

DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

(From our own correspondent.)

June 2.

The Cathedral Sodality of the Children of Mary held its first social of the season in the Hibernian Hall on Wednesday evening, May 28. The social, which was well patronised, proved a most successful and enjoyable function, credit for the excellent arrangements being due to the president (Miss Whelan) and her energetic committee. The prize-winners in the euchre tournament were Misses Dobblyn and Wood, and Messrs. J. Farrell and P. Commons. The Very Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Adm., in presenting the prizes, complimented the sodality on its very successful initial social, and conveyed the warm-hearted support of the chaplain (Father Fogarty), who was at present on the West Coast. The valued services of the retiring president (Miss Grace Jarman) were referred to eulogistically by the Very Rev. Administrator, and on behalf of her fellow-members of the sodality he asked her to accept a framed picture of Our Blessed Lady as a memento of esteem. Accompanying this gift was a framed certificate presented by Father Fogarty.

The many friends of Dr Ardagh are pleased to know that he is resuming the practice of his profession on June 16, at his old address, 31 Carlton Street, Merivale.

The fortnightly meeting of St. Matthew's (Ladies) Branch of the H.A.C.B. Society was held in the Hibernian Hall on Monday evening last, Sister E. Jacques, B.P., presiding. The attendance of members was most satisfactory. Sick allowance £2 was passed for payment. One new member was initiated, and one nomination for membership was received. Sisters were reminded that the branch has undertaken to conduct the Irish stall at the forthcoming bazaar in aid of the schools' building fund, and that their support, coupled with that of the members of St. Patrick's branch, will, it is hoped, be available.

The Victory Fair, which is being promoted to augment the Cathedral schools' building fund, is now receiving the attention of an energetic committee, under the direction of Mr. T. Cahill as secretary. The Coliseum has been engaged for a fortnight, including Grand National Week, and a varied and attractive programme is being arranged. In conjunction with the fair, an art union is also being promoted, and the tickets are now in circulation. Amongst the valuable prizes are two gold nuggets, and some very fine copies of the works of the master painters. A Victory Fair Queen competition is part of the committee's plans, and this has already created keen interest. Special attention is being devoted to the musical arrangements, and apparently nothing is being left undone to ensure success.

[This letter arrived too late for insertion in our last issue.—Ed. N.Z.T.]

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WEDDING BELLS

McMULLAN—MORRISON.

A wedding of interest to many was celebrated on May 14, at the Cathedral, Christchurch, when Miss Rose Morrison, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrison, "The Oaks," Darfield, and Mr. John McMullan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McMullan, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The Rev. Father J. Hanrahan (Darfield) officiated, assisted by Father Fogarty. The music for the ceremony was rendered by Mr. H. Hiscocks, and Miss Birdie Morrison (sister of the bride) sang a solo. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a lovely bridal robe of white crepe-de-chine, hand-embroidered in silk, a beautiful veil and wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums entwined with maiden-hair fern. She was attended by two bridesmaids—her sister (Miss Gertie Morrison, chief) and Miss Eileen McMullan (sister of the bridegroom). Each wore dainty white frocks, black silk toques trimmed with little pink rosebuds, and velvet ribbon streamers, and carried bouquets of choice hot-house flowers. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Jack McKendry, as best man, and Mr. W. Morrison, as groomsmen. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison entertained a large number of relatives and intimate friends at Broadway's, when the usual toasts were honored. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. J. McMullan left by the express for the south on their wedding tour.

TIMARU CATHOLIC RED CROSS GUILD.

During last month a meeting of all interested in the work recently carried on by the Timaru Catholic Red Cross Guild was held, at which Father Bartley presided. As Red Cross work has now been abandoned, it was decided to continue the guild under the name of "The Catholic Social Guild," to assist in parochial work. The guild is now organising a social in aid of the building fund of the boys' shelter at their school, which is being erected. During the last three months of the war, the Timaru Catholic Red Cross Guild handed over to the local Red Cross Society approximately £100. The guild also, under the presidency of Mrs. Loughnan, very successfully conducted several socials, and also a sweets stall at the South Canterbury Agricultural Show recently, which resulted in a very considerable addition to the guild's funds.

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