

WEDDING BELLS

ROWELL—RYAN.

The wedding was solemnised, recently, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Hill Street, Wellington, of Albert Henry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Rowell, of Lyall Bay, and Dora Ann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ryan, of Hawkestone Street, Wellington. Rev. Father Smyth, S.M., officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. After the ceremony the guests were entertained by the bride's parents at a reception in Scott's tearooms, where the customary toasts were honored. The newly-wedded couple left subsequently *en route* for Palmerston and the Northern tourist resorts, on their honeymoon. In the evening the bridegroom's parents gave an enjoyable "social evening" at St. James' Hall, Newtown, to nearly two hundred guests.

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McGLOIN—MORRISON.

The wedding was recently solemnised at the Church of the Holy Angels, Darfield, of Gilbert John, eldest son of Mr. Hugh McGloin, of Spreydon, Christchurch, and Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. Patrick Morrison, "The Oaks," Darfield. Rev. Father J. J. Hanrahan officiated and celebrated a Nuptial Mass, assisted by Rev. Father Seymour, S.M. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a gown of white satin. She also wore a handsome hand-embroidered veil with wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white flowers with narrow ribbon streamers. The bridesmaid (Miss Gertrude Morrison) wore a frock of electric blue charmeuse, with a small hat of grey tulle and blue ribbon. She carried a bouquet of white and pale pink flowers with streamers. Mr. P. McGloin was best man. Miss Birdie Morrison (organist) played the "Wedding March" and other appropriate music during the ceremony. The church was effectively decorated by friends of the bride. After the ceremony the bride's parents entertained the guests at a wedding breakfast at their residence, when the customary toasts were honored. Rev. Father Hanrahan presided, Rev. Father Seymour being also in attendance. The newly-wedded couple left later in the day on their honeymoon, the bride wearing a navy gaberdine costume.

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BROAD—FAHEY.

The wedding was solemnised at St. Columba's Church, Riverton, on the 23rd ult., by Rev. Father Buckley, assisted by Very Rev. Father O'Neill (Waikiwi), of Harold Francis, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Broad, of Invercargill, and Annie Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Fahey, of Riverton. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of ivory crepe-de-Chine, and wore a beautiful hand-embroidered veil arranged in mob-cap style, and the customary orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of creme roses and brides' blossom. Miss Mollie Fahey (sister of the bride) and Miss Mary McKay attended as bridesmaids. The former wore creme silk and black lace hat with streamers and carried a bouquet, and the latter was attired in pink silk with black hat and carried a pink and white bouquet. Mr. E. Broad was best man, and Mr. J. Broad groomsmen. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a set of silver-backed brushes, and the bride's present to the bridegroom a set of military brushes. The church was prettily decorated with flowers and silver bells, a floral bell being suspended over the bridal party, the whole being the work of members of the sodality of the Children of Mary. After the ceremony about 60 guests were entertained at a wedding breakfast laid in the local hall when the usual toasts were honored. The newly-wedded couple left during the afternoon by motor for the North on their honeymoon, the bride wearing a travelling costume of navy blue with hat to match. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Fahey entertained a large gathering at a musical and social evening.

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JONES—HAAR.

The wedding was recently solemnised at St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, of Benjamin, sixth son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Jones, Willowbank, Ashwick Flat, and Lillian, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Haar, late of Winchester. Rev. Father Kimbell, S.M., officiated, and celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. J. D. Haar), wore a beautiful bridal frock of white China silk embroidered with pale pink and blue beads. Her veil, the gift of the bridegroom's sisters, was artistically embroidered, and held in position with a wreath

of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of pale pink and white hothouse flowers. The bride was attended by Miss Agnes Kennedy, who wore a frock of shell-pink crepe-de-Chine daintily embroidered with touches of pale blue, and a black tulle hat trimmed with shaded pink posies and pink streamers. She also carried a shower bouquet of choice pink roses and rhododendrons. Gifts of the bridegroom worn respectively by the bride and bridesmaid were a pearl brooch and a gold pendant set with amethysts and pearls. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a set of military brushes. Mr. W. Coll was best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the wedding breakfast laid in the Catholic Hall, when the customary toasts were honored. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents, including several cheques. The newly-wedded couple left later in the day by the south express, the bride wearing a smart coat-frock embroidered in violet, and a black hat relieved with touches of violet.

Wanganui

(From our own correspondent.)

December 8.

The Castlecliff fair is looming up big, and great preparations are being made for the opening, next week. It has been decided to hold the carnival in town instead of at Castlecliff, and St. Joseph's School is to be the scene of activities. To-night, there is to be a euchre party, the last effort probably, of a series of happenings to swell the funds.

The air is full of buzz and begging. All the schools, State and otherwise are preparing for their end-of-year performances. In many of the schools every child gets a gift, and any spare infants in some families, are brought along to the prize-giving to get their dole. Not exactly on scriptural lines is it, where "many start in the race, but only one gets the prize"? Nowadays, the non-starters, and the also-starters, make the real winners look silly. All this by the way, but we do live in queer times don't we?

Wanganui competitions, for us an altogether new feature, are a great success, having resulted in well over 800 entries. The sittings, tests or whatever category they fall into, are a continued interest to many, the Opera House being packed every night. Quite a number of our folk are taking part, and many are coming out well to the good.

We are being taught, more or less gently, to "keep to the left" on our artistic but bumpy footpaths. Chalk divisions adorn the side-walks, and I am afraid some of us will have to brand our left hand, as a permanent guide. Did you know that Wanganui traffic—every sort—is the most disorderly in New Zealand? The men declare the women are the worst offenders; the women, as a rule don't say much, but keep right on the way they want to go, and between the lot—prams included—progress is sometimes difficult and uncomfortable.

Mr. F. Hart, who has been clerk of the Court here for something over nine years, is transferred to Dunedin. On Friday morning Mr. Hart was farewelled by members of the legal profession, a large number of whom foregathered at Foster's Hotel. Mr. N. G. Armstrong, president of the Law Society spoke, also Messrs. G. M. Marshall, G. Currie, and Mr. T. A. Bailey, S.M. During his years here, Mr. Hart was associated in a practical manner with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and was also a member of the parish Federation committee.

Died on Friday last, after a serious illness, Mr. W. Kennedy, Keith Street. The late Mr. Kennedy, was very well known here, he having been in business for many years, and on the West Coast, his first home in New Zealand. For a long time now, Mr. Kennedy was unable to do much on account of bad health, and some weeks ago had a very bad fall, dislocating his shoulder. Owing to the weak state of his heart, the shock was serious, and from the first there seemed but little hope of his ever rallying much. However, he lingered on for a couple of months, and finally, passed away peacefully last week. Mrs. Kennedy predeceased him a few years ago, also one son, Jim, who fell in action and is buried in France. To the remaining members of the family—Mr. W. Kennedy, Miss Kennedy, and Mrs. T. P. Souther—sympathy is extended.—R.I.P.

During the last few hours, the glad news has come through of the settlement of the Irish troubles. Thank God, and again thank God. Many will have a gladder Christmas, and the whole world rejoices.

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