

AT ELTHAM

the Catholics have been resting since the opening of the pretty Church of the Holy Rosary last year, but the fact that there will be sufficient resting time in the grave is dawning upon them, so that we may soon expect them to be up and doing something fresh, which your correspondent will not omit to chronicle.

The balance-sheet which Father Power intends to present to the parishioners on the completion of his second year in the parish will show that within that time.

A SUM OF £15.70

has been raised in the parish. This is a marvellous success, and speaks well of the generosity of the four congregations, which, if brought together, would not number more than 400, counting children and adults.

May a man from the bush express his conviction that no home in New Zealand can be called truly Catholic that has not on its table week after week

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which is one of the best written Catholic papers of the day. I have heard many priests express that same conviction from the pulpit, and if our parish priest could succeed in getting the TABLET admitted into the houses of his parishioners his work would be much easier and pleasanter than it is at present. So may it be.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE REV. E. P. O'DONNELL.

IN our last issue we reported that the Rev. E. P. O'Donnell, who had been stationed at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, for the past year and a half, had been recalled by his Bishop, the Right Rev. Dr. Byrne, of the diocese of Bathurst, N.S.W. It is needless to say that the news of Father O'Donnell's approaching departure was received with feelings of the deepest regret, not alone by the clergy, but also by the laity of the Cathedral parish, by whom he was held in the highest esteem. After Mass on Sunday, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Greytown, the Catholics of the district took the opportunity of saying good-bye to Father O'Donnell, and also to present him with a substantial acknowledgment of his labors amongst them and evidence of their regard, in the shape of a purse of sovereigns. The presentation was made on behalf of the congregation by Messrs. Hackett and Columb, both of whom expressed their own regret and also that of the Catholics in general at the loss sustained by them in the departure of Father O'Donnell, who, during his connection with the district, had endeared himself to all by his attention to the spiritual wants of the people, and by his pleasant and amiable character. Father O'Donnell, in replying, thanked the people for their generous gift, and expressed his regret that he was about to leave Dunedin, where he had just come to know the people and appreciate their many good qualities—their loyalty to the Church and their generosity. Wherever it was his fortune to be stationed he would always remember with pleasure the time he spent in Dunedin, and would never forget the warmth of the people of Greytown.

After Vespers on Sunday, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Mosgiel, the congregation presented Father O'Donnell with a beautiful and costly rug and dressing case. The presentation was made by Mr. Quelch, who spoke in very feeling terms of the regret felt by the congregation at the departure of Father O'Donnell. On behalf of himself and the congregation he tendered Father O'Donnell their best wishes for his future welfare, and prayed for his success in the new sphere of labors to which the voice of his ecclesiastical superior had called him. Father M. Ryan (of Holy Cross College) was also present, and referred in complimentary terms to the sterling worth of Father O'Donnell. Father O'Donnell, in the course of a brief reply, referred in grateful terms to the unflinching kindness he had met with at the hands of the people of Mosgiel, thanked them for this fresh evidence of their goodwill, and wished them a full measure of every blessing.

On Monday evening the pupils of St. Dominic's Convent High School entertained Father O'Donnell at a concert, and presented him with a number of costly and exquisitely bound volumes.

At the meeting of the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society on Monday evening the Rev. Father Murphy, president, took occasion to present, on behalf of the members, to the Rev. Father O'Donnell a very fine stationery case in Morocco leather, suitably inscribed. The president said Father O'Donnell had endeared himself to all during his sojourn by his unselfish labors, and the members were desirous that the Rev. Father should carry away with him some small memento to show their appreciation of his noble and devoted work amongst them. Father O'Donnell in reply thanked the members very heartily for their handsome present. He would carry away, he said, fond recollections of the people of Dunedin and especially of the young men. He was sorry to leave but had to obey the orders of the higher powers, and would keep the case as a token reminding him of the happy hours spent with the members.

On last (Wednesday) night Father O'Donnell was entertained at a social gathering in St. Joseph's Hall, which was tendered by the members of St. Joseph's Cathedral Choir.

Messrs. Sievwright Bros. and Co. report the sales of the free hold, furniture, and stock of the Scotia Hotel, Dundas and Leith streets, from Mr. Cooksley to Mr. J. O'Hallern; the Peebles Hotel, near Oamaru, from Mr. J. Parker to Mr. J. Isip, of Maheno; the Palmerston Hotel, Palmerston, from Mr. Malcolm Allan to Mr. Edward Smith, recently of Waikata; also the Gore Coffee Palace, furniture, stock, and leasehold to Mrs. Stewart, of Riverton.—*.*

WEDDING BELLS.

