

**WANGANUI**

(From our own correspondent.)

September 20.

The 'Mother Goose' pantomime was produced at Wanganui on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and on Wednesday afternoon to crowded houses.

Motoring is on the increase in Wanganui district. There are now registered with the Borough Council 42 motor cars and 7 motor cycles.

The ratepayers of Wanganui are to be asked to raise an extra loan of £5000, in addition to the £40,000 already authorised for the construction of an electric tramway.

The Wanganui football team did not bring the Ranfurly Shield home with them from Auckland. All the members played excellently, including T. Suiter, one of the members of St. Mary's Catholic Club, who did a lot of creditable work on the wing.

While driving down the Avenue last Saturday Mrs. D. Murphy and Mr. Jno. Murphy, two of our respected parishioners, were thrown out of their trap, but luckily no serious injuries were sustained by the occupants.

Mr. F. D. Gaffaney, the secretary of St. Mary's Catholic Club, having now recovered from his hurt on the football field, has been enabled to commence his duties as lieutenant in the Irish Rifles. All members of the club congratulate Lieutenant Gaffaney on his new position in this popular corps.

**MASTERTON**

(From our own correspondent.)

September 20.

The quarterly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last Tuesday evening. The president (Bro. H. O'Leary) occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of members. Two candidates were proposed for initiation. A committee was set up to report on the advisability of securing a meeting room of their own for the branch. The amount for the evening totalled £17.

At the Trinity College practical examinations in instrumental and vocal music, held this week and conducted by Mr. C. Edwards, Trinity College, London, all the pupils presented by St. Bride's Convent were successful. The following is the list—Higher grade.—Pianoforte—Theodora Shapton, 81 (A.T.C.L.); Elsie Richards, 73 (certificated teacher). Intermediate grade—May Boustead, 86 (honors); Mary O'Neill, 81 (honors); Margery McKenna, 80 (honors); Doris Cameron, 66. Junior grade—Walter Hunt, 89 (honors); Rita Hoar, 84 (honors); Colina McKenzie, 81 (honors); Effie Cress, 80 (honors); Kere Te Whaiti, 80 (honors); Terena Pirihi, 73. Preparatory grade—Nilla Hyde, 100 (maximum); Mollie Pedersen, 100 (maximum). Solo singing—Terena Pirihi, 73.

**NAPIER**

(From our own correspondent.)

September 21.

At the recent musical examination held by Mr. Edwards in connection with Trinity College, London, the following pupils of the Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent were successful:—Senior—Mary McGhone and Katie Kerr. Intermediate—Mary Ruston (honors), Elsie Kaye. Junior—Amy Payne, Madge Higgins, Teresa Maroney. Preparatory—Kathleen Tacon, Winnie Casey.

I regret to have to record the death of an old resident of Hawke's Bay, in the person of Rhody Hennessy, who came to this district from the West Coast goldfields. He was respected by all who knew him. He died in the Napier Hospital after a long and painful illness, aged 69 years. The remains of deceased were taken to St. Patrick's Church, where a Requiem Mass was said by Rev. Father McDonald, who also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was held last Sunday at the last Mass and continued during the day, but on account of the sudden change in the weather, the procession in the evening was abandoned. The choir, who have been practising assiduously of late, were heard to advantage in the singing of the first part of Winter's and the second part of Turner's Masses. The great improvement in the choir reflects great credit on the conductor, Mr. F. O'Connor.

At the last meeting of the Catholic Young Women's Association, held last Tuesday evening, which was well attended, it was decided to hold a social in the Gaiety Theatre on Wednesday, October 2, the occasion being the annual reunion of the Association. The young ladies intend sparing no efforts to make the affair a great success. It was also decided that the proceeds should go to the fund for repainting St. Patrick's Church, which work, it is hoped, will be completed before the carnival in March next. Mrs. J. P. Mahony and Miss L. Vickers were elected joint secretaries.

**WEDDING BELLS**

CROSBIE—MOLONEY.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pretty wedding, and one which excited more than ordinary interest, took place in the Catholic Church, Lumsden, on Wednesday, September 11, the contracting parties being Miss Catherine Moloney, youngest daughter of Mr. Denis Moloney, late of Lawrence, and Mr. Francis J. Crosbie, second son of the late Mr. Joseph Crosbie, of Lumsden. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming, and was dressed in a cream silk lace embroidered robe, over cream satin. She carried a lovely shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss Crosbie (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss O'Brien (cousin of the bride). The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Henry Hill (cousin), as best man, and by Mr. C. Moloney as groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Keenan, of Riversdale. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome brooch of rubies, and to each of the bridesmaids pretty olivine brooches. It was quite evident the event was a most popular one, as guests were present from Dunedin, Invercargill, Queenstown, Manapouri, etc. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to a large marquee adjoining the Public Hall, where fully 150 guests sat down to the wedding breakfast, after which the customary toasts were proposed and duly honored. The happy couple left by the afternoon train for Invercargill, en route for the North, on an extended honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends for their future happiness. The wedding presents were very numerous and costly, and included several cheques. In the evening the young people of the district assembled in the Public Hall and amused themselves with games and music, about 140 sitting down to supper. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crosbie's future home will be in Mossburn.

**OBITUARY**

MISS MARGARET O'DONNELL, BURKES.

The many friends of Mr. Mishael O'Donnell, Burkes, heard with sincere regret of the death of his daughter Miss Margaret O'Donnell, who passed away at her parents' residence on Sep. 15. The deceased had been ill for a considerable time, but it was only within a month or so before her death, that her condition became so serious as to cause anxiety to her parents, and other members of the family. Notwithstanding all that medical skill could do for her, she passed away, as previously mentioned, fortified by all the rites of the Church, of which she was a zealous and devoted member. During her long illness she had been regularly attended by the Rev. Fathers Howard, Hearn, and O'Reilly. The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, from her late residence, to the Northern Cemetery, where the interment took place, Rev. Father Hearn officiating both at the house and at the graveside. Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell and family have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. R.I.P.

The farewell return concert of Madame Albani and her company in Christchurch takes place on Monday evening. They will appear at Timaru on October 1, and Dunedin on October 3.

Mr. E. O'Connor, proprietor of the old-established Catholic Book Depot, Barbadoes St. Christchurch, calls the attention of our readers to his fresh supplies of new books by well known Catholic writers, such as Benson, Devas, Vaughan, etc. He has also received fresh supplies of missionary goods of all kinds and at prices to suit everybody....