

in the Beechworth and Ovens districts. He came to New Zealand in 1861, and engaged in the Otago gold rushes, including Gabriel's Gully and Dunstan. Later on he came to the West Coast, and worked at the Hokitika and Charleston rushes, and then took up land at Ikamatua, where he had resided since 1875. His wife predeceased him by ten years. He leaves two sons—Mr. James O'Malley (Hawera) and Mr. William O'Malley (Ikamatua), and three daughters—Mrs. Thomas Shannahan (Greymouth), Mrs. Edward Carroll (Stafford), and one who is a Sister of the Good Shepherd, Mount Magdala, Christchurch. Another daughter, who was a Dominican Nun, died about ten years ago. The deceased, who was a staunch Catholic, died fortified by all the rites of the Church. The funeral took place on Sunday, May 30, and was the largest ever seen in the Grey Valley district, mourners being present from Westport, Reefton, Hokitika, and Greymouth. Rev. Father Galerne conducted the burial service, and paid a high tribute to the many sterling qualities of the deceased as a Catholic and as a citizen. During his long residence in Ikamatua he was ever ready to extend the hospitality of his home to priests visiting the district.—R.I.P.

PRIVATE JOHN SHEEHAN LLOYD.

Private John Sheehan Lloyd, of the South Otago Infantry, died of wounds received at the Dardanelles on April 29. The deceased, who was only 23 years of age, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd, late of Cust, Canterbury, but now residents of Spreydon. His brother, Private Daniel Patrick Michael Lloyd, is also at the Dardanelles. His father received



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a letter from the deceased a few days before he left Egypt, in which he said that he had been to confession that night, and was to receive Holy Communion next morning. This news was a great consolation to his parents in their bereavement. Both the deceased and his brother were aware of the danger they ran in going to the Dardanelles, but they were determined to do their duty.—R.I.P.

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WEDDING BELLS

WHITE—WRIGHT.

A wedding, which created a good deal of interest, was solemnised in St. Raphael's Church, Hawarden, on April 14, the contracting parties being Mr. Oswald John White, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White, The Peaks, North Canterbury, and Miss Ada Maud Wright, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright, Mason's Flat, Hawarden. As both parties were very popular in the district, there was a very large attendance at the church, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Connor. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful robe of ivory satin, trimmed with applique lace, and a trained skirt, finished with lace and orange blossoms, the whole being completed by a beautifully embroidered tulle veil, with wreath of orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were Misses Ellen and Elsie Wright. The former (chief bridesmaid) wore a dainty dress of heliotrope crepe-de-chine with hat to match. The latter wore a dainty dress of pale blue crepe-de-chine, with hat to match. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. H. Wright (brother of the bride). On the happy couple leaving the church the Wedding March was played by Miss J. Cox, the organist. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the Town Hall, where relatives and friends to the number of 150 sat down to breakfast. The usual toasts were honored, the principal one being proposed by Rev. Father O'Connor, who spoke of the very high esteem in which the newly wedded couple were held. The bride's travelling dress was a sapphire blue costume, with a navy blue hat and ostrich plume to match. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold neck chain, to the bridesmaids gold pendants, and to the best man a silver-mounted walking stick. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a travelling bag. Mr. and Mrs. White left by motor for Christchurch en route to Invercargill for their honeymoon, thence to their home home, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie. The presents, which included many cheques, were both costly and numerous.

Invercargill

(From our own correspondent.)

A number of girls from the convent schools made their First Communion at the 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday.

It is proposed to proceed immediately with the completion of St. Mary's Basilica, and tenders have been invited for the work.

It is interesting to note that the father of the now famous Sergeant Michael O'Leary, V.C., was a playfellow in the Old Land of Mr. James Collins, who is well known in Dunedin and Invercargill.

The Hibernian Society intend holding a 'Ladies' night' on Tuesday, the 15th inst., and, judging from similar functions in the past, the evening should be a most enjoyable one. The ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to be present.

On Wednesday, June 30, the pupils of the Dominican Nuns will present, in the Municipal Theatre, Lewis' famous cantata, 'Little Nell's surprise party,' the proceeds to be devoted to the Belgian fund. Besides the cantata, vocal and instrumental selections will be rendered by extern students of St. Catherine's Convent. Very successful rehearsals are held, so, apart from the object of the entertainment, patrons may be sure of an interesting and pleasant evening. The sale of tickets is meeting with a ready response, and a crowded house is expected.

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