

## WEDDING BELLS

### MARTIN- DELANY.

The wedding of Mr. James Martin and Miss Alice Delany took place at the Catholic Church, Shannon, on Tuesday, June 22. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Cronin, who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. Great interest was taken in the ceremony owing to the popularity of the young couple. The church, which was tastefully decorated, was crowded with friends, etc. The bride was exquisitely attired in white crepe de chine, with white felt hat and ostrich plumes, and carried a beautiful bouquet of freesias and maiden-hair fern. The bridesmaids (Miss Gladys Jefferies, niece of the bride, and Miss A. Lynch) wore cream costumes, with black velvet hats relieved with pink roses, and carried white and pink bouquets. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were gold lockets. The bride was given away by Mr. Moynihan. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. W. Moynihan as groomsmen. Mrs. Butler, presided at the organ, and played the 'Bridal March' from 'Lohengrin' as the bridal party entered the church, Murphy's 'Ave Maria' at the Offertory, and Mendelssohn's 'Wedding March' at the conclusion of the ceremony. The reception was held at the Club Hotel, and about forty guests sat down to the wedding breakfast. Rev. Father Cronin proposed the toast of the 'Bride and bridegroom.' Other customary toasts were also duly honored. The happy couple left by motor for Napier, taking with them the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the recipients of a large number of valuable presents.

### COLLIS- GANNON.

An interesting and very pretty wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church on June 23 (says the *Mangaweka Settler*), the contracting parties being Mr. J. Collis, second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Collis, and Miss Lillian Gannon, only daughter of Mr. J. W. Gannon, of Mangaweka. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Connelly, assisted by Rev. Father Doolaghty. The bride was given away by her father and wore a pretty gown of ivory satin, trimmed with nylon and silk lace. She also wore the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies. The bridesmaids were the Misses Mona (chief), Ruby, and Rita Thompson, cousins of the bride, who wore dainty frocks of Swiss muslin and mob caps. They also wore the bridegroom's gifts, a pendant and gold brooches, respectively. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a handsome gold mounted pendant, and his to her was a neat set of grey squirrel furs. After the ceremony the guests proceeded to the Oddfellows' Hall, where the bride and bridegroom received congratulations prior to the breakfast. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Collis left by motor on their honeymoon, which is to be spent in Wellington and Napier. The bride travelled in a tailored costume of brown with pretty grey felt hat with plumes.

### ANNIBAL SORENSEN.

A very interesting wedding took place at St. Canice's Church, Westport, on June 2, when Mr. Robert Heslam Annibal, eldest son of Mrs. Casey, was married to Miss Eileen Mary Sorensen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sorensen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Long. The bride, who was given away by her father, was gowned in white paillette de soie, with cascade train, trimmed with puffs and a large bow of tulle, and a horseshoe of orange blossoms. She also wore a wreath and veil, the gift of her youngest sister. She carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums, daisies, and maiden-hair fern. The bride was attended by her cousin (Miss Radford) as maid of honor, and her two sisters (Misses Julie and Eveline Sorensen) as bridesmaids. The two first-mentioned wore shell-pink and pale blue paillette de soie with tunics of silk lace and black velvet

hats. The last mentioned wore a frock of cream San Toy, with a heliotrope sash, and streamers and hat to match. The bridegroom was supported by Messrs. Radford, Casey, and R. A. Himsett. The wedding march was played by Miss Celcie Radford. The reception and wedding breakfast were held at Warwick House, the home of the bride's aunt, where the usual toasts were duly honored. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome set of squirrel furs, and to the bridesmaids gold pendants set with pearls and rubies, and the bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve-links. Amongst the numerous presents received were those from the sodality of Children of Mary and the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the bride, and from the railway employees and St. Canice's Choir, of which the bridegroom is a member. The happy couple left next morning by motor for Christchurch and Dunedin on their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was a navy-blue cloth costume, and a black velvet hat, trimmed with ostrich feather.

### ST. MARY'S CONVENT, PONSONBY

The Right Rev. Mgr. Gillan, in the unavoidable absence of his Lordship Dr. Cleary, officiated at the ceremony of reception, which took place on Friday afternoon, July 2, at St. Mary's Convent, Ponsonby. The young ladies who received the white veil on the occasion were—Miss May Holbrook (Wexford), niece of Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, who received the religious name of Sister Mary Louis; Miss Madge Davis (Wexford), Sister M. Aloysius; and Miss Katherine O'Donoghue (Blenheim), Sister M. Teresa. Among the clergy present on the occasion were the Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook, Rev. Fathers Cahill, Kehoe, Murphy, Golden, Doyle, Dunphy, Kelly, Delach, and Farragher. A great many of the relations and friends of the candidates were also present. The convent choir rendered, in a truly devotional manner, the canticles, hymns, and psalms incidental to the ceremony. Monsignor Gillan preached a most eloquent sermon on the religious life and on the works of the Order of Mercy to which the young novices were consecrating their lives. After the ceremony Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Monsignor Gillan, assisted by Very Rev. Chancellor Holbrook. The convent chapel was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the altar being adorned with lovely arum lilies. The new stained-glass windows, representing St. Catherine, the patroness of the foundress of the Order of Mercy (Catherine McAuley), and St. Cecilia, patroness of Rev. Mother M. Cecilia Maher, who was the foundress of the Order in the Auckland diocese in 1850, were much admired. They were the gift of Miss S. Lynch in memory of her parents, Daniel and Mary Lynch, and of her sister, and were the work of a local firm, Messrs. Herbert and Sons. The ceremony being concluded, the visitors adjourned to the convent, where afternoon tea was dispensed by the Sisters.

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