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WEDDING BELLS

BARRY-BYRNE.

A very pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) was solemnised at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, on Tuesday, August 4, by the Rev. Father Murphy. The contracting parties were Mr. P. J. Barry, of the Railway Department, eldest son of Mr. Thomas Barry, Grey-mouth, and Miss Margaret A. Byrne, eldest daughter of Mr. Patrick Byrne, Kumara. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Barry, sister of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid, and Mr. J. Sweeney, Dunedin, acted as groomsmen. The bride, who was given away by Mr. J. Ryan, was charmingly attired in a dove-colored costume with white silk vest and hat. The bridesmaid was prettily and becomingly dressed in coronation blue cloth with vest of blue satin, covered with Parisian lace, and black picture hat, and wore a handsome ring, the present of the bridegroom. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the residence of Mrs. N. Dougherty, Rockmont terrace, where the wedding breakfast was laid. In the evening a supper and dance were given. The presents were useful, valuable, and numerous, a set of gold sleeve links being the gift of the bride to the bridegroom. On the previous day Mr. Barry was met at the Dunedin railway station by a number of his fellow-employees and presented with a beautiful clock, suitably inscribed, a brass railed fender and irons, and a handsome reading lamp, as a token of their esteem and regard. Mr. Duncan, station master, made the presentation on behalf of the donors. Mr. Duncan referred to the high esteem in which Mr. Barry was held by his fellow-employees as evidenced by the handsome presents they had given, and concluded by wishing him happiness and prosperity in the new state into which he was about to enter. Mr. Barry suitably and feelingly responded.

IRVINE-BLANEY.

As briefly announced in our last issue the marriage of Captain M. Irvine, of Dublin, and formerly of the Furness Steamship Company, to Miss Rose Blaney, the popular and gifted vocalist, and daughter of Captain Blaney, of South Dunedin, took place at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Wednesday morning of last week. It is safe to say that no similar event had attracted such a large congregation to the Cathedral since it was opened—in fact, not a third of the people who gathered in its precincts long before the ceremony took place were able to gain admission. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Murphy, Adm. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by three bridesmaids—Misses Mary Drumm, Maud Liston, and Rose Mills. The bride wore a handsome duchess satin dress, with an overskirt of real lace and a court train of broche satin. The bridegroom's gifts to the bridesmaids were greenstone shamrock brooches. The groomsmen were Messrs. J. J. Connor, junr., T. Hussey, and E. Newman. At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Vallis, organist, played two wedding marches as the wedding party was leaving the Cathedral. The newly-wedded couple, accompanied by a number of their relatives and friends, then drove to the residence of the bride's parents at Anderson's Bay road, where the wedding breakfast was laid. The toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed in very felicitous terms by Father Murphy. The wedding presents were numerous and costly, among these being a very handsome silver salver and tea and coffee service from his Lordship Bishop Verdon, a set of spoons and forks artistically set in greenstone, from St. Joseph's

choir, and a substantial cheque for the bride from the bridegroom's father. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine, who go to England on their honeymoon trip, were the recipients of hearty congratulations from a large circle of friends.

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