

Catholic Marriages

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to hasten to thank you for your very excellent and able pamphlet on Catholic Marriages. The attack of the Rev. Mr. Carrington on the Catholic doctrine of the Sacrament of Matrimony must be considered as a 'felix culpa', a 'happy fault', in as much as it has been the occasion of such an excellent exposition of the Catholic position.

I hope that your pamphlet will find its way into every Catholic home in this city. A perusal of it is sure to increase the knowledge which our people have of this Sacrament; and perhaps it may be the means of preventing some Catholics from going through a ceremony before a non-Catholic clergyman or State official, which for the future can only be considered by Catholics as null and void before the Church and in the sight of God. Again thanking you, I remain, yours sincerely,

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St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

On Sunday there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening the usual procession took place.

The St. Patrick's Young Men's Club, South Dunedin, held its weekly meeting on Monday evening, when there was a large attendance. During the evening songs were contributed by Messrs. R. McLean, W. Tonar, W. Borcham, and R. Coxon.

The Rev. Father Lynch, of Palmerston South, who is now on his way to Europe, in the course of a letter to a friend in Dunedin, says that he had a splendid voyage from Auckland to Honolulu, with the exception of a hurricane which was encountered at Suva. Among the 500 passengers was his Lordship Bishop Lenihan. They expected to reach Vancouver about April 10.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of the St. Joseph's Boys' Club on Monday evening, when the Rev. Brother Brady delivered a lecture on 'Airships.' The lecture, which was most instructive, was listened to very attentively. On the motion of Master J. Dunn a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Brother Brady.

The following are the dates for the Quarant Ore devotions in the diocese of Dunedin:—Riverton, May 17; Otautau, May 24; Orepuki, May 31; Gore, June 7; N.E. Valley, June 28; Cromwell, September 6; Milton, September 27; Cathedral, October 4; South Dunedin, October 11; Oamaru, October 18; Invercargill, October 25; Queenstown, November 1; Arrowtown, November 8; Lawrence, November 15; Winton, November 22; Mosgiel, December 6.

The St. Joseph's Harriers ran on Saturday from the Santa Sabina School, North-East Valley, with a muster of 23 members. After the harriers had been photographed, Kilmartin and Quelch laid a splendid trail around the slopes of Pine Hill. The view from the top of the hill was magnificent. The trail also passed through some beautiful native bush. After returning home the runners were generously entertained by the ladies of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Temuka

(From our own correspondent.)

May 5.

It is very encouraging to see the manner in which the young men of Temuka are uniting, so as to make the Catholic Club, a society of which every member should be proud. Though several old members have left the district, others are taking their place, and all are working in earnest. The society intends holding a sports' gathering on May 25, for the purpose of raising money to furnish the Club rooms. Last year a similar gathering was held in aid of the parish, and proved very successful, the sum of £60 being netted. It is expected that this gathering will meet with the same success, and with a billiard table donated to it, the club should be in a sound financial position. On Tuesday evening last, about thirty members of the club, assembled in their rooms for the purpose of mak-

ing presentations to their late spiritual director, Rev. Father Kerley, and their late secretary, Mr. T. Knight, both of whom have left for Timaru. Mr. J. Barry, (vice-president) in the unavoidable absence of the president occupied the chair. The Rev. Father Kerley was unable to be present. During the evening, the chairman said they had assembled to make small presentations to two gentlemen, who had taken an active part in the management of the society since its inception four years ago,—Rev. Father Kerley, and Mr. T. Knight. It was decided to forward the gift to the former, to Christchurch, where he is at present. Mr. Knight was presented with a gold mounted cigarette holder, and an enlarged photograph of the club. Mr. Knight thanked the members for their presents, and assured them, that if he had done anything for the good of the club, it was because he had its interests at heart. He wished the club every success.

Mr. Wm. Barry, who represented the club at the conference of the Federated Catholic Societies at Auckland, returned home during the week. He intends presenting his report at the meeting of the club, to be held on the 12th inst.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

May 3.

Mr. Ward, our new postmaster, arrived in Palmerston on Tuesday and assumed control on May 1.

Mother Mary Bernard has been recalled to Wellington, and left for there on Wednesday. For the past twelve years she had worked amongst us, and her presence will be greatly missed by the Children of Mary, the Sacred Heart Society (in which she took a deep interest), and also by the children with whom she was a great favorite.

The first of a series of progressive euchre parties for the coming season was held in the Zealandia Hall on Thursday last, under the auspices of the Children of Mary. As a result the parish library will be the richer by some 60 volumes, and several pounds in cash. The prizes were won by Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Hill, Master Hurley, and Messrs. Westmoreland and Jackson, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

In the Mayoral election on Wednesday last the progressives gained a decided victory. Mr. A. J. A. Nash beating the late Mayor, Mr. R. Essex, by 286 votes. The polling was the highest on record. Mr. Rodger Mulrooney is a candidate for the vacancy on the Council by the return of Mr. Nash as Mayor.

WEDDING BELLS

PAYNE-GIU.

A very pretty wedding (writes our Reefton correspondent) was celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church, Reefton, on April 28, by the Rev. Father Galerne, when Mr. William P. Payne, of Greymouth, son of Mr. P. L. Payne, Stationmaster, Christchurch, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Miss Louisa Giu, granddaughter of Mrs. Cereseto, Reefton. The bride, who looked charming, was attired in a grey tweed costume, and wore a white felt hat. She was attended by Miss Mary Egan (of Greymouth), and was given away by her uncle, Mr. Anglo Cereseto. Mr. J. Ginder acted as best man. The bridegroom presented both bride and bridesmaid with gold brooches. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of gold sleeve links. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of Mrs. Cereseto, where the wedding breakfast was held, and the usual toasts duly honored. The presents were numerous and costly, testifying in the most convincing manner to the esteem and respect in which the bride and bridegroom are held by their numerous friends. Later in the afternoon the young couple left by the afternoon train en route for Christchurch and Dunedin, on their honeymoon trip.

BURKE-FLANNERY

A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church on April 27, (writes our Napier correspondent), by the Rev. Father James Goggan, assisted by the Rev. Father McDonnell, of Meaneer (cousins of the bridegroom), the contracting parties being Miss Gertie Flannery second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Flannery, of Napier, and Mr. J. J. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A.