

WEDDING BELLS.

WALSH—WALKMAN.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 2 (writes our Auckland correspondent), there was solemnised the marriage of Mr. Peter Walsh and Miss Helen Mary Walkman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Patterson, Adm. Miss Nellie Walsh, sister of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Andrew Walsh was best man, while the bride was given away by Mr. W. Kane, district secretary of the H.A.C.B. Society, and brother-in-law of the bridegroom. The bride was neatly attired in a pretty grey costume. In the evening the happy couple entertained a number of their friends in the Hibernian Hall. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Walsh were the recipients of hearty congratulations from the guests, who expressed their best wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the happy couple.

Obituary.

MISS E. MIRRIELES, OREPUKI.

Sincere regret was felt in this district (writes an Orepuki correspondent) when it became known that Miss Eliza Mirrieles had passed away. The deceased young lady, who was only 19 years of age, was attacked with a particularly trying illness some time ago, and although hopes were entertained that she would eventually recover, the end came after much suffering. The funeral took place on Sunday, April 13, when a very large number of mourners from all parts of the district attended. The Very Rev. Father Sheehan officiated at the graveside. Much sympathy is felt by all classes for the parents and family in their sad affliction.—R.I.P.

MRS. O'LEARY, WANGANUI.

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

Death has claimed another victim from the ranks of the old residents of Wanganui in the person of Mrs. O'Leary, the wife of Mr. Cornelius O'Leary, a well-known and respected citizen of this town. The late Mrs. O'Leary was born in Bantry, County Cork, Ireland, but had passed the last 32 years of her life in Wanganui. She had been suffering for many months, and her death, which was daily expected during the past week, took place at her residence, Argyle street, on Thursday last at the age of 57 years. The deceased was a most practical Catholic, and it is almost needless to add received during her long illness all the consolations which our holy religion affords. A family of eight, the youngest of whom is 15 years old, is left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, and to them and Mr. O'Leary our sincere sympathy is extended. On Saturday afternoon the funeral took place, in which followed a large concourse of mourners from the town and country. The Very Rev. Dean Kirk conducted the burial service, and both in the church and at the graveside made feeling reference to the many excellent qualities of the deceased, especially as a wife and mother.—R.I.P.

Locks.

LOCKS were, many years ago, very ponderous; indeed, so large were they that the key was almost as much as a man could carry. Coming down to 1851 we find (says the *Carpenter and Builder*) the scientific journals filled with accounts of the lock controversy, as it has been called. In that year Mr Hobbs, an American expert, stated that none of the locks made in this country were proof against a properly-directed assault, and in order to justify his assertion he exercised his ingenuity on a padlock which had been hanging in a shop window in Piccadilly for nearly half a century, and to which was affixed a notice offering a reward of 200 guineas to anyone who should succeed in making an instrument that would pick or open it. After spending 51 hours over the lock Mr Hobbs succeeded in shooting the bolts backwards and forwards in the presence of several witnesses, but on another occasion, in 1854, Mr Hobbs was unsuccessful, and admitted that the improved lock was more than his match. In order to give one an idea of the precautions that are taken by some makers, we may say that Mr Parsons, a lockmaker, stated that a lock with 26 levers would admit of 403,291,461,126,665,635,584,000,000 different combinations. The reader will thus be able to understand that it is next to impossible for two keys to be alike, if the method adopted by the best makers is carried out.

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Irish and English Pronunciation.

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Cowper is pronounced Cooper.
Talbot is pronounced Tolbut.
Thames is pronounced Tems.
Bulwer is pronounced Buller.
Holborn is pronounced Hoborn.
Wemyss is pronounced Weems.
Knollos is pronounced Knowles.
Cockburn is pronounced Coburn.
Brougham is pronounced Broom.
Norwich is pronounced Norridge.
St. Leger is pronounced Sillinger.
Hawarden is pronounced Harden.
Colquhoun is pronounced Cohoon.
Cirencester is pronounced Sissister.
Grosvenor is pronounced Grovonor.
Salisbury is pronounced Sawlsbury.
Beauchamp is pronounced Beecham.
Cholmondeley is pronounced Chumley.
Marylebone is pronounced Marrbun.
Abergavenny is pronounced Abergenny.
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