

New Books

During the last few years, this Dominion has made remarkable progress in regard to its literature. It has produced a large number of new books, some of which have been placed on the world's markets. A feature of the activity in this direction, has been the publication of new editions of New Zealand's old classics, which have gone out of print. Quite a new departure has now been made, in the shape of a series of cheap booklets, which, while pleasing New Zealanders, should help largely to advertise their Dominion in other lands. There are six numbers in the series. Each number is complete in itself, and, in a bright and interesting style, deals with some phase of the Dominion's possessions. Its famous birds, for instance, are described and illustrated by Mr. James Drummond, F.L.S., in the first number, 'Feathered Friends of the Bush'; and the same author gives a short sketch of the 'Stone Age Man,' when he lived in New Zealand, not much more than half a century ago. Mr. R. M. Laing, of Christchurch, has supplied a specially interesting number dealing with the wild flowers, and Miss Jessie Mackay has edited a booklet of New Zealand verses. Other numbers deal with the world-famous 'Wonderland,' and with the Dominion's scenery and cities. The series is an artistic and dainty production, and as the publishers, Messrs. Whitcombe and Tombs Limited, have placed a low price on the booklets, they will be in large demand. They are excellent souvenirs of New Zealand. They should be specially popular as a gift for friends during the next few months, when seasonable greetings will be exchanged. The booklets are sent out in a neat envelope ready for posting, and, as the price is only 1s., they are within the reach of all. The publishers state they are obtainable from all booksellers throughout the Dominion.

WEDDING BELLS

THRELKELD-M'CARTHY.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The pretty church of St. Agnes, at Halswell, was very tastefully decorated on Thursday, September 26, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Colin C. Threlkeld, third son of the late Mr. P. C. Threlkeld, Inglewood, Flaxton, North Canterbury, and Miss Katie McCarthy, second daughter of Mr. D. McCarthy, Laurel Grove, Prebbleton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Peoples, and was attended by a large number of friends from all the surrounding districts. After the Nuptial Mass the 'Wedding March' was played by Mrs. Kenny as the happy couple left the church. At the breakfast the Rev. Father Peoples proposed the health of Mr. and Mrs. Threlkeld, and congratulated them on a commendable celebration of Dominion Day. The wedding presents were numerous, and of a useful and ornamental character.

GARTY-CRONIN.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A wedding of much interest to the Catholics of Christchurch was celebrated on Tuesday, October 8, when Mr. Matthew Garty, third son of the late Mr. James Garty, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Amy Mary Cronin, third daughter of the late Mr. William Cronin. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Connell, assisted by Rev. Father Peoples, in the Cathedral, after which the happy couple and guests adjourned to the residence of the bride's mother, where the breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts honored. Mr. and Mrs. Garty left the same evening for the north to spend their honeymoon.

ROTHERY-O'SULLIVAN.

A pretty and popular wedding, (writes a correspondent) took place on August 9, in St. Patrick's Church, Okato, the contracting parties being, Mr. Henry Rothery, flaxmiller of Mokau, eldest son of Mr. Jacob Rothery, of Kahui Road, Rahunu, and Miss Johanna O'Sullivan, second daughter of Mr. Patrick O'Sullivan, of Oxford Road Okato. The bride, who was led to the altar by her father, was tastefully attired in a white silk dress with the customary veil and wreath, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of choice azaleas and spiraea with spray of white blossom. The bridesmaids were Misses M. O'Sullivan and A. Rothery. Mr. D. Rothery, brother of the bridegroom, acted as groomsman. Previous to the ceremony, the Rev. Father Cognet, S.M., alluded to the many sterling qualities by which the happy couple had endeared themselves to the whole community. During the Nuptial Mass, the choir sang some very

appropriate hymns, and Mrs. Metcalf presided at the organ. After the ceremony, while the Wedding March was being played, the happy couple left for the residence of the bride's parents, where the breakfast awaited the guests. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. Father Cognet, and other toasts were also duly honored. Before leaving for their honeymoon-trip, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rothery, were the recipients of many costly and useful gifts.

OBITUARY

MISS FLORENCE MCGILL, CHRISTCHURCH.

It is with the sincerest regret (writes our Christchurch correspondent) I have to record the death at the early age of thirty years of Miss Florence McGill, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McGill, of this city. The deceased young lady was born at Staffordtown, Westland, and from childhood was of that kindly, thoughtful, and amiable nature which drew around her a host of friends, to whom she was endeared by the closest ties of affection. She was always devoted to her religious duties, which, combined with every womanly virtue, rendered her a living example of what a good young Catholic should be. The late Miss McGill was one of the first cadettes to enter the local telephone bureau, a position she occupied for thirteen years. A sister of the deceased is a member of the Order of Notre Dame des Missions. The deceased passed away after a comparatively brief illness, and died fortified by the rites of the Church. A Requiem Mass for the repose of her soul was celebrated in the Cathedral by Rev. Father Peoples, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Connell, and in the presence of his Lordship the Bishop at the throne. Father Peoples officiated at the graveside, assisted by Father O'Connell, the interment taking place at the Linwood Cemetery.—R.I.P.

The examinations in practical music in connection with Trinity College, London, were held in Greymouth on Saturday, October 12, by Mr. Chas. Edwards. The examiner expressed the greatest satisfaction with the results, and he recommended three of the senior candidates to work for the higher examination of the college. Miss Lena Higgins, who obtained 91 marks in Senior Honors, is only 13 years of age. The following is a list of successful candidates from the convent of Mercy—Senior division (pianoforte)—Lena Higgins (honors), 91; Kathleen Martin (honors), 86; Mary Clarke (honors), 86; Grace Mallinson (honors), 83. Intermediate division (singing)—Gladys Hannan, 72. Junior division—May Johnston (honors), 92; Mary Creagh (honors), 88; Veña Michel (honors), 87; Lily Disciacati, 78. Preparatory—Teresa Greaney, 100; Amy Egan, 90; Rose Buttola (violin), 81; Vera Hannan (violin), 80.

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