

**WEDDING BELLS.**

HARRIS—FAHEY.

ON January 15 a pretty wedding took place in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, the contracting parties being Mr. Alfred Harris, second son of Mr D. Harris, Lower Harbor, and Miss Mary Josephine Fahey, second daughter of Mr. John Fahey, Galway, Ireland. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. The bridesmaids were Misses K. and Mary Fahey, and Mr. J. T. Harris (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man. After the ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the residence of Mr. James Deehan, Maitland street, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Harris left by the afternoon train for their home at Waimate, taking with them many good wishes for their future happiness.

**Obituary.**

MR. JOSEPH E. CANTWELL,

The many friends of Mr. Joseph Edward Cantwell, of Dunedin, will hear with regret of his death, which took place on Friday last at the early age of 28 years. The deceased had been a great sufferer for a considerable time, and consequently his demise was not wholly unexpected. For many years the late Mr. Cantwell took a very active part in the Dunedin Catholic Literary Society, of which he had been a prominent member. The funeral took place on Saturday at the Southern Cemetery, Dunedin, where the Rev. Father O'Malley officiated. The deceased was brother of Mother M. Rose, of St. Dominic's Convent, Oamaru.—R.I.P.

MR JAMES J. M'CLUSKEY, WETHERSTONES.

VERY sincere regret was felt for Mr and Mrs Daniel M'Cluskey, of Wetherstones, when it became known that their eldest son, Mr James Joseph M'Cluskey, had met his death by drowning at Wairopi on Thursday morning. The deceased (says the *Tuapeka Times*) was in the prime of manhood, being in his thirty-ninth year, and was a native of the district and a man of most exemplary character who was esteemed and respected by all who knew him for his kindly disposition and sterling qualities. Mr M'Cluskey had lived all his life in the home of his aged and respected parents, and it is not too much to say that no parents could be blessed with a son more devoted to their interests or more solicitous of their comfort and welfare than he was. It may be truly said of him in the most literal sense that he was a man, such was his kindly nature and unobtrusive disposition, who had not made a single enemy and has left friends on every side to regret his death and sympathise with his family in their affliction. With Mr and Mrs M'Cluskey, old and esteemed residents of the district for over a period of 40 years, there is the deepest sympathy in their heavy trial, which is intensified by the fact that Mrs M'Cluskey has only recently recovered from a prolonged and severe illness.—R.I.P.

**Nelson's Diamond Jubilee.**

NELSON is celebrating its diamond jubilee this week. The celebrations began on Monday morning with a salute by the battery, after which there was a procession headed by the volunteers. The Right Hon. the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, and the Hon. Mr. Mills, with their ladies, the Mayor of Nelson, and all representative and official personages, the old settlers in decorated cars and carriages, a bullock dray with settlers, the members of friendly societies, the school children, and others all took part. The old settlers were heartily cheered along the line of march to the Botanical Reserve, where speeches were delivered by the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, the Hon. Mr. Mills, Mr. Graham, M.H.R., Colonel Pitt, M.L.C., and the Mayor. The old settlers were then entertained at a luncheon, to which 130 who had arrived by 1843 were invited. The Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, and the Hon. Mr. Mills spoke in felicitous terms of the good work done by the pioneers. The health of the old settlers was proposed by the Premier, and hearty cheers were given in their honor.

A notable event of the afternoon (writes the special correspondent of the *Evening Star*) was the gathering of early settlers at luncheon at the Masonic Hall. They numbered altogether about 130 of both sexes, and included some of the first arrivals. The proceedings were made as pleasant as possible for these rugged fathers and mothers of a sturdy race. The Mayor of the city presided, and the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, and the Hon. C. H. Mills were among the guests, and made brief allusion to the splendid work of the early settlers, whose health was enthusiastically toasted. Mr. Songer, who planted the British flag on Nelson soil by direction of Captain Wakefield, related how Nelson Harbor was first chosen, and particularly acknowledged the friendliness and kindness of the Maoris to the settlers on their arrival.

Other 'side shows' of the day were a tennis tournament (which was begun on the Brook street courts), a bowling tourney, an art exhibition at the Souter Art Gallery, and a sports meeting at Trafalgar Park—a reserve of several acres which, some years ago, was formed of material scooped up from the adjacent mud flats.

On Monday night the streets of the town, which are illuminated with Chinese lanterns, were full of people.

The day's proceedings wound up with a banquet to the Ministerial visitors.

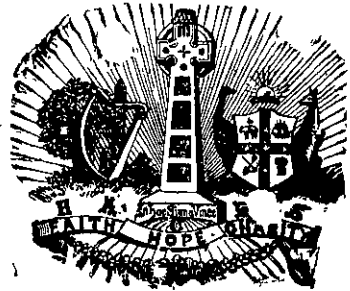
Feeling reference was made by Colonel Pitt to Nelson's Grace Darling (Mrs. Julia Martin), who in 1863 showed great bravery in swimming out from the shore and rescuing a number of the crew

from the brigantine Delaware, wrecked near Wakapuaka on her way to Napier. Immediately after this compliment had been paid she was escorted to the bund rotunda in the Botanical Gardens by Mr. D. M. Luckie and introduced to the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, and others. "Julia" was dressed in the garb of a Maori chieftainess, with a handsome native mat about her shoulders and a wreath of passion fruit vine round her head. She was undoubtedly the cyclusure of all eyes, and held quite a reception of her own among the early settlers present. Julia is still the proud possessor of a handsome gold watch presented to her by public subscription at the time of the Delaware disaster.

Two of the speakers at the function at the Botanical Gardens are natives of the district. Mr. John Graham, the member for Nelson City, was singularly enough, born just 60 years ago. The Hon. C. H. Mills was christened and wedded in the Nelson Cathedral, and is, moreover the first Nelson native to attain to Cabinet rank. Captain Post, the popular skipper of the Tutaneke, claims to be an old settler of Nelson in its early days. He deserted from a ship on which he was articled, and which called at the port. He managed to elude the vigilance of those who were sent in quest of him.

The leading feature of Tuesday's celebrations was the military review and tournament. Three mounted corps of district artillery and infantry took part in the former, and the tournament was a big success. Marines from the warships also gave an exhibition, and were received with cheers.

The celebrations will last during the week.



**HIBERNIAN-AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLIC BENEFIT SOCIETY, NEW ZEALAND DISTRICT, No. 3.**

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AMONG the Justices of the Peace lately appointed in the State of New South Wales appeared the name of Mr. John Kays Mr. Kays was formerly a Justice of the Peace in Wellington, in this Colony. He is a Jesuit scholar, having been a pupil of St. Patrick's College, Melbourne.

Six thousand three hundred miles is the distance the lamp-lighter at Kaiapoi estimates he travels in a year, and the local council grants him a new set of bicycle tyres each year to do it.