

WEDDING BELLS

HOLDEN—McSWEENEY.

A pretty wedding took place at the Sacred Heart Church, Timaru, on April 14, when Miss Nora Josephine McSweeney, elder daughter of Mr. Morgan McSweeney, Adair, was married to Mr. John Charles Holden, of Dalzell Hill, Mount Nessim. The Very Rev. Dean Tubman officiated, and Rev. Father Le Petit, of Fairlie, celebrated the Nuptial Mass. As the bridal party entered the church the 'Wedding March' was played, and also appropriate music during the Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of soft ivory satin and Brussels lace, with Medici collar and court train lined with palest pink chiffon. Her veil was daintily arranged cap effect, with sprays of orange blossom, and she carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The two bridesmaids (Miss Kathleen McSweeney and Miss Lillian Holden) wore frocks of shell pink crepe-de-chine and chiffon, with wide black velvet belts and black velvet hats having pale pink plumes. They carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums and autumn foliage. Two little girls (Misses Annie Angland and Lexie Cuming) acted as train bearers, and looked sweet in white muslin and lace, and Juliet caps. They carried crooks with satin streamers. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Murdo McKenzie, of Dunedin, and Mr. T. McSweeney. After the ceremony a large number of guests were entertained at breakfast, at which the Very Rev. Dean Tubman was present, and the usual toast list was gone through. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Holden left by motor for the south, the bride wearing a navy serge costume and smart mole hat with drooping plume.

KENNY—MURRAY.

At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday last (writes our Wanganui correspondent) the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M., solemnised the marriage of Mr. William Michael Kenny, of Wanganui, and Miss Nita Marion Murray, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Murray, of Bunya Station, Queensland. The bride, who was given away by Mr. G. Kenny, was attired in a pretty and becoming dress of white crepe-de-chine, trimmed with point lace and seed pearls, a court train, orange blossoms, mob cap and veil, and a dainty bouquet completing an exquisite bridal costume. Miss Nellie Kenny, who attended as bridesmaid, wore a blue mentol-cloth coat and skirt and a white felt hat. Mr. C. M. Morgan acted as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome gold bangle, and the bridesmaid's souvenir took the form of a pretty gold brooch. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at breakfast at the residence of the bridegroom's mother, the customary toasts being enthusiastically honored.

At the meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on Monday evening, Mr. Kenny was presented with a cruet stand by the Very Rev. Dean Holley, on behalf of the members, in recognition of the many valuable services he had rendered in the cause of charity.

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CATHOLIC FEDERATION

WELLINGTON DIOCESAN COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the executive committee was held on Friday, May 7. Mr. B. Ellis (hon. treasurer) occupied the chair, and Messrs. Corry, Parsonage, Smyth, and the secretary (Mr. W. F. Johnson) were present. The Right Rev. Mgr. McKenna, V.G., wrote regretting his inability to attend on account of illness, and the secretary was directed to convey to Monsignor McKenna the sincere sympathy of the executive, and to express its earnest wish for his speedy recovery.

The secretary reported that the returns for the March quarter were coming to hand in a most satisfactory manner, and that the receipts for the month of April exceeded those of any previous month in the history of the council. Three new committees had been reported—Eketahuna, Hamua, and Pungarehu,—and altogether, the outlook for the Federation in the country portions of the archdiocese were most encouraging. In the city parishes, the committees reported that the renewals of subscriptions for the year 1915-16 were quite up to expectation, and that many new members had been enrolled. The executive expressed its sincere appreciation of the work of the parish secretaries, and it is already evident that the Wellington archdiocese will retain the position it has occupied in the past, in point of membership.

Arrangements were made for the annual meeting of the council, which will be held on July 15, and it was resolved to entertain the delegates at luncheon upon the occasion. The secretary was directed to invite parish committees to submit subjects for discussion at the meeting, and the hope was expressed that the committees will freely avail themselves of the opportunity to bring their desires under the notice of the council. Parish committees are advised to send in their remits to the secretary of the council as early as possible, so that they may occupy a good place on the order paper.

The secretary reported that in company with members of the Dominion Executive, to which body he had recently been elected, he visited the Catholic Soldiers' Institute, erected by the Federation at Trentham Camp. The building was a credit to all concerned, and the money had been well spent, while the building itself was an absolute necessity. Great credit was due to the Rev. Father Daly, under whose direction the building had been erected, and it was very evident that the Rev. Father's untiring labors on behalf of the men were fully appreciated by them. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Ellis for his services in the chair.

TEMUKA.

(From our own correspondent.)

Mr. G. Girling-Butcher, organiser for the Catholic Federation, arrived in Temuka on Tuesday afternoon, and addressed a meeting in the local clubrooms in the evening, Rev. Father Kerley, S.M., presiding. Owing to the very short notice given of the visit, great difficulty was experienced in notifying the parishioners, consequently the meeting was not as largely attended as it otherwise would have been. The address dealt with the aims and objects of the Federation, and the good work which it has done. At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, on the motion of Rev. Father Kerley, supported by Mr. T. Downes.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Girling-Butcher journeyed to Pleasant Point, where the short notice received

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