

WEDDING BELLS

McBRIDE—COTTER

At St. Patrick's Church on November 5, (says the 'Lake County Press') a pleasing ceremony took place. The occasion was one of more than passing interest to the district's people, as both the bride and bridegroom were well-known, and decidedly popular. The contracting couple were Mr. J. J. McBride, eldest son of Mr. E. McBride, Frankton, and Miss Cotter, fourth daughter of Mr. Richard Cotter, Arrowtown. The church was beautifully decorated for the happy event. Large numbers of people attended the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. In the course of a short address, Father O'Donnell referred in eulogistic terms to the many sterling qualities of Mr. and Mrs. M'Bride, and the parents of the happy couple. As the bridal party left the church the Wedding March was played by Miss M'Entyre. Mr. A. M'Bride acted as best man, and Mr. Grant (Queenstown) as groomsman. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Cotter (sister of the bride) and Miss Monica M'Bride (sister of the bridegroom). The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in an empire gown of cream silk voile, beautifully trimmed with cream net and silk, cream chiffon hat with pink roses. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a lovely gold curb bangle, and to the bridesmaids a diamond and ruby ring. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's parents. A large marquee was erected for this purpose. Needless to say, the arrangements were perfect. Happy speeches were made, and many congratulations and hearty good wishes bestowed on the newly-wedded pair. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. M'Bride left for Queenstown, en route for Dunedin, Christchurch, and Wellington. The wedding presents were numerous and costly.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

November 10.

The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., preached at the Masses and Vespers to-day on behalf of the Cathedral building fund.

The King's Birthday was not observed in town yesterday, but will be generally held as a close holiday on Monday, when the second annual military tournament will be held on the grounds of the A. and P. Association.

The Dominion bazaar was brought to a close on Monday last. Mr. Mathew Kennedy, on behalf of Rev. Father Costello, in a few well-chosen words thanked the stall-holders and their assistants and the public generally for their assistance and support in this most successful bazaar, which he now declared closed. The results are not yet available, but it is expected the net amount will be about £700. Taking into consideration that four other bazaars and sales of work for other local institutions had immediately preceded it, its success is highly satisfactory.

It will be somewhat of a surprise to the parishioners to hear of the coming departure of Mr. Laurence Hanlon and family from our midst. The departure of Mr. Hanlon is a serious loss to the parish, and his place will be hard to fill. He has always taken a very deep interest in parish work, and his ringing of St. Patrick's chimes on Sundays was a treat to hear. I understand Mr. Hanlon leaves for Wellington at the end of the month, and we wish him and his family all prosperity in his new sphere.

November 17.

The Very Rev. Father O'Shea, V.G., in the course of his sermon to-day, paid a high compliment to the 'Tablet' and the good work it was doing, and said that as a Catholic paper it was second to none in the Australasian colonies. Speaking of its representative (Mr. Moriarty), now in the parish, he said he would be very sorry if the donations promised for the Cathedral funds made any difference to the financial success of that gentleman's visit.

The president (Mr. A. H. Casey) of the Wellington Catholic Club and several of its members paid a visit to the local club on the King's Birthday and were entertained by its members. The 'Tablet's' travelling representative was one of the invited guests, and came in for his share of the compliments paid during the evening.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting held in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday last, convened by Mr. Morris

Cohen, it was unanimously decided to produce the oratorio 'Elijah' in aid of the local hospital as early as possible in the new year. A strong committee of local gentlemen, representing all the various choirs and musical societies in the borough, was then formed, Messrs. Tomlinson and Dallow being elected both on finance and musical selection committees for the Catholic section of the community. It was considered there would be a difficulty in obtaining some 250 voices in the district, and with Mr. Cohen as conductor and the Palmerston North orchestra its success is assured.

The following are the results of the recent examinations of pupils at the convent in connection with the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music:—L.A.B. (diploma of Licentiate of Royal Academy and Royal College of Music, London)—Olive M. Stace, Higher division—Lizzie Wilson, 108; Violet Kendall, 104. Lower division—Vera Graham, 107. Elementary division—Winifred Ryan, 122; Florence Lister, 121; Doris Ashley, 116; Mary Peach, 115; Kathleen Hood, 108. Primary division—Dorothy Dalrymple, 115; Erice Fairbrother, 114; Ina McDonald, 111.

Miss Vera de la Cour, A.T.C.L., and Miss Mabel Thomas, A.T.C.L., who became associates by passing in the art of teaching last July, were prepared for this examination by the Sisters of Mercy, Colombo street, Christchurch. The Practical examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music were conducted by Mr. Richard Cummings in the Convent of Mercy, Colombo street, last Monday. The following is the list of successful candidates:—Intermediate, Local Centre—Annie Snowball (pianoforte), 116; Lillian Burrow (violin), 107. Higher school—Hannah Ryan (pianoforte), 119; Florence McDonald (pianoforte), 110; Grace Haughey (pianoforte), 100. Lower school—Christina Cooper (pianoforte), 126; Gladys Harding, 125; Mary Cecilia Goggan, 123; Doris Blank, 120; Isa Brodie, 118; Mary Cecilia Roche, 109; Gladys Penny, 104. Primary:—Selina Marie Innley (pianoforte), 134, (distinction); Cassie Loughton, (pianoforte), 130, (distinction); Herbert Power, (violin), 132, (distinction).

The proprietors of the 'Colonist', Nelson, have issued a jubilee souvenir pamphlet, in which the events of the past fifty years, especially as they relate to the province, are dealt with. The 'Colonist' was started in 1857 to oppose (as stated in the preface) one of the gravest menaces that can threaten the future of any young and struggling country—the unreasonable aggregation of land by a few. The 'Colonist' has ever had as its prime mission the advancement by all the means at the disposal of a well-conducted newspaper, of the interests of the province of Nelson. Its policy has never been trammelled by considerations of pounds, shillings, and pence; it has had a higher objective than merely the improvement of personal fortunes of its proprietors. The 'Colonist' is a fair impartial and a respectably conducted journal, and free from the bitterness of party and religious prejudices, and as such, it is to be congratulated on its jubilee, and deserves the support of all fair-minded persons in the community.

'I have just been properly taken in,' said Brown. 'I saw an advertisement of rooms for the summer "with a splendid view over a beautiful garden" complete with statuary.' I took these rooms, and it turned out to be a cemetery.'

The readiest and surest way to get rid of censure is to correct ourselves.—Demosthenes.

Owing to building operations which are to be commenced early next year, Messrs. A. and T. Inglis, Dunedin, are under the necessity of reducing their stock by a great clearance sale, which commences on the 27th inst. As it is necessary to make room for the contractors, the goods will be disposed at prices which cannot fail to effect a speedy clearance...

We are asked to draw the attention of our readers to a notification appearing in another column, that the great half-yearly Stand Out Tea cash prize distribution takes place on the 15th December. Competitors are therefore advised to post their coupons to the proprietors, Messrs. R. Wilson and Co., Dunedin, prior to that date, otherwise they will have to hold the coupons over till the June distribution...

The D.I.C., Dunedin, calls the attention of our readers to the magnificent range of its stock of toys, fancy goods, and artistic china, suitable for Christmas and New Year presents...