

**WEDDING BELLS**

**CLARKIN—CURTAIN.**

(From a correspondent.)

A quiet wedding was solemnised at the Church of our Lady of the Rosary, Hamilton, on February 8, the contracting parties being Mr. William Clarkin, youngest son of the late Mr. Thomas Clarkin, of Hamilton, and Miss Rebecca Curtain, third daughter of Mrs. and the late J. Curtain, of Kaikoura, Marlborough. The Very Rev. Dean Darby, assisted by the Rev. Father Duffey, performed the ceremony. The bride was prettily attired in a white embroidered frock and white hat with ostrich plumes. She was given away by Mr. John Clarkin, of Eureka. Miss Maggie Clarkin (sister of the bridegroom) was bridesmaid, and the best man was Mr. J. Clarkin, jun., of Eureka (nephew of the bridegroom). The happy couple left by motor car for Waitomo, where the honeymoon was spent.

**Onehunga**

(From a correspondent.)

The convent school opened on February 1 with a splendid attendance. Up to date every available desk has its occupant, so that the school committee will be called upon to find more seating accommodation, as new pupils are still seeking admission.

The school committee are to be congratulated on the work done to the buildings and school grounds, making the former more commodious and convenient, and the latter available for tennis and other games. The annual school report, submitted by Mr. N. T. Lambourne, M.A., may be found excellent, as 120 per cent. of those presented for proficiency in Standard VI. secured certificates. Master Charles Maxwell won a scholarship, carrying £20 for a year. A cable from London states that Miss Mary Moran, 14 years of age, was the successful candidate in the Plymouth, British and Foreign Sailors' ship department. Her easy competition, the subject being, in your opinion, who was the greatest sailor after Nelson. Records would show that all presented for the scholarship, and then and in December last passed successfully. Te'o Wharion and James Goffrey gained honours in the advanced grade in both subjects. Not alone in educational matters, but in sport also have the pupils done well. At the Onehunga Friendly Societies' sports, held February 29, the convent pupils played Mr. Powell, Te Paparua, and the Onehunga public schools for the Scabrick Omelette Cup. The convent A and B teams were first and second respectively, and Te Paparua third. The event was keenly contested. Another match will be played on the cup to the credit of the convent. The sisters have been the recipients of many letters of congratulation from the leading members of the parish.

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**OBITUARY**

**MR. WILLIAM FITZPATRICK, BRUNNERTON.**

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mr. William Fitzpatrick, of the Albion Hotel, Wallsend, Brunner-ton, passed away on January 30. The deceased, who was 78 years of age, and a native of county Galway, was one of the early band of miners and pioneers of these parts, having arrived on the West Coast in 1865, and was also on the early goldfields of Victoria. He resided for a number of years at Maori Gully, and entered into possession of the Albion Hotel over seventeen years ago. The deceased was a man of many good qualities, highly respected for his many manly virtues, and one of the best of the pioneer band whose numbers are fast decreasing. His wife predeceased him about twelve years ago, and of a family of eight children, two sons and five daughters are left to mourn their loss. Mrs. Maurice Moore (Runanga), Mrs. Kenneth Chishalm (Invercargill), are daughters. Misses Margaret and Annie Fitzpatrick are at home, and the eldest daughter is a Sister of Mercy at Singleton, New South Wales. Messrs. James Fitzpatrick (Runanga) and Michael Fitzpatrick (Reefton) are sons of the deceased. The remains of the late Mr. Fitzpatrick were interred in the Greymouth Cemetery. The Very Rev. Dean Carew officiated both at the church and at the graveside. A Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church on Monday, February 1. The funeral was a thoroughly representative one, including many of the old pioneers of the Coast.—B.A.P.

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