

Leinster Leader

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OPERETTA AT CURRAGH

CONVENT PUPILS' CONVINCING PERFORMANCE

At the Curragh Gymnasium, on Sunday night, pupils of the Cross and Passing Convent, Kilcullen, presented the operetta "Tangles" and gave a most convincing performance which was thoroughly enjoyed by packed audience. Principals and chorus distinguished themselves in vocal work whilst the dressing of the piece and the stage groupings were artistic and highly effective. The whole performance reflected the greatest credit on the Sisters of the Convent responsible for the musical training of the clever young performers and showed painstaking care in production. Mr. McNamara (Kilcullen) gave valued assistance in producing the operetta.

The cast was as follows: —Misses Eve Partridge (King Lollipop), Marieze Moore (Lord Humbug); Maura Chambers (Capt. of the Guard), Eithne Partridge (Prince Faithful), E. Horgan (Pansy), Joan Stuart (Voilet), I. Daly (Dame Mouldy). Delma Trainer (Queen of Faines). Peggy Moore (Will o' the Wisp). Vera McHugh (Secretary), Deidra O'Shaughnessy, Nancy O'Callaghan, M. McCorley. M. T. Crowley, Emily Timoney, Ita O'Keane.

During the evening concert items were contributed by Corporal F. Harrigan (tenor) and Mr. McNamara (violin). No. 3 Army Band, under Sergt. P. King gave a much-appreciated programme of selections.

The performance was under the auspices of the Command Amusements' Committee. Amongst those present were— Colonel T. McNally (G.O.C., Curragh Command), and Mrs. McNally.





Canon James Langan of Kilcullen invited the Sisters of the Cross and Passion under the leadership of Mother General Margaret Mary (Elizabeth Prout) to open a convent and schools in his parish in the early 1880s. Local resident Mr Quinn donated land, first for a large house situated on extensive grounds and then, 10 years later, for a new convent, with an interest-free loan for building, if needed for education.

The Sisters arrived at Kilcullen on 14 September 1878 and began teaching in the local National School. The convent also served as the novitiate for the Cross and Passion Sisters. The curriculum in the early days consisted of Religion, Irish, English, French, German, Italian and Mathematics. Lessons were also offered in cooking, singing, dancing, decorum, etiquette and elocution.

