

ing the cost of renovating and altering the club's rooms.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

May 7.
St. Mary's Convent Chapel was the scene of a very impressive ceremony on Wednesday, April 22, when three novices made their profession as Sisters of Mercy. The altar was tastefully decorated for the occasion. In the absence of his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, the ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly. An impressive sermon, appropriate to the occasion, was preached by Very Rev. Father Brodie, of Waimi, who, while congratulating the Sisters on the steps they were taking, referred to the great work achieved by the Sisters in Auckland, and the wonderful spread of the Order of Mercy throughout the world. A large number of friends of the Sisters assembled to witness the ceremony, those of the clergy being, Rev. Fathers Holbrook, Edge, Zama, Bradley, O'Donnell and Doyle. The beautiful music was devotionally rendered by the Convent choir, assisted by the Misses Lynch and Casey. The names of the Sisters who had the happiness of making their vows, were Sister M. Barbara Delahunt, Muswellbrook, Sister M. Bonaventure Myall, Maitland, and Sister M. Callistus Myall, Maitland. After the ceremony, the friends of the Sisters were entertained at breakfast by the Rev. Mother and Sisters and all joined in wishing the newly professed, many years to continue the noble work they had so generously undertaken.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

May 11.
Mr. F. Dennehy, of the Union Bank, has just received notice of his transfer on promotion to the head office at Wellington. Mr. Dennehy is an ex-pupil of our Catholic school, and he will be much missed from Catholic circles.

Rev. Father McDermott left on Saturday evening to open a week's mission at St. Andrews on Sunday, and Rev. Father Lowham departed on Monday to open a mission at the Newtown parish, Wellington, on Sunday next. It may be mentioned that on the conclusion of the services on Sunday night the men of the parish marched in procession, carrying their different banners, to St. John's Hall.

The fortnight's mission by the Redemptorist Fathers was brought to a close yesterday. At the early Mass the church was crowded, mostly by women, and it seemed that every one present approached the Holy Table. The nine o'clock Mass was reserved for the men, and again the sacred edifice was crowded. The members of the Hibernian Society and the Celtic Club were well represented, and of the five hundred men who received Holy Communion, fully two hundred were members of these two societies.

In the evening the need of a new church was once more shown by the numbers who were unable to gain admission. Rev. Father Lowham preached the closing sermon. This mission has been the most successful ever given here.

Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

May 10.
The Catholic Men's Debating Society held their first public debate of the season in their club room on May 11.

The Bible-in-schools party woke up in Palmerston at the recent School Committee elections. The chairman of one of our largest town schools received information that the meeting was going to be packed. He took steps to secure a representative number of householders, with the result that the Bible-in-schools party was defeated, and the committee elected pretty much as before.

Hokitika

(From our own correspondent.)

May 8.
The annual meeting of St. Mary's Club was held in the schoolroom on April 29. Mr. Jas. Toomey (president) was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The report and balance sheet submitted by the secretary (Mr. B. Cox) were read and adopted. The balance sheet showed the club to be in a sound financial position, having a credit of £40 12s 9d, which was considered very satisfactory. The president intimated his intention of not seeking re-election,

and thanked the officers and members for their kind assistance rendered during his occupancy of the chair. On the motion of Mr. F. Sellers, Rev. Father Ainsworth was unanimously elected president. On taking the chair Father Ainsworth thanked the members for the honor conferred on him, and stated he would do his utmost in the interests of the club. The election of the other officers resulted as follows:—Vice-president, Mr. M. Daly (re-elected); committee, Messrs. T. G. Green, L. Dwan, J. Cahill, and T. Sellers; secretary and treasurer, Mr. B. Cox (re-elected); sub-editor 'Catholic Magazine,' Mr. M. Daly. Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and the chairman concluded a very successful meeting.

WEDDING BELLS

McGRATH—FALKNER.

The active part which Miss C. Falkner had taken for some years in various societies connected with St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, and the high esteem in which she is held were no doubt responsible for the interest taken in her marriage to Mr. Michael McGrath, of Napier, at the Cathedral on April 29. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who was also celebrant of the Nuptial Mass. Miss E. Falkner (sister) acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. M. Lennon was groomsmen. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests accompanied the happy couple to the Waratah Rooms, where the wedding breakfast was laid. Rev. Father Coffey proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom, and in doing so referred to the good work which the bride had done in connection with the different Catholic organisations, and heartily wished Mr. and Mrs. McGrath a happy future. Messrs. Sligo, Marlow, and Lennon also joined in wishing the happy couple a long and prosperous career.

DOOLAN—GREGAN.

A pretty and interesting wedding (writes our Christchurch correspondent) was celebrated in the Cathedral on April 30. The contracting parties were Mr. F. J. Doolan, elder son of the late Chief-Detective Richard Doolan, and popular secretary of the local branch of the H.A.C.B. Society, and Miss Annie Cecilia Gregan, daughter of Mr. Daniel Gregan, at Linwood, late of Pleasant Valley, Geraldine. The Rev. Father O'Hare celebrated the Nuptial Mass and officiated at the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory white all over lace robe, trimmed with satin ribbon, veil, and wreath, and carried a shower bouquet of white flowers. The bridesmaids were Miss S. Gregan (sister of the bride) and Miss Maud Doolan (sister of the bridegroom). The bride's brothers, Mr. John Gregan and Mr. Martin Gregan, filled the positions of best man and groomsmen respectively. The bridegroom's presents to the bridesmaids were pretty jewelled pendants. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's family, 'Geraldine Villa,' Tuam street, Linwood, about 40 guests being present. The health of the newly-wedded couple was proposed by the Rev. Father O'Hare. Subsequently the gathering was photographed, and by the midday express the happy couple left for Queenstown on a tour of the southern lakes. In the evening an 'at home' was given in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. Asaph street, about 100 persons being present. The presents received were many and costly, including a number of cheques.

O'CONNOR—McGUIRE.

A very pretty but quiet wedding, was celebrated at St. Benedict's Church on Tuesday morning, April 28, (writes our Auckland correspondent), the contracting parties being, Miss Nellie McGuire, sixth daughter of Mrs. P. M. McGuire of Auckland, and Mr. Maurice O'Connor, third son of Mr. Maurice O'Connor of Wellington. The Rev. Father Edge officiated at the marriage, and also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her mother, looked charming in a pretty creme frock, relieved with silver trimmings, and a large white hat with ostrich plumes. She carried a beautiful shower bouquet and wore a handsome gold necklet and pendant set in pearls and tourmalines, the gift of the bridegroom. Misses Teresa O'Connor and Dolly McGuire attended as bridesmaids, and carried beautiful shower bouquets, gifts of the bridegroom, who also presented the first bridesmaid with a diamond and ruby brooch, and the second with a cable bangle. Mr. J. O'Connor acted as best man. The wedding breakfast was subsequently served at the residence of the bride's mother. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor proceeded to Roturua for their honeymoon before returning to their future home at Palmerston North.