

CATHOLIC FEDERATION

WELLINGTON.

(From our own correspondent.)

The Dominion Executive met last Thursday under the presidency of Mr. A. H. Casey. A neat design for letter headings was selected. A good part of the evening was devoted to discussing the immigration question, which had been brought under the notice of the executive by the Christchurch branch and the Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Wellington, and it was decided to write to the Minister of Internal Affairs requesting a verification of the reported statement made by him before the Empire Trade Commission in reference to the subsidising of certain denominational institutions out of public funds, and also to apply for the extension of facilities to the lady members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to visit the Home vessels with the immigration officers to look after the wants of Catholic immigrants.

The following are the officers elected for the To Aro Parish Council:—President, Rev. Father Barra; vice-president, Mr. George Lambert; secretary, Mr. R. H. Williams; treasurer, Mr. H. A. Parsonage; delegates to the Diocesan Council, Messrs. R. H. Williams and B. Ellis.

CHRISTCHURCH.

The enrolling of members in the Catholic Federation (writes our Christchurch correspondent) is now occupying the spare time of the promoters. The organising committee have so far received official notification that of the twenty parishes outside the city, but seven have formed parish committees, and of these five only have sent in the names of the representatives for inclusion in the diocesan executive. Numerous difficulties exist in scattered districts to complete arrangements such as are necessary in this connection. It is hoped, however, that within a week of the appointed date (May 8) for holding the inaugural meeting to form the diocesan executive, all returns will be to hand.

REMUERA.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At the recent meeting for the inauguration of the Catholic Federation the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Father Doyle; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. Mahoney and J. J. Cotter; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Duggan; secretary, Mr. John Duggan; members of diocesan council, Messrs. J. Duggan and W. Wright. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is to be represented by Messrs W. and J. Duggan, Miss L. Frost, and Miss J. Desmond. Messrs. W. Wright, J. Lineen, Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs. Duggan will represent the Sacred Heart Society; while Miss C. Jones and Miss F. Finnerty are the delegates from the Children of Mary's sodality. The parochial representatives are Messrs. Mahoney, Cotter, Hall, Desmond, Pilling, and Farrell. This committee is now making a vigorous canvass of the parish for new members for the Federation, and it is hoped that very soon every parishioner's name will appear on the roll.

WEDDING BELLS

TWOHILL—HAYES.

A wedding of considerable interest was celebrated in Gisborne on April 2, when there was a large attendance of friends present. Miss Matilda Frances Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hayes, of Gisborne, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. E. Twohill, youngest son of Mrs. K. and the late Mr. E. Twohill, of Thames. The ceremony took place in St. Mary's Church and Rev. Father Lane officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and looked exceedingly handsome in a dainty white satin charmeuse princess robe,

the whole being draped with exquisite Limerick lace. The skirt showed draped lace outlined with orange blossoms, and this was continued in a long train, and finished with a large bow of satin and a small bouquet of the same flowers. The following were the maids of honor: Miss Lucy Hayes (sister of bride), Miss Violet Twohill (sister of bridegroom), and Miss M. Martin (cousin of bride). Mr. J. Mahoney, of Auckland, attended the bridegroom as best man, and Messrs P. Parker and J. Harding, of Gisborne, acted as groomsmen. The church was artistically decorated for the occasion, and there was a large attendance of the public. After the wedding the company adjourned to the Gisborne Hotel, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. The couple left for the south by the Wimmera, the bride's travelling costume being of changeant Irish poplin in black-blue and tangerine colorings, the smart coat having collar and cuffs of poplin revers.

MILLER—GEOGHEGAN.

A very pretty wedding was solemnised at the Cathedral on last Wednesday, April 9 (writes our Christchurch correspondent), when Mr. Joseph Henry Miller, of Dunedin, was married to Miss Emily Geoghegan, third daughter of Mr. Michael Geoghegan, of Fitzgerald avenue, Christchurch. The Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., celebrated the Nuptial Mass, and officiated at the marriage ceremony. A large number of friends were present. The bride was beautifully attired in white spotted muslin, trimmed with guipure lace, pearl beads, and satin ribbon. She also wore a wreath and veil, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The bridesmaid was Miss Josephine Geoghegan (sister of the bride). She wore a cream serge costume and brown velvet hat, trimmed with variegated flowers, and carried a bouquet of autumn leaves and white flowers. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. E. W. Spain as groomsmen. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a set of fox furs and to the bridesmaid a handsome gold bangle. After the ceremony the wedding party assembled in the Oddfellows' Hall for the wedding breakfast. The Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., presided, and the usual toasts were proposed and duly honored. In the evening the newly wedded couple journeyed to Wellington by the Mararoa and thence to Rotorua by the Main Trunk line, for their honeymoon. The bride's travelling dress was a Harris serge costume. They were the recipients of many useful and costly presents. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at Kaikorai, Dunedin.

CADE—JOYCE.

At St. Mary's Church, Manchester street, on April 3 (writes our Christchurch correspondent) a pretty and interesting wedding was solemnised. The contracting parties were Mr. John Cade, of Addington, and Miss Nellie Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Joyce, of Bligh's road, Papanui—prominent parishioners of St. Mary's. The Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., who also officiated at the marriage ceremony, which took place in the presence of a numerous gathering of friends. The bride wore a charming dress of crepe de chine, trimmed with silk lace, and carried a beautiful bouquet of white lilies. She was attended by her two sisters (Misses Rhoda and Kathleen Joyce), who wore dresses of crepe crystal and carried bouquets to match. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. John Joyce, jun. (brother of the bride), as best man. After the ceremony the guests to the number of about one hundred were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents, all assembling in a large marquee for the wedding breakfast. The Very Rev. Dean Hills, S.M., V.G., presided. Seated on his left were the Rev. Father Hoare, S.M., and on his right the bride and bridegroom. An apology was received for the absence of the Very Rev. Father Price, D.C., Adm., owing to the fact of his having a similar engagement at the Cathedral at the same hour. Several toasts were proposed and responded to, after which the guests retired to view the very numerous and costly collection of presents, which included the deeds of a building section of land, the gift of the bride's father. The newly-wedded couple left later for the south on a