

was Solemn High Mass, the Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., being celebrant, the Rev. Father Peoples, S.M., deacon; and the Rev. Father O'Hare subdeacon. His Lordship the Bishop was attended at the throne by the Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, S.M., V.G., and the Rev. Dr. Kennedy as deacons of honor. His Lordship preached on the day's Gospel, and with special reference to the day's celebration. The high altar, sanctuary, and altar of the Sacred Heart were very tastefully adorned, and throughout the afternoon and evening the many precious relics, with which the Cathedral is so richly endowed, were exposed to the veneration of the faithful. In the evening there were solemn Pontifical Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which his Lordship the Bishop officiated, attended by the clergy as in the morning. The occasional preacher was the Rev. Dr. Kennedy, who dwelt on the architectural perfection of the noble fane, the place the Cathedral occupies in the diocese, the unique privileges enjoyed by the people of the Cathedral parish, and the manifest duties incumbent upon them. In impressive terms he alluded to the immense sacrifices our devoted Bishop had made and is still making in regard to the Cathedral, the erection of which was not undertaken before it was absolutely needed, and not until every parish in the diocese was properly equipped with churches, schools, and presbyteries—a task which alone occupied nearly twenty years of arduous episcopal time and thought. In conclusion he prayed and trusted the time was not far distant, when the burden of debt would be entirely lifted, and the magnificent edifice consecrated to the Most High.

Greymouth

(From an occasional correspondent.)

To encourage the study of Irish history in the local Catholic Schools, the Hibernian Society award annually a valuable gold medal and several book prizes. The Society appoints a committee to set questions and correct papers. The examination was held in December and the examiners expressed themselves highly satisfied with the knowledge of the subject displayed by the boys of the Marist Brothers' School. The prize winners were as follows:—Thomas Hogan, gold medal; Joseph Deere, 2; James McGinley, 3; Alan Whitaker, 4. The following pupils from the same school passed the Civil Service Examination:—Cyril Whitaker (credit), Patrick Condon (credit), Patrick Hogan (pass). Cyril Whitaker got the highest pass amongst the Greymouth candidates. Another pupil of the school, James McGinley, won the second of the four scholarships awarded by St. Patrick's College, Wellington.

In the Matriculation and Junior Civil Service Examinations, held last December, the Sisters of Mercy, had the following successes:—Matriculation, M. Kathleen Martin; Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge, Margaret C. Troy; Junior Civil Service, Margaret C. Troy (credit), Mary O'Donnell (pass). After examining the Convent schools in Greymouth and Brunner, the Inspector, Mr. Scott, expressed the greatest satisfaction at the results of the year's work. All the Sixth Standard pupils in both schools secured proficiency certificates.

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

(From our own correspondent.)

February 14.

In the recent examinations the Sacred Heart College has exceeded all its past records. In the Matriculation and Solicitors' General Knowledge examination the following boys were successful:—J. Scott, G. Ball, and E. Buckler. In the Junior Civil Service examinations, thirteen candidates from the College were successful, eleven of them securing credit passes. The following are the names of the boys who passed this examination:—Charles Carroll, J. Scott, E. Buckler, H. Quinn, G. Ball, E. Blave, D. O'Brien, N. Sneddon, D. O'Connor, P. McConville, J. Carroll, A. Ryan, and C. Molloy. Charles Carroll distinguished himself particularly by securing 13th place on the list of passes, which numbered nearly a thousand altogether. He passed the Senior Civil Service Examination in the following subjects:—English, and precis (compulsory), Latin, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and mechanics. In spite of the excellent results the College has secured since it was opened, four and a half years ago, our Catholic people do not patronise it as they should. If Catholics realised the priceless advantages of the sound religious education imparted in the College, as well as the superiority of its teaching compared with that of

the State High Schools, the accommodation would soon be so taxed that the brothers would be compelled to enlarge the College.

WEDDING BELLS

CUTLER—MULQUEEN.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

St. Columba's Church, Balfour, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Monday, January 27, the contracting parties being Miss Margaret Mary Mulqueen, third daughter of Mr. P. Mulqueen, of 'Greenlawn,' Balfour, and Mr. George Cutler, youngest son of Mrs. J. Cutler, of Waitahuna. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Keenan, of Riversdale. Considerable interest was lent to the happy occasion by the fact that it was the first marriage celebrated in the new church. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful costume of surah silk, trimmed with lace, with wreath of orange blossoms and veil. She was attended by her sister, Miss Kitty Mulqueen. Mr. M. Curran, of Dunedin, acted as best man. After the ceremony the bridal party proceeded to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was served. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. Father Keenan, and other toasts were also duly honored. Mr. and Mrs. Cutler left by the afternoon train for Christchurch, where the honeymoon was to be spent, from thence proceeding to Hastings, their future home. Both bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large number of handsome and useful presents.

HINCHEY—PILCHER.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch, on February 12, when Miss Ellen E. Pilcher, eldest daughter of Mr. T. Pilcher, of Culverden, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. J. G. Hinchey, of Hanmer. Rev. Father Price, of Hawarden, celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her brother, looked charming in a costume of silver grey tweed trimmed with lace, and hat to match. Miss E. Ashby, of Hastings, England, was bridesmaid, and Mr. M. Curran, of Dunedin, acted as best man. The young couple were the recipients of many useful presents from numerous friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hinchey left by the afternoon train for the south for their honeymoon.

WRIGHT—CONDON.

(From our Napier correspondent.)

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church by Rev. Father Goggan on February 10, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Condon, eldest daughter of Mrs. K. Condon, of Napier, and Mr. Hugh Wright, of Auckland. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. John Higgins, looked charming in a becoming gown of chiffon taffeta, the bodice trimmed with Limerick lace, and having a transparent yoke and sleeves of tucked chiffon. She wore a wreath with a beautifully embossed veil, also a magnificent chain and pendant set with amethysts and pearls, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Misses Madge, Kathleen, and Sheila Condon (sisters of the bride), and Miss Julia Higgins (cousin of the bride). The bridegroom was attended by Messrs P. S. Foley and F. Wright. Mr. St. Lawrence Toner played the Wedding March from 'Lohengrin.' At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's mother, Bluff Hill, where the young couple received the congratulations of a wide circle of friends. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold sovereign case, the bridesmaids presents from the bridegroom were beautiful gold brooches set with sapphires, rubies and pearls. The wedding presents were numerous, valuable and useful, and testified to the popularity of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Wright left during the afternoon for Taupo and Rotorua en route to their home in Auckland, taking with them the good wishes of their many friends.

THE 'EVA' FUND

We have received from 'Irishwoman' a sum of 10s 6d for the 'Eva' fund.