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WEDDING BELLS

M'KENZIE-BEIRNE.

A wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Waimangaroa, on 20th May, the contracting parties being Mr. W. M'Kenzie, dredgemaster of Traualgar dredge, and Miss Kate Beirne, youngest daughter of Mr. F. Beirne, Railway Hotel, Waimangaroa. The Ven. Archpriest Walshe officiated, and Misses O'Rourke and C. M'Intyre were bridesmaids, Mr. John Beirne best man, and Mr. Colin M'Donald groomsmen. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white figured broche dress trimmed with white satin ribbons and pearl trimmings with the usual veil and wreath, and carried a shower bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold watch and chain, to the bridesmaids greenstone brooches mounted in gold. The bride's gift to the groom was gold sleeve links. A large number attended the ceremony, the church being well filled. An adjournment was then made to the hotel, where a tastefully-laid out breakfast awaited them, and there they received laudatory remarks and good wishes. In the evening a large number of friends were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. M'Kenzie. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

DOWLING-O'CONNELL.

On Monday, June 1, Mr. William Dowling, second son of Mr. John Dowling, a well-known and highly-respected resident of the Hyde district, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony in St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin, to Miss Kate O'Connell, second daughter of the late Mr. Anthony O'Connell, of Naseby, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father Coffey. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the residence of the bride's mother, Princes street south, where the wedding breakfast was laid, and at which the Rev. Father Coffey presided. Mr. J. J. Ramsay, an old friend of the bridegroom, proposed the health of the newly-married pair, paying a very high tribute to the character of the bridegroom, whom he had known from boyhood as a first-class fellow and a good citizen. He congratulated Mr. Dowling on the step he had taken and the choice he had made, and concluded by wishing the happy couple long life and a prosperous future. Quite a number of ornamental and useful presents were made to the bride, who is deservedly popular, and after the breakfast the happy pair departed for the north on their honeymoon trip, taking with them the best wishes of their many friends. The bride's costume was a very pretty electric blue zibeline, Russian coat, and puffed white silk vest, and hat to match, her travelling dress being a navy blue zebiline, Russian coat, and puffed white silk vest.

O'KANE-REANY.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, June 10th, that of Miss Elizabeth Reany, daughter of Mr. Joseph Reany, Dunedin, to Mr. James O'Kane of Alexandra South. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated and the ceremony performed by the Rev. Father Hunt, of Alexandra South. After the blessing and during the signing of the register a beautiful Wedding March was played in the nuns' choir. The bride entered the Cathedral on the arm of her father, who gave her away, and she was followed by two bridesmaids, the Misses Martin and Rivers. The bride wore a charming dress of white satin with a court train of the same, the bodice being beautifully draped with honiton lace and chiffon. She wore an embroidered veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies and roses. She was attended by a page (her nephew), Master R. Burton. The bridesmaids gowns were of white Liberty silk with lace and insertion. Their pretty costumes were completed by large black velvet picture hats, with pale blue satin rosettes, and they carried shower bouquets of chrysanthemums and autumn leaves, and wore the bridegroom's presents—large greenstone hearts with 'kia ora' inserted on gold ferns, with gold chains. Mr. John O'Kane was best man, and Mr. W. Murray (Alexandra South) groomsmen. After the ceremony a small reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, High street,

only intimate friends being invited. Numerous and well-selected presents were received by both bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. O'Kane left for Christchurch en route for Hanmer Plains. The bride's going-away dress was grey tweed with cream satin facings, large cream beaver hat with cream ostrich feathers, and white fox furs.

THOMSON-COLEHAN.

St. Brigid's Church, Waitati, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, June 10, when Miss Noney Colehan, fourth daughter of Mr. John Colehan, a highly-esteemed resident of the district, was married to Mr. William Thomson, of Dunedin. The ceremony, which was witnessed by a very large number of friends, was performed by the Rev. Father McGrath (Port Chalmers), assisted by the Rev. Father Cleary (Dunedin). Miss Winnie Colehan, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Walter Wright was best man. The bride was attired in a stylish costume of crepe de chene, trimmed with lace, and wore a black picture hat. The bridesmaid wore a costume of heliotrope voile and a blue felt hat, trimmed with violets. The bride was given away by her father. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the bride's parents, Saratoga House, where a large number of guests sat down to a splendid breakfast. Several toasts were proposed, all the speakers paying tributes to the popularity of the bride in the district, and expressing their best wishes for the future welfare of the newly-married couple. As an evidence of the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Colehan and family are held by the people of Waitati it may be mentioned that the local school committee closed the school and gave the children a holiday whilst the school flag was flown in honor of the occasion. It is not often that such a beautiful collection of wedding presents is seen as was exhibited in one of the rooms of Saratoga House, almost filling the apartment. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Thomson drove to Warrington to catch the north train by which they proceeded to Oamaru on their honeymoon trip. The bride's travelling dress was of brown tweed trimmed with pale blue silk, and she also wore a handsome brown cloth travelling cloak trimmed with fur. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Colehan entertained a number of young people in the Waitati Hall in honor of the event, the gathering being most enjoyable.

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