

bridge. It is of locally grown rimu throughout, the interior being match lined and oiled, and the windows, doors, and joinery were all made at Mr. Smith's workshops. With the exception of a balance of £20 remaining due on the purchase money for the land, the church is free of debt. The harmonium is the gift of Miss Ralph, of Huntley, who also has been a generous contributor to the building fund.

On Monday evening there was a social gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan, at which the visitors who had come to attend the opening of the church were entertained. A very pleasant time was spent with cards, instrumental music, and singing, and during the course of the evening the Rev. Father Cahill presented Miss Ralph, on behalf of some of the local parishioners, with a pair of artistically ornamented panels, in recognition of the practical help which she had rendered towards the erection of the church. In acknowledging the gift Miss Ralph expressed her appreciation of the spirit that prompted it, and remarked that anything she had done to assist she regarded as a duty. At the request of some of those present Mr. Baulcarl made reference to the whole-hearted manner in which Mrs. O'Sullivan had devoted herself to the carrying out of the undertaking to provide a church for Raglan, and said it was the unanimous opinion of those who had worked with her that it was to her efforts the realisation of the project was mainly due. Rev. Father Edge suitably acknowledged the compliment paid to Mrs. O'Sullivan on that lady's behalf.

### Thames

The many friends of the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Reilly, V.F. (says the *Waikato Independent* of September 29) will be pleased to learn that he has almost recovered his health and strength after his protracted illness at the Mater Hospital, where he has been so kindly cared for by the Sisters of Mercy. He is at present on a visit to Cambridge. On Sunday last he celebrated Mass at 8 a.m., and in the evening, after the Rosary, delivered a most eloquent and impressive discourse on the feast of the day, basing his remarks on the sixteenth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel. At the conclusion he gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, being assisted by the Rev. Father Holbrook. During the week the Right Rev. Monsignor will visit many of his old friends in the Waikato district, and hopes soon to be able to resume his pastoral charge at the Thames. Monsignor O'Reilly first visited Cambridge to administer to the Catholic congregation in the year 1869. He next visited the town in 1872, and in 1876 he took part in the consecration and dedication of St. Peter's Church, Sunday last being the thirty-second anniversary of the opening of the church.

### Gisborne

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The third euchre party competition for the phonograph prize was held last evening in Erskine's Hall; 108 players sat down at the tables, and very enjoyable and keenly contested games took place. The special lady's prize, presented by Mr. Segedin, was won by Mrs. Hepburn, and the gentleman's prize, presented by Mrs. H. Martin, was won by Mr. Hogan.

At St. Mary's Church this afternoon a pretty wedding was solemnised by the Rev. Father Lane, assisted by the Rev. Father Dignan, when Miss Mary McConville, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. McConville, of Kaiti, was united to Mr. P. Gavin. The church was prettily decorated by the Children of Mary. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. M. J. McConville), looked winsome in a handsome gown of cream embroidered voile, trimmed with Brussels lace, silver tassels, and pearl beadings, the skirt being elaborately finished and of flowing Empire style. The bridesmaids were Misses Nellie and Emily McConville, sisters of the bride. Mr. P. Barry acted as best man, and Mr. P. McConville as groomsman. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome gold bangle, and to the bridesmaids gold bangles. As the bridal party left the church Messrs. Vita Bros. played the 'Wedding March.' After the ceremony the wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's mother. The presents received were both numerous and costly.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS

Correspondence intended for our issue of October 15 should reach this office on the morning of October 12, as, owing to Labor Day, we shall have to go to press a day earlier, with next week's issue.

## OBITUARY

### MRS. MALAGHAN, QUEENSTOWN.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

Mrs. Malaghan, who was one of the oldest residents in the Queenstown district, passed away on the 26th ult. As the sequel to a holy life is a holy death, Mrs. Malaghan, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, died the death of the just. She was the wife of the late Mr. T. J. Malaghan, who was Mayor of Queenstown for many years. Both were staunch Catholics, and were thoroughly Irish in sentiment and aspirations. They have left behind them to mourn their loss one son (Mr. T. Malaghan, of Queenstown) and Mrs. Alice Black (wife of Mr. John Black, of Paeroa). The great esteem in which the deceased lady had been held was evinced by the large number that followed her remains to the Queenstown cemetery on last Monday week. The Rev. Father Delany read the burial service at the grave.—R.I.P.

### MR. THOMAS CORR, DUNEDIN.

The benzine explosion which occurred on board the s.s. Moana at Port Chalmers a few weeks ago has had the effect of cutting short the career of a very promising young man, Mr. Thomas Corr, who succumbed last week to the injuries he had received on that occasion (writes a correspondent). The late Mr. Corr was a marine engineer in the service of the Union Steam Ship Company. He was an earnest, practical Catholic, the occasional difficulties of attending to religious duties which a seafaring life brings with it having in his case the effect of making him all the more assiduous in the practices of religion whenever opportunities presented themselves. He was the possessor of a thoughtful and kindly nature, which drew to him many friends, who will regret his untimely end. He was attended during his last moments by Rev. Father Corcoran, who also officiated at the graveside.—R.I.P.

### MR. MICHAEL NOONAN, GREYMOUTH.

Quite a gloom (writes our Greymouth correspondent) was cast over this town last Monday evening, September 28, when it became known that Mr. Michael Noonan had passed away. The deceased was engaged in business for a number of years in this town, and was universally respected and esteemed. He was a model Catholic, and was always foremost in all movements in aid of Church and school matters. The Catholic congregation can ill afford to lose such a member, and his edifying life was a pattern to the young men of the town to follow. The deceased was a patron of the St. Columba Catholic Club, and took an active part in all its functions. The deceased was 58 years of age, and was a native of Ireland. He leaves a widow and daughter to mourn the loss of a loving husband and devoted father. The body was conveyed to the church, where a Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated. The funeral took place on Thursday, and was followed to the Greymouth cemetery by a large concourse of mourners from all parts of the West Coast. The Rev. Father O'Dwyer read the burial service at church and graveside.—R.I.P.

### MRS. J. NEAGLE, JUN., DANNEVIRKE.

On Monday week last (September 28) there passed away at Dannevirke, in the person of Mrs. J. Neagle, a lady who was very highly respected, and whose death was greatly regretted by the people of the town and district. It is with deepest regret (says the *Dannevirke Advocate*) that we have to record the death of another well-known Dannevirke resident in the person of Mrs. James Neagle. The late Mrs. Neagle was as highly respected as she was widely known, for, blessed with a bright and cheerful disposition, she was a willing worker in any good cause for which her aid was solicited, while in her own home she was known to be a most excellent wife and devoted mother. The deceased lady leaves four young children, and the fullest sympathy of the whole community will go out to Mr. Neagle in his sad and sudden bereavement. There was a large congregation present at the Requiem Mass at St. Michael's Church on Wednesday for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. James Neagle, who was a valued member of the church and choir. The funeral was held in the afternoon. The procession to the cemetery was thoroughly representative of the town and district; the most of our leading town and country residents were either present or represented. The burial service at the graveside was read by the Rev. Father Cahill, who afterwards delivered an impressive address, in which he highly extolled the many virtues of the deceased.—R.I.P.

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