

WEDDING BELLS

SHALLUE—FITZGERALD.

One of the prettiest weddings that has been seen in Te Aroha for some time was that which took place at St. Joseph's Church on July 22. The contracting parties were Miss Ellen Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fitzgerald, of Mangaiaiti, and Mr. James Joseph Shallue. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father McGuinness. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked very dainty in a beautiful robe of duchesse satin, exquisitely trimmed with handsome duchesse lace. She wore the customary veil and orange blossoms, and carried a lovely shower bouquet of spring flowers and fern. The bridesmaids were the Misses Nora and Julia Fitzgerald (sisters of the bride). Both were attired in cream charmeuse, and wore black picture hats, with large white plumes. The bridegroom was supported by Mr. Bolger as best man, and Mr. Hamserly as groomsman (both cousins of the bride). The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold bangle, and to the bridesmaids gold brooches. The bridal party left the church to the strains of the "Wedding March," beautifully played by Mrs. James O'Neill, of Omaha, a friend of the bride. After the ceremony about one hundred guests were entertained at 'Linwood,' Mangaiaiti, the residence of the bride's parents. Mrs. Fitzgerald, mother of the bride, wore a handsome dress of black silk. The presents received were handsome, numerous, and costly, and included about twenty cheques. Mr. and Mrs. Shallue left by the evening express for Wellington, *en route* for their future home at Taranaki, the bride travelling in a navy blue costume with tan trimming, and a large black beaver hat, trimmed with tan feathers.

HEALY—SCANNELL.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

At St. Joseph's Church, Temuka, on July 9, Miss Mary Scannell, late of Castleisland, County Kerry, and Mr. Maurice Healy, late of Macroom, County Cork, were joined in the bonds of Matrimony. The Rev. Father Kerley performed the ceremony. The bride, who looked charming, was given away by her uncle, Mr. D. Scannell, of St. Andrews, and was attended by Miss N. Brosnahan as bridesmaid. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. J. O'Neill as best man. After the ceremony the happy couple, in company with a large number of friends and well-wishers sat down to wedding breakfast, which was provided by Mr. M. Crannitch of the Temuka Hotel. The Rev. Father Kerley, who presided at the breakfast, in proposing the toast of the bride and bridegroom, spoke in very high terms of both parties, and especially of the example which they gave as practical Catholics. The usual toasts were duly honored, and at the conclusion of the breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Healy joined the south express for Dunedin, where the honeymoon was spent. They were the recipients of many useful and valuable presents.

BEST—FORRESTER.

A wedding in which a good deal of interest was taken (writes a correspondent) was celebrated at the Catholic Church, Eltham, on July 17, the contracting parties being Miss Margaret Mary Forrester, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Forrester, of Mangamingi, and Mr. Robert W. Best, youngest son of the late Mr. R. Best, of Guernsey. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Cahill. Mrs. O'Hagan presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of white silk with train, trimmed with overall lace insertion, pearls, and orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet. She wore a tulle veil with a wreath of orange blossoms which had been worn by her mother. The bridesmaids—Misses Ellen and Mary Forrester—were attired in cream silk, trimmed with insertion, and wore black beaver hats. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. P. Forrester as best man, while Mr. J. Hickey acted as groomsman. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold brooch,

and to each of the bridesmaids a gold bangle. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a chain and pendant. The bridesmaid also presented the bridegroom with a gold scarf pin. After the ceremony, a reception was held at Mrs. Reilly's tea rooms, where about 100 guests were present. Rev. Father Cahill presided. The usual toasts were duly honored, and Mr. and Mrs. Best, who were the recipients of many costly and useful presents, left by the afternoon train for Wanganui, and the south, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy blue costume, black beaver hat with lancer plumes, and a grey stole and muff, the gift of her mother.

Gisborne

(From our own correspondent.)

July 18.

The Bible-in-Schools controversy is still carried on in a desultory fashion in the local press, but since the Government intimation that no legislation would be introduced this session for the taking of a referendum, little interest is evinced locally. Rev. Father Lane, assisted by members of the Catholic Federation, have actively canvassed Gisborne for signatures to the petition now in circulation, and fully 1000 names have been obtained, which is a very good result for this district.

A social gathering is to be held on July 24 in aid of the convent fund, and keen interest is being manifested in it by the friends of the good Sisters of St. Joseph. Father Lane kindly permitted a special collection to be taken up at the church door on behalf of the project, and a fairly substantial amount is in the hands of the committee.

July 27.

The social gathering organised in aid of the funds of the local Catholic school was successful beyond all expectations. The school, so ably conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph, will benefit to the extent of £132 10s, and this constitutes a record for any similar event hitherto held. Rev. Father Lane, speaking at Mass on Sunday, thanked all those who had assisted to make the affair so distinct a success, and specially mentioned the hard-working secretaries (Misses M. Neill and Haughey).

Hamua

The annual Catholic social in aid of the church funds was held in the Hamua Hall on the evening of July 23 (says the *Pahiatua Herald*). The social is always the most popular event of the year, and this one was no exception to the rule. Visitors were present from all parts, a particularly large number being present from Pahiatua. The hall was prettily decorated with evergreens and lycopodium, the stage being draped in red, white, and blue. An interesting programme of songs and recitations was gone through, the following contributing:—Mr. D. Connor (Nireaha), violin; Mr. Lewis (Pahiatua), song; Miss Taylor (Pahiatua), recitation; Miss Dempsey (Pahiatua), song; duet, Misses Connor (Nireaha); Mr. J. Golder (Foxton), humorous songs and recitation (encored); Mr. Andrews (Eketahuna), humorous song (encored); Master J. Walsh (Pahiatua), recitation (encored); and Mr. Walsh (Pahiatua), musical monologue. The accompaniments were tastefully played by Miss Tuckwell and Miss McKenna.

After an excellent supper had been handed round Mr. J. McKenna briefly thanked all who had in any way contributed to the success of the evening, and apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rev. Father Harnett. On all sides were heard comments on the success of the evening, which must have been gratifying to the Misses Dougherty and Golder, the energetic and hardworking secretaries, and their committee of willing workers.

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