

## WEDDING BELLS

DOUGLAS-MENTON.

(From our travelling correspondent.)

A very pretty wedding took place at the Catholic Cathedral, Christchurch, on November 25, when Mr. William Douglas, eldest son of Mr. James Douglas, of Amberley, and Miss Maggie Menton were united in the bonds of Matrimony. The ceremony was performed and the Nuptial Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. Father Price. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Menton, looked charming in a costume of cream taffeta, trimmed with Maltese lace and silk ball trimming, and a large white picture hat with ostrich plumes. The bridesmaids were Miss Casey and Misses Maggie and Ella Gormley, nieces of the bride. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold pendant, and the bridesmaids were the recipients of gold brooches. A number of friends of the bride and bridegroom were present at the subsequent wedding breakfast, which was laid at the Masonic Hotel. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed in a happy speech by Very Rev. Father Price, and that of the bridesmaids by Mr. James Power. The happy couple left on their honeymoon trip for Wanganui, accompanied by hearty good wishes from all their friends.

## OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL HIGGINS, SEDDON.

It is with much regret (writes our Blenheim correspondent) that I have to record the sudden death of Mr. Michael Higgins, son of Mr. John Higgins, a well known and highly respected Catholic resident of Seddon. The deceased, who was only 28 years of age, was proceeding to catch the early train for Seddon on November 23 when, without a moment's warning, he staggered forward and expired in a companion's arms. The medical evidence at the inquest showed that death was due to heart failure. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Higgins and the other members of the family in their sad and sudden bereavement. The deceased was an estimable young man, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral took place from St. Mary's Church on November 25, when the large attendance of mourners gave evidence of the respect in which the deceased was held. When the remains were being taken from the church the 'Dead March' was played by Miss McCabe. The Rev. Father Fay officiated at the church and graveside.—R.I.P.

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