

ly acted as accompanist for the various items. Abundant and choice refreshments were handed round during the evening.

Mr. Cecil Morkane, a student of Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, leaves for Sydney by the Moeraki on this day (Thursday). He will proceed thence by the 'Omrah' to Naples on his way to Rome, where he will complete his course of studies in Propaganda College.

Father McGrath's many friends throughout the diocese will be pleased to learn that he is progressing most satisfactorily after the operation which was performed on him at the Chalet private hospital, Dunedin.

The Very Rev. Dean Lighthearth (writes an occasional correspondent) is at present in Invercargill, and on Sunday preached twice at St. Mary's on behalf of the Maori missions. On Monday evening he lectured in St. Joseph's, when, despite the inclement weather, there was a large attendance. The audience were delighted with the lecture, which dealt with the early history, mythology, and modern customs of the Maoris. The Very Rev. Dean has already met with a large measure of success in Invercargill.

The Clyde Dramatic Club (writes a correspondent) performed 'The Magistrate,' a comedy in three acts, to an appreciative audience in Cromwell on Friday night of last week. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on the ladies and gentlemen who filled the principal roles. When all the performers acquitted themselves so well, it would be invidious to draw comparisons, but a general consensus of opinion gave the palm to Mr. H. E. Stevens (Magistrate), Mr. J. E. Stevens (Col. Lukyn), and Mr. R. Stevens (Cis. Davingdon). Miss Stevens, Miss Ethel Fache, Mrs. Higgins, and Miss Flannagan filled their parts to perfection. During the interval Mr. E. Murrell, Mayor, thanked the audience on behalf of Father Hunt (who unfortunately was not able to be present) for their attendance. The performance was given in aid of the new Catholic church, Clyde, and resulted in the sum of £22 being added to the fund.

ASHBURTON

There was an unusually large attendance at the meeting of the Ashburton Catholic Literary Society, held on Wednesday evening, August 26, the occasion being a social tendered to Mr. H. McSherry, who is shortly leaving for Pahiataua. Mr. Mueller (president) occupied the chair. The Catholic boys' schoolroom (says the 'Guardian') was very tastefully decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns, and was furnished drawing-room fashion.

The chairman said they met that evening for the purpose of making a dual presentation—one from the choir and the Literary Society, to Miss Bournique, the church organist, who was about to be married, and one to their very great friend, M. McSherry, who was leaving them. They regretted Mr. McSherry's departure from their midst, but if that gentleman paid the same attention to business and other matters in his new home as he had done in Ashburton, he was bound to succeed. He had their hearty good wishes. Miss Bournique had been very good to the Literary Society, and had come there often at great inconvenience to herself, to assist the members.

The Very Rev. Father O'Donnell said it was due to him that Mr. McSherry came there six years ago, and he had always found him a real sterling man, and one whom he might choose to know and esteem as a friend. He wished him every success in life. But he supposed he had violated all feelings of good taste by referring to Mr. McSherry first. But while Mr. McSherry was leaving them, Miss Bournique was not. She was going to be more firmly rooted in their midst than before. It was rather a coincidence that Mr. McSherry and Miss Bournique had assumed their respective positions just about the same time—Miss Bournique as organist, and Mr. McSherry as leader of the choir and master of the boys' school—and that they were resigning them about the same time. The presents he had to make to Miss Bournique consisted of a cruet and jam dish from the choir, and a butter dish from the Literary Society. Miss Bournique had been most regular in her attendance, and had been a most attentive organist, and he was very glad to see that the choir appreciated her services. For Mr. McSherry he had a brief bag, which he hoped would be filled very soon, and a gold fountain pen, the latter suitably inscribed, which would be useful to him in making out those bills which none of them particularly liked to receive. He wished Mr. McSherry a very prosperous career.

Mr. John Moison returned thanks on behalf of Miss Bournique, who had desired him to convey to the choir, and also to the members of the Literary Society, her heartfelt thanks for their beautiful presents.

Mr. McSherry said that, having been connected with the choir as conductor, for the last five or six years, he could fully support the remarks which had been made concerning the services rendered by Miss Bournique as

organist. It was deeply painful to him to part with the people of Ashburton. From the time he came here until now, he had received uniform kindness at their hands, and he deeply regretted parting with them, and more particularly with the Literary Society, of which he might claim to have been one of the founders. He desired to personally thank Father O'Donnell for the many kindnesses and favors he had received at that gentleman's hands. He was glad to have the opportunity of testifying to the esteem in which he held Father O'Donnell, and to thank him and them for their many kindnesses.

Among the others who testified to the worth of Mr. McSherry and expressed regret at his departure were Messrs. J. Moison, M. Moriarity, F. Scrint, H. P. Maden, M. J. Burgess, D. Moriarity, and T. Adams.

A pleasant little musical programme was given during the evening, songs being contributed by Mesdames Mueller and Scrint, Mis May Madden, and Messrs. M. J. Burgess and Mueller, Messrs. J. Moriarity and Cooper contributing recitations, and Mr. D. Crowe gramophone selections, each item being evidently appreciated and warmly received. A capital repast was subsequently provided by the ladies. The proceedings closed with cheers for Miss Bournique and the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' Mr. McSherry's friends taking their leave of him with characteristic warmth and keen regret.

On Thursday night a concert, under the auspices of the Ashburton County Brass Band was given in the Odd-fellows' Hall, Ashburton, in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. The entertainment (says the 'Mail') took the form of a concert composed entirely of numbers of an Irish character, and was a pleasing variation from the usual amateur concert. Great credit is due to the Catholic Literary Society for organising and carrying it to a successful issue. Mr. A. Muller, the able president of the Society, presided. Among those who contributed items were Mr. J. J. Moriarity, who recited 'Fontenoy,' which was encored, Mr. J. Healy, who sang a comic song, Mr. P. D. Wilson, who danced an Irish jig, and Messrs. Wilson, Moriarity, and Healy, who took part in a farce, which was very creditably acted. Mr. T. M. Brophy, secretary of the Catholic Literary Society, and Mr. F. K. Cooper, stage manager, though not before the public eye, none the less assisted in the successful carrying out of the entertainment.

WEDDING BELLS

NOLAN—PEARSON.

A very pretty wedding took place at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Wednesday, September 2. The Rev. Father Coffey officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. W. P. Nolan, of the Railway Department, youngest son of the late Mr. John Nolan, Middlemarch, and Miss Constance Pearson, youngest daughter of the late Richard Brooks Pearson, of Dunedin. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. W. K. Pearson, Lawrence, was attended by Miss Bevin (niece of the bride), as bridesmaid, Mr. W. O'Leary, Dunedin, acting as groomsman. The bride was attired in a very pretty costume of ivory silk, with court train, and wore the usual wreath and veil. The bridesmaid was becomingly dressed in dove grey with large picture hat. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold cross, and to the bridesmaid a very pretty sapphire brooch. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of greenstone sleeve-links, mounted in gold, and pearl studs. The presents were numerous, valuable, and useful. The happy couple left for the north on their honeymoon.

Tenders will be received at the Chief Post Office, Dunedin, until October 5, for the conveyance of mails between the various places in the postal district of Dunedin, for a period of three years from the 1st January, 1904, to the 31st December, 1906. Particulars will be found on page 29 of this issue...

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