

Father Farthing Further Honored

On Thursday night (March 9) the Catholics of Matakura assembled to say farewell to Father Farthing, recently placed in charge of Roxburgh. They used the occasion to make him a substantial presentation consisting of a wad of bank notes. Mr. McQuillan presided, and Mr. Buckley made the presentation. Messrs. Curtin and Heslin also spoke. All the speakers praised Father Farthing for the devoted care and marked success with which he had taught the catechism to the children. That, in their opinion, was the hall-mark of the genuine priest. A carefully instructed youth formed the basis of security and strength for the Catholic Church in New Zealand, as, indeed, everywhere. Father Farthing had fully realised that fact, and what was equally important, had made others also grasp it. It would be needless to add that when this work was so fruitfully attended to, the other priestly ministrations of the pastor of Roxburgh were not overlooked. The congregation welcomed his successor (Father Kaveney) who came to them from Dunedin with no small reputation as a preacher, a generous-hearted, cordial, and sympathetic priest.

Father Farthing, in reply, thanked the speakers for their kindly remarks and generous gift. It was, no doubt, a very fine testimony in terms of cash: they had now given him £190 in the Gore parish. As for their praise of him for teaching the catechism, that was good to hear; it made him feel that he had had some small measure of success in their midst. It was easy to impart religious instruction to the children of Matakura in the Church, for the little ones were helped by the good example and careful teaching given by their parents at home. Religious instruction of the young was the corner stone of successful parish-building. Roxburgh was not a great parish, as some of the speakers seemed to think. "You have in Father Kaveney a priest of whom his fellow-priests have reason to be proud: zealous, generous, full of sympathy, and homely feelings. I wonder they could part with the services of such a man in Dunedin Cathedral. Soon you will love him even as the people of Dunedin loved and prized him."

Marist Brothers' Football Club, Christchurch

The annual general meeting of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Football Club was held recently. There was a large attendance of members. The Rev. Brother Phelan presided. The balance-sheet for the season 1921-22 showed a balance in hand of £25 2s 9d. Assets were estimated at £34 14s 9d, and there are no liabilities. The annual report stated that the club had had a very successful year. For the third year in succession the first fifteen had annexed the senior grade competition, and finished the year with an unbeaten record. The performances registered by the team had been of such a nature as to leave no doubt as to the superiority of the team over all others, and the form shown, both collectively and individually, has been of the highest order. It was pleasing to note that in the ranks of the team, the most harmonious feeling had been preserved, and Mr. D. McCormick, for the third year in succession, had handled the team as a good captain should. The record of the club during the past three years in the Canterbury Championship was a splendid one, for they had only been defeated once during that time, and that was in 1919. In three years their record was as follows:—Matches played 36, won 35, lost 1, points for 690, points against 113. The scoring, as will be seen, had been fairly substantial, with an average of over 19 points per match, and a little over 3 scored against. All the junior teams entered by the club had done very well in the competitions. It was gratifying to note that Marist football clubs were now fully established in several centres in New Zealand.

The report was adopted.

Officers for the year were elected as follows:—Patron, Bishop Brodie; president, Sir George Clifford; additional vice-presidents—Messrs. C. Baker, C. Tulloch, J. Walsh, M. Carney, M. Morten; club captain, Mr. E. McDonald; deputy club captain, Mr. B. McKenna; hon. secretary, Mr. J. M. Coffey; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. McDonald; committee—Messrs. D. McCormick, J. C. Mullins, F. Smythe, L. Peterson, W. O'Loughlin; delegates to the Canterbury Rugby Union—Messrs. G. Payne, J. C. Mul-

lins, J. M. Coffey, E. McDonald; delegate to the Sports Protection League, Mr. J. M. Coffey; delegates to the Catholic Federation, Messrs. W. Daly and W. Hartigan; hon. auditors, Brother Phelan and Mr. M. Garty.

March 25 was fixed as the opening date for the season. It was decided to commence practice immediately.

WEDDING BELLS

HICKEY—SHEARMAN.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Benedict's Church, Newton, on January 18, of David William Hickey (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hickey, Opunake) and Elsie Josephine Shearman (second daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. J. Shearman, Greenlane). The Right Rev. Mgr. Ormond officiated, assisted by the Right Rev. Mgr. Hackett. The bride (who was given away by her father) was attired in a frock of ivory-pales-crepe, with georgette panels handsomely embroidered, and wore a beautiful veil arranged in mob-cap style, and the customary orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas, with white streamers. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at a wedding breakfast at the Domain Tea Kiosk, when the customary toasts were honored. The newly-married couple left during the afternoon on their honeymoon, the bride wearing a smart saxe-blue costume and a silver grey picture hat.

O'CONNOR—GOLDER.

Much interest was evinced in the quiet though very pretty wedding at St. Joseph's Church (Upper Hutt), on February 22, when Mr. John O'Connor (second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Connor, of St. Andrews) was married to Miss Agnes Golder (second daughter of Mrs. and the late John Golder, of Upper Hutt). Rev. Father Daly, of Dannevirke, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan (Upper Hutt). The interior of the church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being in yellow and pale pink. Although intended to be of a quiet nature, quite a number of friends gathered to witness the arrival of the bridal party. The bride was charmingly gowned in a frock of creme crepe-de-Chine, with veil arranged coronet fashion, overlapped with a circlet of orange blossom, whilst her bouquet of pale pink and cream roses, entwined with sprays of maiden-hair fern, was also much admired. The bridesmaid, Miss Teresa Golder (sister of the bride), wore a pretty frock of saxe-blue crepe-de-Chine, with hat to match, her bouquet being of pink sweet peas with saxe-blue streamers. The bride was given away by her brother (Mr. A. W. Golder), whilst Mr. Maurice Browne accompanied the bridegroom as best man. The service was fully choral, and the singing—a feature of the ceremony—added much to the impressiveness and solemnity of the Nuptial Mass. To the delightful strains of Greig's "Bridal March," the procession made its way up the church, thence to the home of the bride's mother, where, at the reception that followed, the usual toasts were musically honored. In the afternoon, amidst the hearty good wishes of their many friends, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor left for the south, the bride travelling in a champagne costume, with hat to match. Their future home will be at Palmerston North.

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