

WEDDING BELLS

REDWOOD—MULLAN.

A very quiet wedding was solemnised at St. Patrick's Church, Palmerston North, when Mr. Jesse Redwood, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Redwood, of Palmerston North, and cousin of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, was married to Miss Bessie Mullan, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mullan, of Pitt street, Palmerston North. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Forrester, who celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The bride was given away by her father, and she wore a dress of white crepe-de-chine, trimmed with Brussels lace, the usual veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Kathleen Mullan, sister of the bride, who wore a frock of vieux rose crystalline, a large black velvet hat, with plumes of vieux rose to match. Mr. Ignatius Whittaker, of Wellington, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold wristlet watch, and to the bridesmaids a gold brooch set with pearls. After the wedding breakfast at the residence of the bride's parents, the happy couple left for the north, where the honeymoon was spent.

WILLIAMS—HISTEN.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on June 16, when Miss Nora Cecilia Histen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Histen, 'Riverside,' Clondeboy, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. John Richard Williams, second son of Mr. R. Williams, Temuka. The Rev. Father Kerley celebrated a Nuptial Mass. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of paillette silk with deep silk insertion, pearl trimmings, and military collar. The skirt was daintily trimmed with true-lovers' knots. Her veil was daintily arranged in mob cap effect with sprays of orange blossoms, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums and maiden-hair fern. Miss Julia Histen (sister of the bride), who acted as bridesmaid, was attired in a frock of white silk with beautiful silk facings, military effect, white purple velvet belt, and purple velvet hat with white plume. She carried a bouquet of pale pink chrysanthemums and fern. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. T. Knight as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a set of black fox furs, and to the bridesmaid a handsome gold bangle. After the ceremony a number of guests were entertained at breakfast, at which the usual toasts were honored. Several telegrams of congratulation were received. The presents were numerous and costly, including many cheques. The happy couple left by motor *en route* for the North Island, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride wore a purple costume and hat to match, with large white ostrich plume.

PROVOST—DOWLING.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wanganui, on June 2, when Miss Eileen Mary Dowling, eldest daughter of Mr. Dowling, was married to Mr. Eugene John Provost, eldest son of the late Mr. Provost. The Very Rev. Dean Holley officiated and also celebrated the Nuptial Mass, assisted by Rev. Fathers Mahoney, Moloney, and Vibaud. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white silk gown with long train and shadow lace overskirt: her veil was arranged in mob cap style with sprays of orange blossoms. She also carried a beautiful shower bouquet. The bridesmaid was Miss Norah Dowling, who wore a dainty dress of white ninon over white silk and mob cap. Mr. J. Le Bere officiated as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a set of squirrel furs and to the bridesmaid a gold bangle. The presents were numerous and costly, including a very handsome silver dish from the employees of H. I. Jones and Sons, a beautiful solid oak and silver biscuit barrel from the employees of Mr. W. Luxford and Co., and a silver cake dish from the Aramoho Church Choir, the presentation being made by Mr. W. M. Luxford, who referred in eulogistic terms to the good work done by the bride and bridegroom. As the happy couple left the church the 'Wedding March' was played by Mrs. T. Lloyd. The breakfast was held at

the residence of the bride's parents. The customary toasts were duly honored, the toast of the bride and bridegroom being proposed by Dean Holley. The happy couple left by the mid-day train for Wellington and Napier, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue tailored costume, and cherry-colored velvet hat trimmed with fur and berries.

Thames

(From an occasional correspondent.)

June 24.

The half-yearly meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society was held last evening in St. Francis' Schoolroom, there being a record attendance. The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed the branch to be in a very sound financial position. The total membership now stands at 45. One candidate was proposed. The following were elected to hold office for the ensuing term: President, Bro. D. Coakley; vice-president, Bro. W. T. Spelman; secretary, Bro. C. H. Coakley (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. J. Connolly; warden, Bro. T. Corbett; guardian, Bro. F. McClair; sick visitors, Bros. E. Kenny and W. T. Spelman.

Through the activity of the Thames branch of the Catholic Federation a matter of great importance has been brought to a successful issue. About fourteen children, living at Hikutaia and surrounding district, were unable to attend the Thames Convent School, as they could not obtain free passes on the railway, because Thames is not the 'nearest' convent school, Paeroa being some miles closer. Representations were made to the Minister of Education, through the member for this district, when it was pointed out that though Paeroa is the 'nearest' school, it is not the most convenient. The train does not arrive at Paeroa until about 11 a.m., and leaves at 3.27 p.m., consequently the children lose three hours daily. The train to and from Thames would enable the children to put in the full school hours. The matter has been favorably considered by the Minister, and passes to the Thames Convent School have been granted.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET HINDS, RAKAIA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

The parish of Rakaia has sustained an irreparable loss by the death on Monday, June 21, of Mrs. Margaret Hinds, relict of the late William Hinds, formerly of Mitcham, but of late years a resident of Rakaia. The deceased lady was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1846, and came to New Zealand in 1868, settling in the Rakaia district in 1873. She was esteemed throughout the whole district for her sterling piety, and her spirit of true charity which always prompted her to help the poor generously, and to oblige any neighbor in need. When the parish of Rakaia was established, she generously offered her home as a place of residence for the parish priest (Rev. Dr. Kennedy), and thus the whole parish was placed under a debt of gratitude to her. The late Bishop of the diocese, all missionaries and visiting priests were her guests at different times, and experienced at her hands exquisite hospitality. The Sisters of Mercy, since their advent to the parish, had likewise been the recipients of many kindnesses from her. Deceased was attended in her last illness by Rev. Dr. Kennedy, and she passed peacefully away on Monday night, June 21. She leaves one son and seven daughters to mourn their loss. Mr. William Hinds, Mrs. M. Dolan, Mrs. J. O'Connell, and the Misses Sarah, Jane, Mary, Bella, and Nora Hinds. For these and for her sole surviving brother, Mr. Thos. Morland, J.P., a prominent resident of Rakaia and a most generous benefactor to the Church, the greatest sympathy is felt. Her husband predeceased her by eighteen years. A large concourse assembled on Thursday morning, Feast of St. John the Baptist, at 10 a.m., at the Mass celebrated for the repose of her soul. Before the last Absolution, Rev. Dr. Kennedy feelingly referred to the deceased, her noble life, her great generosity to the Church and to himself personally. The cortege then proceeded to the local cemetery, where the interment took place.—R.I.P.