

WEDDING BELLS.

WOODS—SEABROOK.

A QUIET wedding took place at St. Joseph's Cathedral on St. Patrick's Day when Mr. J. Woods, second son of Mr. D. W. Woods, contractor, of Dunedin, and an esteemed member of the Cathedral Choir, was married to Miss Florence A. Seabrook, only daughter of Mr. C. Seabrook, merchant, of Greymouth. The bride was attended by Miss Emily Woods, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Ethel Murray, his niece, as bridesmaids. Mr. F. Woods acted as best man. The bride, in the unavoidable absence of her father, was given away by her brother, Mr. F. Seabrook. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the residence of the bridegroom's father, Mr. D. W. Woods, where light refreshments were partaken of, and the health of the newly wedded couple duly honoured. The wedding presents were valuable and numerous. Before leaving Greymouth Mrs. Woods was presented by her friends in musical circles with a beautiful marble clock and a purse of sovereigns. Mr. Woods was also the recipient of a handsome present at the hands of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir, the present taking the form of a very fine pedestal lamp. The presentation was made by the Rev. Father Murphy, who, in wishing Mr. Woods a long and happy married life, said no member of the choir better deserved recognition for his valuable services. Mr. J. A. Scott, as chairman of the choir committee, also spoke in terms of high appreciation of Mr. Woods. It was impossible, he said, to meet that gentleman from week to week, as they had done, without coming to have a warm regard for him. He had been, in fact, a model member, and on behalf of the choir he (Mr. Scott) offered their warmest congratulations and best wishes for his future happiness. Mr. P. Carolin endorsed what the previous speaker had said. Mr. Woods, who was very much affected, replied in a feeling speech.

The value of everything in life depends on its power to lead us to God by the shortest road.

The productions of great genius, with many lapses and inadvertences, are very preferable to the works of an inferior kind of author which are scrupulously exact, and conformable to all the rules of correct writing.

There is nothing so remote from vanity as true genius: it is almost as natural for those who are endowed with the highest powers of the human mind to produce the miracles of art, as for other men to breathe or move.

Those intending to purchase a bicycle would do well to write to the Waverley Cycle Depot, Colombo street, Christchurch, for their beautifully illustrated catalogue. On reference to this catalogue it will be seen that there are many points about the Waverley machine which are worth the attention of intending buyers.—* *

Messrs Duthie Bros., George street, Dunedin, draw the attention of our readers to the fact that they have just opened up a full stock of up-to-date and fashionable goods, suitable for the autumn and winter season. These goods have been shipped direct to Messrs Duthie Bros. from the manufacturers by the firm's Home buyer, and all departments are replete with the latest novelties. Inspection of this fine show of seasonable goods is invited, without visitors being pressed to purchase.—* *

The proprietors of Hondai-Lanka Tea quote from a speech of the late Lord Beaconsfield, to the effect that you should never take anything for granted, and from thence they go to show that the words 'Ceylon Tea' on a packet do not always ensure that the contents had been grown in that favoured island. Hondai-Lanka is made up in sealed lead packets and the guarantee of the purity of the contents will be afterwards told by the purchaser's teapot. This fine brand of tea is sold by leading storekeepers in Canterbury, Otago, and Southland.—* *

INTERCOLONIAL.

The death by accident of Mrs. Scanlan, wife of Mr. M. J. Scanlan, Brisbane, is reported in the *Australian*. Mrs. Scanlan, whose maiden name was O'Connor, was an exemplary Catholic, charitable and noble-hearted woman, and a true wife and mother. She was born in 1854, near Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, and came to Queensland in 1877.

Two coloured women, during the hurricane on the North Queensland coast, swam ten miles each with a child on her back. Both reached land, but the children had succumbed.

A hotel was burned at Kirkstall, Warrnambool, Victoria. Three well-known residents named Humphreys, Costello, and O'Brien were burned to death. Humphreys discovered the fire and rescued several inmates, and going back for others perished.

Whosoever acknowledges himself to be a zealous follower of truth, of happiness, of wisdom, of science, must of necessity make himself a lover of books.

When James Tyson died (says the *Australian*) his wealth was estimated at various large sums. No valuation went below £5,000,000, and some went as high as £8,000,000. Mr. Tyson was not as rich as was supposed, as the total values as sworn in regard to his estates in the three colonies are—Queensland, £1,333,000; New South Wales, £562,989; Victoria, £441,641. Total £2,337,630.

'Many people are apt to sneer at the French' (says a writer in the *Sacred Heart Review*). 'I refer to those persons who are puffed up with the idea that they are members of the Anglo-Saxon race. But the young Frenchman in his devotion to his mother is a model that all may follow. She is constantly in his thoughts, and he never refers to her except in the most deferential and affectionate manner. You can not imagine a young fellow in France calling his mother the "old woman." He may go astray in the many ways peculiar to youth, but he never forgets the good woman who gave him birth, and his love for her is often the means of leading him back to the path of virtue.' Some of our New Zealand youths might, with advantage, make a note of this.

Mrs. Campbell Praed, the authoress, who is a Queensland lady has contributed an article on the 'Australian Girl' in a publication called *Girls' Realm*. In that article she pays a high tribute to the Catholic nuns as teachers and trainers, and calls attention to the large number of Protestants who are being educated in our convents. The selector's daughters, no matter what their creed, are brought up by Roman Catholic nuns; and it is a matter for reflection that under a Church of England State organisation, the Catholic leaven should be working unrecognised, but effectually, in the future mothers of the land. The nuns are often ladies of high breeding and accomplishments, and take great interest in training a pretty clever girl, who learns from them, not only music and languages, and the rest, but what is perhaps more important, how to comport herself elegantly.

The Rev. Father Fitzgerald, who was chaplain of an United States regiment, in Cuba, during the war had many interesting experiences during the campaign. He tells a most pathetic incident about Captain Drum, the gallant officer of the Tenth United States Infantry. Drum was an excellent Catholic and a most prominent Irish-American of Boston. Father Fitzgerald happened to visit the Tenth and met Drum, who invited him to lunch—bacon and hard-tack. When they had finished, Drum said he wished to go to Confession. The men were all around and priest and penitent walked up and down as the latter made his confession. He had a presentiment that he would be killed, and the presentiment was sadly verified. In an engagement a few days afterwards as the brave officer was leading his men in a charge, a Mauser bullet ended his career.

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