

and Miss Margaret Ella Roche, youngest daughter of Mrs. E. Roche, Keith Street, Wanganui. The bride was given away by her brother, Lance-Corporal W. Roche, and wore a simple dress of ivory crepe-de-chine, veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and fern. She was attended by her two sisters as maids of honor, one in saxe blue crepe-de-chine and the other wearing shell pink. Both had black picture hats, and wore the bridegroom's gifts—pearl necklace and ring. Mr. Joseph Crowley was best man, and Mr. W. Roche groomsmen. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's mother, the young couple leaving by motor for the Main Trunk. The bride's travelling dress was of grey tweed, and with it she wore a black hat and a set of black fox furs, the gift of the bridegroom.

On Sunday, May 11, his Grace Archbishop Redwood opened the new chapel at the Sacred Heart Convent, Mount St. Gerard, and before trying to describe the chapel and the ceremony I must mention how honored we all felt to have his Grace in our midst, and looking so well. His Grace the Archbishop has directed the Sisters of St. Joseph right through their career, from the days of the little four-roomed cottage-convent in the Avenue to the noble buildings on the brow of St. John's Hill, and it was one of the greatest joys of the community to have their precious, long-dreamed-of chapel blessed by the hands of the venerable Metropolitan.

The chapel, which is costing a pile of money, is really beautiful. In style, it is a blending of the Roman and Gothic architecture, and quite free of all fanciful decorations. The outside is brick, the inside of white plaster with lofty vaulted roof, graceful arches and exquisite panelling. The stained glass windows and marble altar were part of the old chapel. There is comfortable seating accommodation for at least 300 persons, but on Sunday room was found for, I am sure, 400. There is a front entrance for ordinary purposes, and a covered way from the convent building for the use of the Sisters and the children. Provision has been made for the priest also, accommodation being in readiness for present use, and for the resident chaplain of "some day." Messrs. Swan were architects for the building, and Messrs. Campbell and Bourke the contractors.

The blessing of the chapel took place at 3 o'clock, his Grace being attended by the Very Rev. Dean Holley, S.M. (Provincial), Fathers O'Connell, O'Ferrall, Menard, and McDonald; after which his Grace addressed the congregation. The collection was then taken up, something like £200 being received. And then everything was quiet for a few moments till the faint tinkling of the bell announced the approach of our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Up the centre aisle, and through the rows of bowed heads, came the little procession of priest and acolytes, up to the altar where Solemn Benediction was given by his Grace, assisted by Dean Holley and Father O'Ferrall. The Benediction service and hymns were sung by the convent girls.

The whole ceremony was exceedingly beautiful, being one of these rare occasions when everything seems in keeping with the object. Sunshine, ideal surroundings, the little chapel filled to overflowing with folk wearing their best, all uniting to show that, at times at all events, the best of everything is the very least we can offer.

DIocese of Christchurch

(From our own correspondent.)

May 19.

The Catholic school buildings at Addington are now completed, and will be opened by his Lordship the Bishop on Pentecost Sunday.

The contract for the building of the new girls' school in the Cathedral parish has been let to Messrs Pullwood

and Haigh, £5831 being the estimate. This firm also erected the Catholic school buildings at Woolston and Addington. The new schools will be very nicely situated at the rear of the Bishop's residence, and will be entirely free from the noise of street traffic and from the dust nuisance.

His Lordship the Bishop is at present engaged on episcopal visitation of the diocese. On Sunday, May 11, he was at Fairlie, and administered Confirmation, and on Sunday last he was at Kaiapoi, where the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered at the close of a most successful mission conducted by Father Kilbride, C.S.S.R. Bishop Brodie will make a visitation of Geraldine on next Sunday.

At the examinations held recently in connection with the National Business College, Sydney, the following pupils from the Convent of Mercy, Colombo Street North, were successful:—Speed shorthand: Vera Spackman (80 words per minute). Junior typewriting: Stacie Kinley, Mollie Bradley, Hilda Parish, Esther Kermode, Veronica O'Flaherty, Eileen Mullany, Adeline Thompson, Adele Morgan, Norma Middleton, Elizabeth Kermode. Advanced book-keeping: Mona Vincent. Intermediate book-keeping: Edith Vincent, Adeline Thompson, Adele Morgan. Junior book-keeping: Veronica O'Flaherty, Mollie Bradley.

On last Thursday evening the winter season in connection with the Catholic Girls' Club was inaugurated by a well-attended social. Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., Father Cooney (Lyttelton), and the local clergy were visitors on the occasion. A musical and elocutionary programme was contributed to by Misses G. Cole and D. Devine (piano duet), Miss J. Maloney, Father Cooney, and Mr. P. Anodeo (songs), Miss M. Santora and Mr. P. Dowd (recitations), Miss Devine (piano solo), Misses J. Foley and D. Devine were accompanists.

On behalf of Miss B. Foley, president of the club, Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy outlined the programme to be followed during the season, and solicited the patronage of members and friends at the various entertainments. He gratefully acknowledged the many services rendered by Father Cooney in the interests of the institution.

Father Cooney said there was no need to thank him for his efforts. The necessity of the Girls' Club always appealed to him, and its Catholic usefulness was so apparent that any aid he was able to give would be given with the greatest pleasure. Refreshments were served towards the close of a very enjoyable and social gathering.

The fortnightly meeting of St. Mary's branch of the Hibernian Society was held on May 12 at Ozanam Lodge. B.P. Bro. Roche presided. There was a good attendance of members. The chaplain (Father Roche) was also present. A cordial welcome was extended by the president to Bro. C. Dobbs, recently returned from active service. Accounts amounting to £9 17s 11d were passed for payment. Two members were initiated and one nomination was received. The balance sheet for the previous quarter, submitted by the secretary, Bro. Johnston, showed the branch to be in a very satisfactory financial position. The sick fund showed a credit £147 1s 2d; the management fund £41 14s 3d; the benevolent fund £3 19s 7d; and assets over liabilities £225. The president commented on the happy outlook before the branch, and stressed the necessity of keeping the members already enrolled as well as seeking new ones. Bro. R. P. O'Shaughnessy (District Deputy) wrote from the West Coast resigning his position as auditor, owing to his having removed from Christchurch. This was accepted with regret, and appreciation of the excellent work and constant devotion towards the branch by Bro. O'Shaughnessy was recorded on the books.

His Lordship the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Mary's Church on the first Sunday in June.

At the recent Musical and Elocutionary Competitions held in Christchurch, the following pupils of the Convent, Lower High Street, conducted by the Sisters of the Mission, were successful:—Piano duet (open class), "Tarantelle": 1st prize, Kitty Murphy and