

energy and zeal in your work of the past five years. Your prompt attention to sick calls, your careful teaching and training of the altar-boys, your readiness to hear confessions at any time, thus facilitating and encouraging the beautiful practice of frequent Communion, your indefatigable efforts on behalf of the Catholic Federation,—all these duties so faithfully discharged will help us to gratefully remember the years of your administration of the parish of Parnell. We ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a souvenir of your association with the people of Parnell, and a mark of their esteem and respect.

'On behalf of the congregation, we sincerely express the hope that the rest you are enjoying will soon restore you to health and strength, and that God may spare you for many years to labor with continued success in the exercise of your priestly duties.

'We beg to remain, yours in grateful appreciation—
(Signed on behalf of the parishioners) T. M. TAYLOR,
M. C. TULLY, J. O'SULLIVAN.'

The Right Rev. Mgr. Brodie, V.G., who has succeeded Father Patterson at Parnell, said he had already seen evidence of the priestly zeal that Father Patterson had displayed during the five years he had spent in the parish. His Lordship the Bishop had reluctantly accepted Father Patterson's resignation on the understanding that he would, after a rest, resume some duty in the diocese. Father Patterson, he added, was first associated with the diocese thirty years ago, and he deserved their gratitude for having been, in a great measure, instrumental in introducing the noble band of missionaries—the Fathers of St. Joseph. Father Patterson spent some years in Wellington, and returned sixteen years ago to Auckland, where he hoped he would be spared to labor for many years more.

Rev. Father Patterson heartily thanked his parishioners for the many kindnesses that they had shown him.

WEDDING BELLS

KENNEDY—GOODE.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Hastings, on May 5, at which the Rev. Father McDonnell officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas Kennedy, of Wiamarama, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, County Kerry, Ireland, and Miss Helen Elizabeth Goode (Bessie), youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Goode, Napier. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in ivory silk, heavily embroidered, and finished with lace and pearl trimmings. She wore the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet. She was attended by Miss Mary Downing as bridesmaid, who wore a cream dress with satin facings, black velvet hat with white ostrich plume, and a gold wristlet watch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by his brother (Mr. P. Kennedy) as best man. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, Napier. The breakfast was presided over by the Rev. Father McDonnell, Rev. Father Mahoney being also present. The usual toasts were honored. The bride's travelling dress was a navy tailored costume. She wore a black velvet hat, trimmed with ostrich feathers, and a set of handsome black furs, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a gold tie pin. The happy couple left for Wellington, where the honeymoon was spent.

O'CONNELL—CALLERY.

On Wednesday, May 19, a very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Dunedin, the contracting parties being Mr. Michael O'Connell, second youngest son of Mr. E. O'Connell, Ngapuna, and Miss Margaret Callery, youngest daughter of Mrs. Callery, North-East Valley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. O'Connell (brother of the bridegroom), who also celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. M. Callery), was charmingly attired in a dress of pietro silk, with over-

dress of lace. She wore the customary veil with mob cap, and carried a handsome shower bouquet of carnations and chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids, Miss M. O'Connell (sister of the bridegroom) and Miss J. Cowan, were attired in cream serge costumes, and Miss Eileen Shand (niece of the bride) acted as train bearer. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Mulcare as best man, and Mr. Jas. Callery as groomsmen. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests were entertained at the Waratah Tea Rooms, Father O'Connell presiding. A lengthy toast list was duly honored, the speeches bearing ample testimony to the esteem in which the young couple are held and to the popularity and respect enjoyed by their parents. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a silver-mounted umbrella, and the bridegroom's to the bride a handbag, and to the bridesmaids an opal ring, a bangle, and a string of pearls. The happy couple left for the north in the afternoon on their honeymoon trip. The bride's travelling costume was of navy blue serge, with black velvet hat, relieved with mauve and white plumes. The wedding presents were both numerous and costly.

Waipawa

(From a correspondent.)

The missions which were held in the Waipawa parish terminated at St. Patrick's, Waipawa, on Sunday, May 9. The earnestness and fervor of the people were marked features of all the devotions. On the last Sunday crowded congregations were the order of the day, and the missionary (Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R.) delivered impressive sermons. The total number of those who approached the altar rails is certainly a record for the parish.

Mr. J. Duggan, parish secretary of the Catholic Federation, followed up his address at Waipukurau by speaking on the same topic to the congregations at Onga Onga, Takapau, and Waipawa. Mr. Duggan is leaving the district at the end of the month to take up a responsible position under the Wellington Education Board at the Brittomart Street School, Wellington.

Huntly

(By telegraph, from our own correspondent.)

May 24.

At the 9 o'clock Mass on Sunday an appeal was made by the Rev. Father O'Doherty for subscriptions for the foreign mission fund. The congregation generously responded, and at a collection taken at the church door after Mass a substantial sum was realised.

Owing to the recent arrival of several Catholic families in Huntly, the attendance at the convent school has been greatly increased, and the capacity of the buildings is being severely taxed.

An amicable settlement of the claims for compensation by the widows and orphans, caused by the recent mining disaster, has been arrived at, and costly litigation will thus be avoided.

A class is being formed by the Rev. Father O'Doherty for the instruction of converts to the Church, several of whom have recently been received.

At the last meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society one new member was initiated. The local branch is making excellent progress, and the finance of the parish has been greatly benefited by the assistance of the members. The energetic secretary (Bro. F. J. Farrelly, jun.) is untiring in his efforts on behalf of the society.

The late Private Arthur McQuillan, who died from wounds received at the Dardanelles, was a Huntly boy, and was highly esteemed by the residents. About seventy of our young men have offered their services for the front, and they are to be entertained at a send-off social on May 27.

POLISH RELIEF FUND

We have received the following subscriptions for the Polish Relief Fund:—

Mr. Robin Hood, Feilding	...	...	£2 0 0
Rev. T. J. Cahill, Kaponga	...	...	1 0 0