discoveries is not more astonishing than the indifference with which they regarded them for centuries after.

Other Items.

Other items were a song by Master E. Dynan ("My Little Grey Home in the West"), Irish jigs and step-dances by Master P. O'Mara, and a harmonica selection by Master S. Sheedy.

Variety.

Variety and humour were lent by humorous boxing bouts ("Striking Personalities") by the Lambert twins and Masters Gerald Ryan and Gerald Griffin, who insisted on being blindfolded and paying particular attention to the referee, Master P. Liston, who, being also blindfolded, was "very much in the dark," indeed.

In the Van of Culture.

At the conclusion of the entertainment, Rev. Father Thomas O'Brien, C.C., thanked the Christian Brothers and the youthful performers for the very fine display they had given that night, especially the Brothers, who were ever in the van of education and culture in the town. Mrs. P. Connolly, at the piano and accordion, gave splendid support. The proceeds of the entertainment were devoted to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Red Cross.

Mr. M. J. Murphy presided at a meeting of the local Branch of the Red Cross Society held last week in the Courthouse, and the other members present were:— Messrs. T. M. Connolly, M.P.S.I.; John O'Shea, M. & L. Bank; James McAuliffe, secretary; Mrs. E. M. McElwee, M.P.S.I., and Mrs. Agnes Magnier.

Correspondence.

Correspondence was read from Head Office and the County Committee headquarters in Cork congratulating all branches in the county on the success of their efforts in the recent Army manoeuvres. It was decided to arrange for the formation of a Home Nursing Class in the town after the Christmas holidays.

Pig Market.

Transactions were on the slow side at the fortnightly pig market on Wednesday. 70 bacon pigs were purchased in the market and 30 by Messrs. Denny. Quotations, 112/- per cwt., d.w.; 83/- per cwt., l.w. Stores still soared in price and realised from 50/- to 90/- each.

Late Brother Carew.

The death has taken place in Cashel of Rev. Brother J. Carew, who served a period in Charleville some years ago. He was a man of high intellectual attainments and his death is a loss to the Order of the Christian Brothers.

Thursday, Jan. 1st
Hour—12 o'clock (S.T.)
Followers are requested to ride through dairy cows at

SCARTEEN HUNT

The Scarteen Hunt (Tans and Tans) will meet as under:—
Tuesday, Dec. 30th
Friday, Jan. 2nd
Monday, Jan. 5th
Friday, Jan. 9th

Hour—12 o'clock

Followers are earnestly requested to avoid galloping through near dairy cattle, winter roads, etc., and to shut all galloping roads.

CLARE HOUNDS

The Clare Hounds will meet as under:—
New Year's Day
Monday, Jan. 5th
Thursday, Jan. 8th
Thursday, Jan. 15th, Hurli
Thurs., Jan. 22nd, Carroll

Thursday, Jan. 29th
Thursday, Feb. 5th
Thursday, Feb. 12th
Thursday, Feb. 19th
Thursday, Feb. 26th

Hour—1 p.m. (S.T.)

STONEHALL HARRIERS

The Stonehall Harriers will meet as under:—
Friday, Jan. 1st

Hour—1 o'clock (O.T.)

LIMERICK HARRIERS

The Limerick Harriers will meet as under:—
Thursday, Jan. 1st
Mon., Jan. 5th, Cahernorr

Hour—12 o'clock

MARKET PRICES

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Breadstuffs—Flour, barrel per sack; retail, 53/6 wholemeal, 52/6 per sack 76/- per sack; flake oat per cwt.; white bran, £11 white pollard, £12 per ton

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