

## WEDDING BELLS

### COX—TAYLOR.

The wedding was solemnised, recently, at the Catholic Church, Templeton, by Rev. Father O'Hare, assisted by Rev. Father Leen, of John William, second son of Mr. J. Cox, Melbourne, and Hilda Irene, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor. The church was beautifully decorated by girl friends of the bride. The bride, who entered the church on the arm of her father, wore a handsome gown of the palest champagne crepe-de-Chine and charmeuse satin, with overdress of silk radium lace, trimmed with pearls, and finished with a large satin rose. The beautifully hand-embroidered veil was effectively arranged with silver leaves and a spray of orange blossom which had been worn by her mother at her wedding. She carried a bouquet of freesias, Christmas roses, and maiden-hair fern, with streamers to match the gown. Miss Gladys Taylor, sister of the bride, attended as bridesmaid. She wore apricot crepe-de-Chine, trimmed with satin of the same shade, and a black satin and lace hat, and carried a bouquet of narcissi, violets, and white heather, with streamers of pale lavender. Mr. Henry Cox, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor entertained about fifty guests at the Templeton Hall, where the wedding breakfast was served. At the breakfast an opportunity was taken to present Mr. and Mrs. Cox with a beautiful oak-framed picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from the parish priest and members of the congregation on the occasion of the first Nuptial Mass in their new church. The newly-wedded couple left in the afternoon by motor, *en route* for Dunedin, for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a nigger brown tailor-made costume, lemon-silk jumper, brown shoes and stockings, and a smart panne velvet toque, worked in Egyptian embroidery.

### McCORMACK—FORD.

The wedding was solemnised, recently, at St. Mary's Church, Manchester Street, Christchurch, of James Frederick, third son of Mr. J. McCormack, Bealey Avenue, and Marie, third daughter of Mrs. M. Ford, Bishop Street, St. Albans, Christchurch. Rev. Father Stewart, S.M. (assisted by Rev. Father Murphy, Hawarden) officiated, and celebrated Nuptial Mass. Miss Kitty O'Connor presided at the organ and Miss Mary O'Connor sang an "Ave Maria" during the ceremony. The bride, who was escorted to the altar by her brother, Mr. P. G. Ford, wore a beautiful draped gown of white brocaded satin, with large pearl and silver ornament finished with a cascade of pearls at one side. Similar cabochons held at the shoulders the long court train of ivory brocade, which was lined with rucked maize-colored georgette, and ornamented with a pearl horse-shoe and sprays of orange-blossom. The tulle bridal veil, embroidered in Limerick work by Miss Kitty O'Connor, a friend of the bride, fell from a coronet of pearls and orange blossom, and the shower bouquet of hothouse flowers was finished with ribbon streamers. Two bridesmaids, Miss Peggy Ford, the bride's sister, and Miss Maizie McCormack, the bridegroom's sister, were in attendance. The former wore a dainty maize georgette frock, with petal skirt falling over an under-flounce of silver lace, and a trail of silver roses defining the waist. Her becoming hat had the crown of maize-colored flowers and the brim of silver lace, and her bouquet was of heliotrope flowers. Miss McCormack's frock was of rich white satin, with lace berthe and streamers of heliotrope, and mauve ribbon on the skirt. Her hat, of shirred heliotrope georgette, had a crown of heliotrope flowers and maize and heliotrope streamers. Her bouquet toned exactly with her hat. Little Marie Toner, the bride's niece, in a frock of silver tissue, veiled in tulle, and a silver lace Dutch bonnet, was a winsome little flower-girl. Mr. Robert McCormack was his brother's best man, and Mr. T. Ford was groomsman. Immediately after the ceremony at the church the bride's mother held a reception at the Winter Gardens. When the newly-wedded couple left for their wedding tour, the bride wore a navy serge costume, with

black braid stitched with white, navy horsehair hat with satin brim and navy and white trimming, and a handsome white fox stole, the gift of the bridegroom.

### FITZGERALD—LEO.

On July 25, at St. Joseph's Church, New Plymouth, a quiet wedding was solemnised by Rev. Father Nicholas Moore, parish priest of Eltham and Kaponga, when Mr. Daniel Fitzgerald, only son of Mrs. and the late Daniel Fitzgerald, of Kaponga, was married to Miss Dora Leo, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Leo, of Waverley. The bride, who was escorted to the altar by her brother (Mr. Jack Leo, of Waverley), was attired in a rich white satin frock trimmed with silver lace and dainty bead trimming. She wore a wreath of orange blossoms and exquisitely trimmed veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet of spring flowers. The bridesmaid (Miss Winnie Leo) was dressed in a smart frock of orange marocain and black silk hat, and carried a bouquet of spring flowers. Mr. J. Bourke, of Christchurch, was best man. The bride and bridegroom and their relations were entertained at a reception held by Miss Verdon (aunt of the bride) at "Kawaroa Bungalow," New Plymouth. Rev. Father Moore, in his usual happy style, congratulated the bride and bridegroom on the auspicious occasion. The newly-wedded couple left by car for the Hawke's Bay district where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling costume was of saxe blue cloth with hat to match.

### Catholic Progress at Kaponga

Another milestone has been reached in the progress of the Catholics of Kaponga (writes a correspondent). The Sisters of the Missions who, for the past two years, have been teaching in Kaponga, are now permanently established here, and have opened a beautiful little chapel. The ceremony of blessing and opening, which was performed by Rev. Father James Moore, in the unavoidable absence of the parish priest, Rev. Father N. Moore. During the Mass some delightfully harmonised and appropriate Latin hymns were sung by the Sisters and their pupils. The Rev. Mother Provincial (who was at the time visiting the houses of the Order in Taranaki) and several visiting Sisters were present on the occasion. Ladies of the parish were privileged to be present in the chapel, while a number of gentlemen were in the sanctuary. The furnishing of the chapel is mainly gifts from friends and ex-pupils of the Sisters. The chapel itself is the schoolroom in which the Sisters taught while awaiting the erection of the present beautiful and commodious school, which is the admiration of all who see it. The number of pupils on the roll when the Sisters began teaching was 21, while the average number of to-day is 68.

### Valedictory to Rev. Father A. Doherty Palmerston North

A large gathering of parishioners, together with Rev. Fathers McManus and Doolaghty, assembled under the auspices of the Franciscan Tertiaries at the Friendly Society's Hall the other night. The object of the gathering was to say farewell to the Rev. Father A. Doherty who was recently transferred to Kilbirnie, Wellington. A high-class musical programme was rendered, with an especially appropriate poem recited gracefully by Miss Rosemary Tottman. Speeches eulogising the untiring zeal, many excellent qualities, and the successful ministry of Father Doherty, particularly on his direction of the Third Order of St. Francis, were delivered. Father Doherty responded most eloquently, thanking especially the Franciscan Tertiaries, acolytes, and all kind friends. He regretted the parting from their midst, and said the memory of their generous co-operation will ever remain with him. He would like Palmerston North to be known everywhere as a "generous town," as such it is. A dainty supper was served under the direction of Mesdames E. M. Hunt (hon. secretary), Bahout, and McLeod. Presentations of a purse of sovereigns, roll of notes, album, and an enlarged photograph of the premier Convent school football team, were made on behalf of the Franciscan Tertiaries, parishioners, and school children. Hearty cheers were given for Father Doherty and the function closed with the singing of "a popular chorus" and "Auld Lang Syne."

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