

sense at all. To-day we can say it in a sense in which the Irishman of the eighteenth century could not use the words. We have won our new legislative charter. The accidental suspension of its operation matters nothing. It is a charter such as the Protestant patriots of Grattan's Parliament did not enjoy, and never dreamed of possessing. It is a charter which the Catholic Irish never, even in Grattan's time, had an inkling of. For the first time we possess a real charter of legislative freedom, comprehending the whole of the people of Ireland without distinction, and conferring for the first time in our history full representative self-government. The dreams, aye, even more than the dreams of successive generations of good Irish patriots, of hundreds upon hundreds of Irish political martyrs, have come true, and are facts this Christmas. Ireland, since the Saxon came, has never had such cause for joy at Christmastide as in this year, with all its surrounding tragedy and tumult. At the end of the war Home Rule will begin automatically. It is not too much to hope that the war will end before 1915 is very old. We have had five awful months of it, and it seems scarcely possible that Europe can afford to suffer five other months of the same kind. We can, therefore, with some confidence look forward to the speedy opening of our Parliament, to next Christmas spent in peace, and with Home Rule in full working order.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

At a meeting of the Senate of the National University, on December 11, the Archbishop of Dublin presiding, Alexander Anderson, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D., President of the University College, Galway, was elected Vice-Chancellor of the University for a period of two years. Sir Bertram C. A. Windle, M.A., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S., President of the University College, Cork, was elected as representative of the University on the General Medical Council for a period of three years. The Right Rev. Mgr. J. F. Hogan, D.D., President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, was elected Pro. Vice-Chancellor for such period as that college shall be the recognised college of the University. Joseph Mangan, M.A., F.R.C.Sc.I., M.R.I.A., was appointed Professor of Natural History in the University College, Galway.

WEDDING BELLS

O'KEEFE—COLLINS.

A wedding of interest to many people in South Canterbury and North Otago took place in the Christchurch Cathedral on Wednesday morning, February 10, the contracting parties being Miss Johanna Collins, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Collins, of Christchurch, and Mr. Thomas R. O'Keefe, also of Christchurch. The ceremony, which was of a quiet nature, was performed by the Rev. Father Long, who also celebrated Nuptial Mass. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. T. Collins, and looked very well in white silk taffeta with overdress of lace, and a lovely veil of embroidered tulle arranged from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of sweet peas and carnations. Misses Margaret and Mary Collins, who attended their sister, were dressed in blue eolienne and grey poplin respectively, with hats to match. Each carried a handsome shower bouquet. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Ted Collins. Subsequently the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, the usual toasts being honored and happy speeches made. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. O'Keefe left by motor for Akaroa, where the honeymoon is being spent.

HADDOCK—SPILLANE.

A quiet but pretty wedding (writes a correspondent) was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, on Tuesday, February 9, the contracting parties being Miss Nora Spillane, of Castle Gregory,

County Kerry, and Mr. Eugene Charles Haddock, of Marton, formerly of the West Coast. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Doolaghty, who celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. Thomas Spillane), was attired in a beautiful robe of white crepe de chine, and the veil, very becomingly arranged with a wreath of orange blossoms, finished the toilette. The bridesmaids were Miss Nellie Spillane (sister) and Miss Maud Judd (cousin of the bride), who wore white silk dresses and mob caps. Mr. Hassall, of Marton, acted as best man. After the ceremony the party assembled at Dustin's Tea Rooms, where the wedding breakfast was laid, and at which the Rev. Father Doolaghty presided. Later on Mr. and Mrs. Haddock left by train for Wellington, where the honeymoon is to be spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue tailor-made costume with hat to match. Each bridesmaid received a gold brooch set with precious stones, the gift of the bridegroom. The wedding presents were both numerous and costly, testifying to the esteem in which the young couple are held. Numerous telegrams of congratulation were received from different parts of the Dominion.

O'REGAN—BARRY.

A very pretty wedding (says the Greymouth *Evening Star* of December 31) was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church this morning by the Rev. Father Lacroix, when Mr. John O'Regan, son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Regan, Inangahua, and Miss Mary Barry, daughter of Mr. Thomas Barry, Greymouth, were united in the bonds of Matrimony. The bride was given away by her father. Mr. P. J. O'Regan, brother of the bridegroom and a well-known barrister of Wellington, was best man. Mr. James O'Regan, brother of the bridegroom, acted as groomsman. The bride was gowned in a beautiful grey silk dress, trimmed with a collar of Maltese lace, and carried a bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss J. Barry, of Reefton, sister of the bride, and was attired in a champagne dress. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the residence of the bride's father, Thompson street, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. O'Regan left by motor for Nelson and the North Island, for their honeymoon. The present from the bridegroom to the bride was a valuable dress ring, and to the bridesmaid a cameo ring. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a handsome gold sovereign case. The presents received from all parts of the Dominion were costly and useful, and included many cheques. The best wishes of the community go out to the happy couple, representing as they do two of the oldest and most respected families on the Coast.

Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Minn., was fifty-two years a priest on December 21.

A century ago on Christmas Eve there was signed in the old Carthusian monastery in the city of Ghent the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and the United States which brought to a close the last war between the two great nations. The occasion has been signalised on the part of the Peace Centenary Committees at both sides of the Atlantic by the issue of manifestoes.

Warsaw, the capital of Poland, is the third city of the Russian Empire. Beautifully situated on the left bank of the Vistula, it is 700 miles from Petrograd and 400 from Berlin. It is a recognised centre of science, art, industry, and commerce, and has a population of well over a half million.

The Order of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, or as they are familiarly called, Christian Brothers, was founded by St. John Baptist de la Salle, at Reims, France, in 1680. The Archbishop of Baltimore introduced them in Baltimore in 1840, and from this place they branched out over the United States and Canada and have 35,000 pupils and upwards of 100 colleges, academies, and parochial schools.