MCCOOL—MCCARTHY.

Our Hawera correspondent writes:—A very pretty wedding took place at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Eltham, on last Tuesday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. John McCool, of Ashurst, and Miss Catherine McCarthy, eldest daughter of Mr. Timothy McCarthy, of Eltham. Very Rev. Father Power, of Hawera, was the officiating clergyman. A large number of guests were subsequently entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the parish priest and suitably responded to by Mr. McCool. Other toasts were proposed and responded to by Mr. McCool, sen., Mr. Johnston, Mr. O'Reilly, and Mr. McCarthy. A very enjoyable time was spent until late in the afternoon, when the happy pair left for Wanganui, where they intend to spend the honeymoon.

KEARNEY—BROPHY.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston (says the *Manawatu Standard*) when Mr. John Kearney, of the Danevirke telegraph staff, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Brophy, second daughter of Mr. Peter Brophy, of Grey street. The bride, who was nicely dressed in a khaki costume, with hat to match, was attended by Miss Lizzie Brophy, as bridesmaid, and Mr. James Brophy acted as best man. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a large congregation, was performed by the Rev. Father Tymons.

OBITUARY.

MRS. HALL, NORMANBY.

An old and highly respected colonist, in the person of Mrs. Hall, passed away at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. P. Nolan, Normanby, on May 12. The deceased lady was mother of Mrs. John Flynn (Hawera), Mrs. J. J. Connell (Hawera), and Mrs. P. Nolan (Normanby), Mr. John Hall (Eltham), Mr. James Hall (Lepperton), and Mr. Thomas Hall (Wanganui). Mrs. Hall had been in failing health for some time, and consequently her death was not unexpected. The deceased arrived in Auckland in 1863 with her husband, who died some years ago. The late Mr. Hall was attached to the engineering section of the Imperial forces. Shortly after Mrs. Hall settled down in Taranaki, where she resided without intermission until her death, which took place in her seventy-second year. The family have the sincerest sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.—*R.I.P.*

MRS. HICKEY, ADDINGTON.

In the person of Mrs. Mary Hickey, who died on Monday, May 21, at the age of 63 years, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Addington (writes a correspondent) passed away. The deceased was the third daughter of Mr. Richard Murphy, and was born in Milford, County Cork, Ireland. In the year 1863 she arrived in Canterbury, and shortly after married and settled in Addington, where she had lived up to the time of her demise. Mrs. Hickey was always a devout Catholic, and was much esteemed not only by her co-religionists but also by all her neighbours and friends. During her last illness she was attended by the Very Rev. Father Le Menant des Chesnais, V.G. The Sisters of Our Lady of Missions also frequently visited her, and she expired in the most edifying manner, after having received the last rites of Holy Church. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on the Thursday following her demise. The Rev. Father McDonald officiated in the Church, Barbadoes street, where the remains were taken, and also at the grave. She was interred in the Linwood Public Cemetery, near the remains of her late husband, Mr. Cornelius Hickey, who predeceased her 11 years ago. Mrs. Hickey leaves a grown-up family of one son and five daughters to mourn their loss.—*R.I.P.*

WE have received a parcel of used stamps for Father Kreymborg's mission from Miss Mary Doogan, Greymouth. Our correspondent has evidently not seen the notice, which appeared in the N.Z. TABLET a few weeks ago, to the effect that we had decided not to receive any more stamps for charitable purposes.

IN its last trip to Sydney the Waihora took a large shipment of New Zealand flax of superior quality, which is going through to Japan. It is understood the Japanese have discovered a mode of treatment of flax which makes it of a very silky character, and it is used principally in making up 'silk' goods for colonial markets.

Witches Oil cures pains and aches, neuralgia, headache, sciatica, rheumatism. Price, 2s 6d. Try it.—*.*

Witches Oil cures chilblains, sciatica, lumbago, stiffness of the joints, cold in the chest or lungs. Kempthorne, Prosser and Co., agents.—*.*

MR. P. LUNDON, Phoenix Chambers, Wanganui, is still busy putting people on the soil. He has also hotels in town and country For Sale and To Lease. Write to him.—*.*

The English and Foreign Piano Agency, Queen street, Auckland, of which Mr. F. Moore is manager, sells pianos and organs at the lowest price for cash, and also gives exceptionally easy terms to buyers on the hire system. The highest possible allowance is made for old instruments taken in exchange. Our readers are referred for further information to an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.—*.*