

## N.Z. CATHOLIC FEDERATION

### ST. ANDREWS BRANCH.

A very enjoyable social was held by the Catholic Federation Committee of St. Andrews, in the hall, on October 9, in aid of the scholarship and hostel fund. The evening being fine, quite a large number of people were present. A concert party, organised by Rev. Father Bartley and Mrs. N. D. Mangos, of Timaru, were mainly instrumental in making the function such a success. The following contributed to the programme: Mrs. P. Lindsay, Misses M. O'Connor, D. Annetts, F. Shaw, Mona Wade, and Holdgate, Father Moloney, and Mr. T. O'Connor, and all were very heartily applauded. At the conclusion of the concert Father Bartley, in a happy speech, thanked one and all for their kind help. During the evening two guessing competitions were held. The first prize, a Christmas cake, was won by Mr. G. Grainger, of Timaru, and the second, a framed picture, by Master T. Sheehan, of St. Patrick's College, Wellington; the value of which was kindly refunded to the committee towards the proceeds of the social. The organisers have every reason to feel gratified at the amount realised—£53, after all expenses had been paid. Three-fourths of this amount was forwarded to the diocesan secretary towards the Catholic scholarship fund, and one-fourth towards the Catholic Girls' Hostel, Christchurch.

### PALMERSTON NORTH.

The Empire Hall, Palmerston North, presented a very animated appearance on Wednesday evening, October 29, when a plain and fancy dress dance, organised by Mrs. T. J. Rodgers and Miss McGrath, was held to augment the funds for the forthcoming bazaar (writes a correspondent). The first part of the evening was devoted to the children, who were nearly all in fancy dress, and they made a pretty picture as they circled round the hall in the grand march. Miss Orbell's and Miss Tabor's pupils performed some pretty fancy dances, in which they excelled themselves. The prize-winners were:—Most original costume (girl), Kitty O'Connor ("puff box"); most original costume (boy), Jack Lewis ("swagger man"); best-dressed girl, Molly Thorburn ("golden butterfly"); best-dressed boy, Allan Grimston ("cowboy"); Lady Chaytor's special prize, Phyllis Torpy ("ragtime"); Mrs. Watson's prize, Joan Quirke ("pink fairy"). Lady Chaytor, Mrs. H. N. Watson, and Mrs. W. Strang acted as judges. The children's dance concluded at 9.30, and the adults took the floor, and there were several pretty fancy dresses amongst them also. Mr. C. McGrath proved himself an efficient M.C. all through the evening, and the supper was in the capable hands of a band of ladies. Mrs. Beange and Mrs. McGrath disposed of sweets and ice cream, and did good business. Mr. Smith's orchestra provided excellent music for the dances, and Mrs. Rodgers played for the fancy dances. During the evening a competition for a cake was held, Mrs. Cope being the winner, the correct weight being 3lb 3oz.

### IRISH TERRITORY WHICH HAS IRISH FREE GOVERNMENT.

The Basket Islands, which lie off the coast of Kerry, are the most advanced point of Europe facing the American Continent. The main island, measuring about three miles long by one mile across, is the only one which is inhabited. It is occupied by a hardy group of fishermen, numbering about 30 families. The island is governed by an "Ard Righ," who is elected by the inhabitants, and who is responsible for the preservation of law and order on the island. The islanders do not pay rent, rates, or taxes, and they recognise no other authority than that of their king or chief. It is extremely difficult to obtain access to the island; there is only one possible landing place, and it is impossible to find this without an island guide. The natives are very suspicious of strangers, and nobody is allowed to land without his bona fides having first been established. Some time ago a gunboat was sent to the island to collect taxes, but the mission was unsuccessful, as a landing could not be effected. Visitors are very rare; one of the most recent was Rev. Father Fitzgerald, of Glasgow, who, as a priest, received a very hearty "cead mille failthe." There is no resident priest on the island, but it is visited twice yearly by a priest from the mainland. The language spoken is Irish, and this is the medium of instruction in the local school. The inhabitants live mainly by fishing for shell-fish, which find a ready sale on the neighboring mainland. The island is probably the only strip of Irish territory which is under independent Irish government.

The term "Home Rule" was invented by the late Prof. Galbraith, a senior fellow of Trinity College, Dublin.

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## WEDDING BELLS

### ARDAGH—HANNA.

An exceedingly large number of friends and relations of the bride and bridegroom assembled at the Sacred Heart Church, Timaru, on Monday, October 27, on the occasion of the marriage of John Joseph Ardagh, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ardagh, Glenavy, formerly of Timaru, to Vera, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna, Hereford Street West, Christchurch. The Rev. Father Ardagh, brother of the bridegroom, officiated, and was assisted by the Very Rev. Dean Tubman, S.M., and Rev. Father Bartley, S.M. In the sanctuary were also present Rev. Fathers Kerley, S.M., and Burger, S.M. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. H. Williams, wore a charming frock of pale pink georgette, veiled with white, and caught up with pale pink georgette flowers. Her veil was arranged mob-cap style, and finished with pale pink georgette flower wreath, and she carried a bouquet of lilies. Miss Josie Hanna, in a quaint frock of floral nylon and large hat toned in pink and heliotrope, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Cyril Tansey was best man. The high altar and sanctuary were very effectively adorned for the occasion. As the newly-wedded couple left the church Mrs. N. D. Mangos played the "Wedding March," and Mrs. T. Lynch gave a very fine rendering of Gounod's "Ave Maria" during the ceremony. A feature of the ceremony, also, was the chiming of church bells, appropriate airs being rung out by Misses Schaab (2). A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the bride's sister in Trafalgar Street. The Very Rev. Dean Tubman presided, and a large number of relations and friends of the bride and bridegroom were present. Later in the day the happy couple left by motor car, the bride wearing a fawn costume and fur coat, and a small black and gold hisserie straw hat.

### THE LITTLE ROOM.

How far away the world seems now  
While we two watch alone  
Our fiery-calyxed blossom grow  
Visible, erst to sight unknown!

Deserted miles of mazy streets  
Compass the house around.  
Here at Love's labyrinth-heart each greets  
Holiness, uttering no sound.

Slowly our thoughts, through eyes resolve  
Each other's rounded good,  
Long love-glances mingle and dissolve  
Silent as mood ebbs into mood.

Sometimes twin hands enfold a face  
Touching with scarce a touch,  
And the eyes' currents, deepened, race  
Exchanging what no hand can clutch.

Sometimes the hands, all quiet, slip  
Behind the leaning head,  
And silent lip meets silent lip  
When speak we though no word is said.

O holiness! O quiet! Belov'd,  
Time was when we did lack,  
Unrecognised of each we moved,  
Have we not set blind Fortune back?

We thank thee, spirit of love, who are  
Foreign to Time and Doom,  
Freed by thee of this doomed star  
Here in this love-filled little room!

—ROBERT NICHOLS, in the *New Witness*.



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