

## WEDDING BELLS

SHEPHERD—RICHARDS.

On Thursday, August 11 (writes a correspondent), a very pretty wedding took place at St. Columba's Church, South Riverton, when Miss Lavinia Jane (Winnie), third daughter of Mr. Charles Lewis Richards, Riverton, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. William Solomon Shepherd, eldest son of Mr. John Shepherd, of Invercargill. The church was crowded with friends and acquaintances of the young couple. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked exceedingly well in a dove gray dress with white silk trimmings, veil, and wreath of orange blossoms. She also wore a massive gold ring set with rubies and diamonds, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss Frances Richards (sister of the bride) and Miss Nellie Shepherd (sister of the bridegroom) were attired in white silk blouses and skirts to match, with white picture hats, and each wore a massive gold band ring, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. James Shepherd, brother of the bridegroom, acted as groomsman. The ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. Father Sheehan, after which the bridal party drove to the residence of the bride's parents, where the wedding breakfast was held and the health of the newly married couple was duly honored. The happy couple, taking with them many good wishes for their future welfare, left by the afternoon train for the Lakes, where the honeymoon was to be spent. The presents, numbering about fifty, were costly and useful, some of which came from as far north as the Auckland district. At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Richards a large number of friends met at their house in the evening when a most enjoyable time was spent.

## OBITUARY

MR. A. MacMAHON, CLARE.

The 'Saturday Record' (Clare) announces with sincere regret the death of Mr. Alexander MacMahon, Knocksogart, Ballynacally, which occurred on June 28, after a protracted illness. The deceased was one of the best known and universally esteemed residents of West Clare. For nearly half a century he had filled the office of Clerk of the Killadysart Union, retiring just previous to the passing of the Local Government Act, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. Patrick MacMahon. Few residents of West Clare were so popular as the deceased, who had the name of being one of the most excellent of county officials. The deceased, who was about 74 years of age, was of a most kindly and genial disposition, and always ready to assist a neighbor in distress. The funeral took place to the family burial place at Kilchreest. The attendance was large and representative, and was a testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was deservedly held by all classes. Among the clergy present were the Rev. Fathers J. Vaughan and W. and M. Foley. Mr. MacMahon was a brother of the late Mrs. Killeen (Wellington) and Mrs. Muller (Ashburton).—R.I.P.

MR. JAMES MORKANE, DUNEDIN.

A large circle of friends will hear with sincere regret of the death of Mr. James Morkane, which occurred at his residence, Stuart street, Dunedin, on Friday last, at the comparatively early age of 59 years. The deceased was a native of Tipperary, and came to this Colony nearly forty years ago. For some years he was a prominent member of St. Joseph's Cathedral parish, and took an active part in all church matters. He was a zealous and practical Catholic, and died fortified by the last rites of the Church. On Tuesday morning the remains were taken to St. Joseph's Cathedral, when a Solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased was celebrated. His Lordship Bishop Verdon presided. Rev. Father Murphy, Adm., was celebrant, Rev. Father Cleary deacon, and Rev. Father O'Malley sub-deacon. There were also present Rev. Fathers Coffey, Howard, and Corcoran. The solemn music proper to the occasion was rendered by the choir of the Dominican Nuns. The interment, which was private, took place at the Southern Cemetery. The Rev. Father Murphy officiated at the graveside, and was assisted by the Rev. Fathers Coffey, Howard, O'Malley, and Corcoran. The deceased leaves a widow, two sons (Dr. Morkane, of Kumara, and Mr. Cecil Morkane, a student at the Propaganda College, Rome), and six daughters (four of whom are members of religious Orders) to mourn their loss. To these we tender our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

## NEW ZEALAND: GENERAL

The advance sheets of the 'New Zealand Year Book' for 1904 give the population of the four principal cities and suburbs as follows: Auckland city 34,213, suburbs 33,013, total 67,226; Christchurch city 17,538, suburbs 39,503, total 57,041; Dunedin city 21,879, suburbs 27,511, total 52,390; Wellington city 43,638, suburbs 5706, total 49,344.

There was a fair attendance at the meeting of the Catholic Literary and Debating Society on Thursday evening, August 16 (writes a Hokitika correspondent). In the absence of the president, Mr. A. Dixon was voted to the chair. Owing to the indisposition of Rev. Father Aubry his lecture on Napoleon I. had to be postponed. All arrangements in connection with the debate with the Menticultural Society, which is to take place next Tuesday evening, were completed.

An object-lesson in civics was proceeding on Tuesday in a State school not 100 miles from Dunedin (says the 'Evening Star'), and the discussion turned incidentally on the Governor's arrival here on Saturday afternoon. Master: 'Why did the volunteers turn out on Saturday?' 'To receive the Governor.' 'Governor of what?' 'Dunedin.' 'Oh, no. Can you tell me, Johnny?' 'Johnny: 'The whole world.' 'Oh, no; the Governor of New Zealand. Can any in the class tell me who appoints the Governor?' A chorus of voices: 'The King.' 'Yes; but that is only partially correct. What King?' A nine-year-old girl, who caught the master's eye, returned the self-satisfying answer: 'King Dick, of course.'

There was a very large attendance at the Aquatic Club rooms on the evening of August 18 (says the 'Hokitika Guardian') when the complimentary social tendered to Mr. A. M. Ongley by the local football and cricket clubs took place. During the evening Mr. H. L. Michel, president of each club, expressed the general regret felt at the approaching departure of Mr. Ongley. The splendid work he had done in the sporting field was referred to at length, every credit being given for the fine play which had so helped to place the clubs in such a winning position during the past two years. He had great pleasure in asking Mr. Ongley to accept from his fellow-members the accompanying gift, a substantial gold Albert, as a memento of their appreciation and goodwill. The assemblage heartily applauded the conclusion of the remarks, and Mr. Ongley in responding met with an extra hearty welcome. He assured those present that he would always look back with pleasure on his stay in Hokitika. Their valuable gift would always be treasured by him as a memento of the happy days spent there, and he heartily wished one and all every success. The ladies' committee then handed round plentiful refreshments. Mr. Ongley left on Saturday last for Palmerston North.

Mr. H. Palmer, stone mason and sculptor, Princes street, Dunedin, notifies that he is prepared to erect tombstones and monuments of granite (New Zealand and Scottish) and marble (Italian and American) in the most approved style. He has also a variety of tomb railings from which to make a selection. Mr. Palmer guarantees that all his work will give the highest satisfaction...

With the advent of spring Messrs. Brown, Ewing, and Co., Dunedin, have made a splendid display of all that is new in ladies' wear. These goods are on exhibition at various counters and in the showrooms, and will repay a visit of inspection. A special feature, which will no doubt interest our lady readers very much, is that while all these goods are in the latest styles and of superior quality, they are quoted at very moderate prices.

A discovery of great importance to persons interested in the frozen meat industry has been made by an Italian physician now resident in the Argentine. Whole carcasses of separate joints of meat are preserved without impairing the natural taste and color of the meat. The invention has been patented through the agency of Messrs. Baldwin and Rayward, and consists in injecting a preserving liquid into an artery, after allowing the blood to flow out, and thus impregnating the whole circulatory system. The liquid consists of acetic acid and sodium chloride dissolved in sterilized water in proportions varying with the class of meat to be preserved. The amount of acetic acid used is so small that no smell is imparted to the meat. The solution may be prepared to preserve the meat for a few days only or for several months....