

able prizes are to be given, and Morrow's Orchestra is to supply the music.

A wedding of unusual interest was solemnised in St. Benedict's Church, Newton, when Mr. Patrick Sheehan, eldest son of the late Michael Sheehan, and Miss Elizabeth Neville, youngest daughter of the late James Neville, Grey Lynn, were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father O'Malley. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was attired in a dainty frock of ivory crepe de Chine, wreath, and veil and carried a beautiful bouquet. She was attended by her sister, Miss Mollie Neville, who wore a Shantung costume and pretty Leghorn hat, and carried a bouquet of dahlias and mauve asters. During the ceremony Mr. Harry Hiscocks played selections and the "Wedding March," and Miss Stitt devotionally sang Mercadante's "Ave Maria." Mr J. O'Brien was the groomsman. About 60 guests were present at the wedding breakfast. Very Rev. Dean Cahill, who proposed the toast of the newly wedded couple, made eulogistic references to their excellent qualities. The bride's travelling costume was a grey tailored one and a becoming Leghorn hat. The honeymoon was spent at Hamilton, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan are now residing at Matamata.

Opunake

(From our special correspondent.)

Opunake, like the rest of Taranaki, basks in the shadow of the mountain—the mountain of all mountains for Taranaki people. Opunake has also something to be proud of in that sheltered level beach, with its broad floor of golden sands, the safest and best bathing place in New Zealand. Opunake has perhaps a world's record for her fires, which in past days were almost welcome as a break in the monotony of a too serene existence: they may have been welcome for other reasons as well, but that is as may be and does not concern you or me at all. Opunake is also famous for a railway that is on the way. Somewhere back in the dim political twilight the line started from Eltham and went asleep after travelling a few miles. It is asleep still, and Opunake holds high hopes that some day a Prince Charming will come and awaken the slumbers of the blessed old thing.

But Opunake has a new glory and a set of entirely new records to her credit. They are not gramophone records, but real solid financial records that will make New Zealand sit up and think. The energetic our popular pastor organised a carnival in aid of the church and school some time ago. As silently and as efficiently as that fleet that we used to read about when we were fighting for small nations, he went forward on the arduous path that leads to victory, never discouraged and never losing hope that Opunake would rise to the occasion and do itself proud once and for all. There were days when all roads seemed to lead to Opunake, so great was the throng that hurried to the gymkhana or to the horse-jumping competitions; there were moonlight nights when people asked was there a ball on for a visiting Prince, so numerous were the motor cars and the various types of family shandrydians that sped with burning wheels to some grand social for one of the queens; there were occasions when you would think you were at an Irish race meeting, so noisy were the cries of the man with the bran-tub, of the man with the arrows, of the man with the feather, crown, and anchor. And it all told in the end.

What was the result? Opunake has broken several records, as we remarked already. Opunake has raised more money for her carnival than any country parish ever raised before in any part of the world. Opunake has raised more money than Auckland ever raised—more, we believe, than was ever raised outside of the large towns, all of which have large Catholic populations compared with the scattered flock between Oeo and Okato. Opunake has raised—per head of

the population—the largest amount yet raised in New Zealand. One of these days she will raise a new school, and then a new church, that will make the rest of Taranaki green with envy; and pastor and people will say with legitimate pride: "We have done our bit; go you and do likewise." The carnival is over and the result known at last. The Pihama queen finished first; the Convent queen was second; the Oanui queen third; and the Pungarehu queen fourth, after an exciting contest. The total was great and the expenses were small. Opunake's fine record is £3200. And Father Doolaghty wears the smile that won't come off. Why not? "Alone he did it."

DIocese OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 14.

The St. Patrick's Sports' Association intends holding a reunion of members and friends in the Hibernian Hall on July 14. A good working committee has the function in hand, and patrons can look forward to an enjoyable evening.

The devotion of the Forty Hours' Adoration at the Cathedral was brought to a close on Tuesday evening by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass on Monday morning was celebrated by Rev. Father Cashman, and Rev. Father O'Connor (Addington), preached an instructive and impressive sermon on the Holy Eucharist. Rev. Father Finnerty (Addington) celebrated the Mass on Tuesday, Rev. Father Fogarty (Rangiora) preaching in the evening. In spite of unfavorable weather conditions the attendances throughout were excellent.

The sodality of the Children of Mary, with the object of acquiring a library, organised a social, which took place in the Hibernian Hall, on Wednesday evening. The function was well attended and capably carried out.

The M.B.O.B. Association Football Club records the loss of a respected comrade and fine player in the death of Mr. J. Francis Fahey, Little River. The teams, out of respect to the deceased, wore black bands during last Saturday's matches. The funeral, which took place at Little River on Sunday afternoon, was one of the most numerous attended yet seen in the district, over 50 motor cars following the hearse. Many of the old boys went out from Christchurch, as did also Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Father Bonetto, and Rev. Brother Phelan. Frank Fahey, who had seen active service, was stricken down with sickness in Egypt, and this was the beginning of his final illness. The remains were interred with military honors, the "Last Post" being sounded over the grave. The deceased was an exemplary Catholic, and sincere and widespread sympathy is extended to his bereaved parents and relatives.—R.I.P.

In football circles the Greens throughout New Zealand will be pleased to know that this season the M.B.O.B. teams are more than holding their own. The seniors are leading for the championship, and the juniors, though suffering defeats, are so much improved that they still have a chance. President's Cup team suffered its first defeat on Saturday against Prebbleton, and fourth and sixth grade teams are leading for honors. The following scores of the senior team may be of interest:—Against Merivale, 25 to 8; Christchurch, 46 to 3; Linwood, 6 to 3; Varsity, 17 to 5; Albion, 38 to 8; Old Boys', 14 to nil; thus winning all matches so far played. The school's senior and light weight teams will be found prominently placed at the end of the season. The older boys drew with Elmwood last week, whilst the light weights defeated Sydenham by three tries to nil.

At the ordinary fortnightly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society, held on Monday evening, June 7, one new member was initiated and one candidate proposed for membership. The quarterly report of the U.F.S. Dispensary was presented by