

WEDDING BELLS

O'CONNOR—McGRATH.

(From our Palmerston North correspondent.)

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, on October 14, the contracting parties being Miss Violet Louisa McGrath, second daughter of the late Michael Henry McGrath, of Wellington, and Mrs. McGrath, of "Orewa," College street, Palmerston North, and Mr. Patrick O'Connor, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice O'Connor, The Terrace, Wellington. The Rev. Father Costello officiated at the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. C. McGrath, was attired in a soft satin gown draped and trimmed with real point lace. The bride also wore a veil that was worn by her mother at the latter's wedding, and the usual spray of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful spray of freesias. Miss Kate McGrath (sister of the bride) and Miss Ethel Carter attended the bride. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. J. O'Connor, as best man, and Mr. John Power, of Feilding, as groomsman. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold sovereign case, and the bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome travelling companion. The bridesmaids each wore gold necklets and pendants, set with peridots, the gift of the bridegroom. As the bridal party left the church, the 'Wedding March' was played by Mr. S. Cimino. After the ceremony a private reception was held at 'Orewa,' the residence of the bride's mother. Later in the afternoon the happy couple left for a motor tour to Rotorua. The presents received were both numerous and costly, and came from as far as England, among them being a set of silver fish knives and forks from the staff of Messrs. O'Connor and Tydeman, a large steel engraving in oak frame from the local telephone exchange, of which the bride was a member, and a handsome ivory-bound prayer-book from the Children of Mary. Several cheques were numbered amongst the presents.

OBITUARY

MR. E. J. DENNEHY, WELLINGTON.

The news of the death of Mr. Edmond James Dennehy, which occurred at his residence, Coromandel street, on October 18, came as a sad surprise to his numerous friends. The late Mr. Dennehy was of a genial kindly nature that endeared him to many friends in the various centres of New Zealand where his lot was cast. The funeral was attended by the representatives of several leading business firms in Wellington, where he filled the position of commercial traveller for Messrs Laery and Co., and also by friends from both islands. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Anne's Church, Newtown, by the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.—R.I.P.

Onehunga

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Sunday, October 19, at the Church of the Assumption, Onehunga, 32 children had the very great happiness of making their First Communion. The altar was suitably decorated for the occasion, and the music and singing left nothing to be desired. The Rev. Father Golden, who has had charge of the parish during the absence of the Very Rev. Dean Mahony, addressed the children and the congregation. He thanked the Sisters for their zeal and earnestness in preparing the children so well for the great Sacrament they had just received. He exhorted the parents to realise and appreciate the work of the Sisters. He reminded the children that the solemn event of that day was the happiest of their lives, and that the only way of combating the temptations of the future would be by having recourse to prayer and the Sacraments. In conclusion he hoped the children would always be good practical

Catholics. Many of the adults present received Holy Communion. After the thanksgiving, the children withdrew to the Young Men's Club room, where they did justice to the good things provided by the Catholic ladies of Onehunga.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

October 20.

The mission by the Redemptorist Fathers, which began on Sunday, October 6, and ended this evening, has proved to be the most successful yet held in this parish. The mission for the first week, which was for the women, was well attended throughout, and that during the second for the men was equally successful. Over 2000 persons approached the Holy Table during the fortnight. The Rev. Father Murray, C.S.S.R., brought the mission for the women to a close this afternoon. The Rev. Father Roche, C.S.S.R. (Superior), preached at the close of the men's mission this evening. In concluding a most earnest and forceful sermon, he exhorted all to persevere in the good resolutions made during the mission, particularly as to receiving Holy Communion every month, and joining the Sacred Heart Confraternity. In thanking them, he exhorted all to work in earnest, and support their pastor (Rev. Father Costello) and his zealous assistant priests, in their great work in the parish. The church was crowded to excess at all the services on Sunday, and so far over 100 names have been added to the women's and 80 to the men's branch of the Sacred Heart Society. A week's mission will begin to-morrow at Ashhurst. Particular mention should be made of the artistic manner in which the altars were adorned by the Sisters of Mercy throughout the mission.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

October 22.

The bazaar in aid of the new church will open in the Olympia on Tuesday next, 29th inst. Preparations are now well forward for the great event, and in point of tasteful decorations, quality of artistic objects, and useful articles to be disposed of, and the excellence of the entertainment to be provided, this fete promises to eclipse all its predecessors. Signor Borzoni has got his performers well in hand, and the tug-of-war tournament for the championship of South Canterbury will also be a great draw. On Thursday evening last Mrs. J. Skinner gave a 'gift evening' in Caldwell's Tea Rooms, in aid of Mrs. Ardagh's stall. The hostess' invitations met with a cordial response, and a large number of handsome presents was the result. A choice programme was contributed to by Mrs. Lynch, Misses Wallace and Brennan, and Messrs. Bryce and D. Kennat. Miss E. Spring gave much appreciated piano solos, and Mrs. Mangos artistically accompanied the singers. The bazaar will last a fortnight, and the Catholics of Timaru will be pleased to see visitors from neighboring and even distant parishes at the fete.

Hawera

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The following pupils of the convent were successful at the recent examinations conducted by the representative of the Royal Academy of Music, London:—Lower division.—Dolly Barry, 122. Elementary.—Eileen Woodfield, 134 (honors); Winnie Cudby, 123. Primary.—Kathleen Paul, 130 (honors).

The convent school was examined on September 20 and 23 by Mr. Milne, whose report is of a very satisfactory nature. He says:—'Due discretion has been exercised in making promotions. The work on the whole showed the efficiency of the school to be in a very satisfactory state, and reflected credit on the zeal and fidelity of the teachers. The discipline is good in all the rooms; pupils were quiet, orderly, and attentive, and their general behaviour respectful and mannerly.'

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