

## WEDDING BELLS

### LOUGHNAN—HARPER.

At the Pro-Cathedral on Monday of last week Dr James Robert Loughnan, of Colac, Victoria, and Miss Lilian Harper, daughter of Mr. George Harper, of this City, were (says our Christchurch correspondent) united in the bonds of holy matrimony His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. James, Bishop of Christchurch, attended by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G., celebrated a Nuptial Mass and performed the marriage ceremony. His Lordship also delivered an impressive address. The Very Rev. Fathers Ginaty and Mar-nane and the Rev. Father O'Connell were also present in the sanctuary. The bride was given away by her father, and there was a very large attendance to witness the interesting event. Miss Katie Young, the Cathedral organist, played an offertory and the Wedding March. In the afternoon a reception was given at Hareley House. The honeymoon was spent at Governor's Bay, and on Friday the happy couple left for their home in Australia.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. CURRY, HERIOT

A correspondent writes:—Much regret was felt at the news of the death of Mrs. Catherine Curry, which took place at her residence in Heriot on January 23. The deceased lady was 39 years old, and was the wife of Mr. Hugh Curry, of Heriot, and daughter of Mr. James Hegarty, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone, Ireland. She came out to the Colony with her husband about sixteen years ago. She was attended during her illness by the Rev. Fathers O'Donnell and Hearn, of Gore. Her funeral was largely attended, mourners coming from all parts of the district. The Rev. Father O'Donnell officiated at the graveside. The deceased lady leaves a family of seven to mourn their loss.

### MR. T. LEAHY, GORE.

General regret (says an esteemed correspondent) was felt through the Southland district when it became known that Mr. Thomas Leahy, of Gore (late of Invercargill and Wyndham), had passed away after a long illness extending over two years. He died a most holy death on January 16, fortified by the holy rites of the Church. The local clergy attended to him in his last hours. The funeral took place on Monday, January 18, at Invercargill. The remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of friends from all parts of the district. The burial service was impressively conducted by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, of Gore, and Rev. Father Lanch, of Invercargill—R.I.P.

### SISTER MARY BARBARA, AUCKLAND.

We have with deep regret to record the death of Sister Mary Barbara Comerford, a member of St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Ponsonby, Auckland. The deceased Sister, who passed away on January 19, seemed to be in good health up to the week before her death. The doctors were called in, and it became their painful duty to declare that her ailment was of a serious nature. They were most attentive, and did their utmost to prolong her life, but owing to weakness of the heart, Sister Mary Barbara succumbed after a very short illness. Her death brought a severe pang to the hearts of her sisters in religion, and many were the kind and sympathetic messages received by the community in their sad bereavement. Sister Mary Barbara was born at Castle-comer, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland. She came to New Zealand, January 6, 1875, and celebrated her Silver Jubilee on January 7 of the present year. For many years she held the responsible office of bursar in the Convent, the various duties of which she discharged with the most conscientious exactitude. She was of a timid and very retiring disposition, and sweet and amiable in manner. Death found her fully resigned and happy, and she who for many years was to her sisters in religion a bright example of virtue, leaves behind her the solacing thought that she is now enjoying the reward of her holy edifying life. The obsequies took place in the Convent chapel. His Lordship Dr. Lenihan presided. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by the Very Rev. Dr. Egan, O.S.B., deacon, Rev. M. Furlong, sub-deacon, Rev. H. Holbrook, master of ceremonies, Rev. G. Gullan. There were also present Rev. Fathers Benedict, O.P., Kehoe, Patterson, McGuinness, Meagher, McMullan, Duffy, and Hills, S.M.—R.I.P.

## Armidale's Bishop Dead

A brief message in last Friday's daily papers announced the death of the Right Rev. Elzear Torreggiani, Bishop of Armidale, New South Wales. The deceased prelate was born at Porto Recanati, near Loreto, in Italy, on May 28, 1830. When seventeen years old, he joined the Order of the Capuchins in the pretty mountain town of Camerino, in Umbria, Italy. He was raised to the priesthood in 1853, and soon afterwards proceeded to England, where he labored with great and fruitful zeal in the Capuchin missions of Peckham, Pantasaph, and Pontypool. He was rector of Pontypool when he was appointed to the See of Armidale, in succession to its first Bishop, Dr. O'Mahony. He was consecrated on March 25, 1879. On September 29, of the same year, he sailed from Brindisi for Australia, accompanied by six Capuchin Fathers. At Armidale he met with an enthusiastic reception from Protestants and Catholics alike. In the following year (1880) there were in his diocese about 10,000 Catholics, ministered to by 17 priests. There were only two Catholic schools. Five years later, at the Plenary Synod, a new diocese—that of Grafton—was set up within the original boundaries of that of Armidale, which had contained a territory of some 46,000 square miles. Bishop Torreggiani lived to see, in the same territory, 2 bishoprics, 89 missionary districts, 37 priests, 220 nuns, 9 boarding schools for girls, 9 superior day schools, 27 parochial primary schools, 4641 children in attendance at Catholic schools, and a Catholic population of 44,523 souls. Bishop Torreggiani was a familiar and striking figure with his brown Capuchin habit, which he always wore, both in public and in the privacy of his own episcopal residence. He was a man of singular piety, and he was greatly revered by people of every creed and class for his genial kindness and his large-hearted charity. Throughout his extensive diocese he has left great numbers of convents, schools, presbyteries, etc., which stand as monuments of his missionary zeal.—R.I.P.

### NEW ZEALAND.

#### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

#### LAND FOR SETTLEMENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT having acquired the following Estates at reasonable prices, they will be offered for lease in perpetuity at 5 per cent. rents, viz.:

**AUCKLAND**—The Matamata Estate, containing about 42,000 acres, divided into about fifty farms of 150 to 450 acres suitable for mixed dairying and cattle-raising, and about 100 farms from 300 to 2000 acres suitable for raising sheep and cattle. Soil, generally, light and free, rainfall, abundant. Stock do well, as those now running there testify. Grows magnificent green crops, but does not grow cereals for grain.

Rents 1s to 8s per acre, per annum.

Will be open for selection about the middle of April, 1904.

**CANTERBURY**—The Levels Estate (renamed Rose-will), containing about 38,000 acres, divided into about 130 farms of from 40 to 800 acres, suitable for cultivation for grain, roots, and grass; three small runs up to 1800 acres, for grazing only, and a few village and workmen's areas of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 10 acres. The soil is generally heavy, partly limestone, has grown good crops of wheat and other grain, and is situated in one of the best-farmed districts in New Zealand.

Rents from 2s 6d to 13s an acre for agricultural land, 2s 7d to 5s 3d for the pastoral land, and 2s to 20s for the small areas.

Will be open for selection on 7th March, 1904.

**SOUTHLAND**—The Edendale Estate, containing about 20,000 acres, divided into about sixty dairy farms of from 60 to 250 acres, about twenty hill farms of 200 to 300 acres, and about twenty small farms of 10 acres each. The land consists mainly of a rich alluvial plain, on which dairy farmers have done well for many years. The first dairy factory started in New Zealand was at Edendale, the cheese produced there being famous for quality and quantity. The hill farms are the lower slopes of low ranges. The small areas are near the factory and comprise some of the best land. The Edendale Estate has been the show ground of the N.Z. and A. Land Company, and its cultivation has been of the best. The cattle and sheep are excellent.

The rents will probably be from 3s to 15s for the dairy farms, about 5s for the hills farms, and about 17s for the small areas.

The land will be open for selection some time in April.

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