

in his new sphere. Senior Sergeant King replied, thanking the donors for their gift and kind expressions of goodwill.

The need of a church in the district has been felt by the Catholics of Morningside for some years, but, owing to other works having a priority of claim being in hand, the matter was allowed to remain in abeyance up to the present. It is now felt that the time has arrived when steps should be taken to supply this want; and accordingly a meeting, which was well attended, was held in the Morningside Hall on Sunday afternoon, for the purpose of considering the matter. Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who presided, said that the question of securing a site for a church in the district had engaged his attention for some time, but it was not easy to get a suitable one. Not very long ago he was successful in purchasing a section having an area of about an acre, situated close to the tram terminus at Maryhill. This was a good level section, and the only objection to it was that it was not as central as could be desired, but it was the most suitable that could be got at the price—£500. Should the Catholics of the district approve of the purchase, it would be necessary to set up a committee to undertake the payment of the purchase money. At the same time he had made arrangements for the celebration of Mass at 10 o'clock every Sunday in the hall, provided the attendance warranted it. Rev. Father Corcoran said that he was perfectly satisfied there would be a good congregation at the Mass, as at present there were fifty children attending the Sunday school. Messrs. O'Meara, O'Neill, and others expressed their thanks to Father Coffey for his efforts to secure a church site, and also their pleasure at having Mass celebrated in the hall every Sunday. The following were appointed a committee:—Messrs. O'Neill, O'Meara, Easton, Carolin, McKenzie, Hannigan, and Maguire. Mesdames O'Meara and Stone, and Misses Bryant, Grace, Hemmley, and Plunkett were appointed to look after the hall and the altar.

Timaru

(From our own correspondent.)

August 11.

One of the old pioneers of the district passed away on Saturday morning last, in the person of Mr. Daniel Hally. His death took place at his residence, Whitcombe street, Temuka, and he passed away fortified by all the rites of the Church. A Requiem Mass was said yesterday morning in the Temuka Church, and Miss E. Spring played the 'Dead March' from 'Saul.' The funeral was a large and representative one, the remains being followed by friends from all over South Canterbury. The Rev. Father Kerley, assisted by the Rev. Father McCarthy, officiated at the graveside, and the pall-bearers were Messrs. E. B. Gillespie, W. D. Fitzgerald, J. Gaffaney, and J. Moore.—R.I.P.

On Thursday evening a reunion of the Timaru, Temuka, and Waimate Catholic Young Men's Societies took place in the Timaru clubrooms. About 70 young men sat down to the excellent banquet provided. Mr. O'Halloran, the president of the Timaru Club, occupied the chair, and was supported by the Very Rev. Dean Tubman and Rev. Father Murphy, and Messrs. Scott and Hickey, presidents of the Temuka and Waimate Clubs. A long toast-list was suitably honored, among the speakers being Dean Tubman and Father Murphy, and Messrs. Scott, Gillespie, Doyle, Quinn, Dunn, Ward (representing the Executive), Venning, Roche, and O'Brien. Items were contributed during the evening by Messrs. Fitzgerald (Arowhenua), McGrath, Bonacino, and Schaab, and recitations were acceptably given by Messrs. Quinn, McGuire, and Toner. The function was a most successful one, and its success was due in a great measure to the organising work of the Timaru secretary (Mr. S. Venning).

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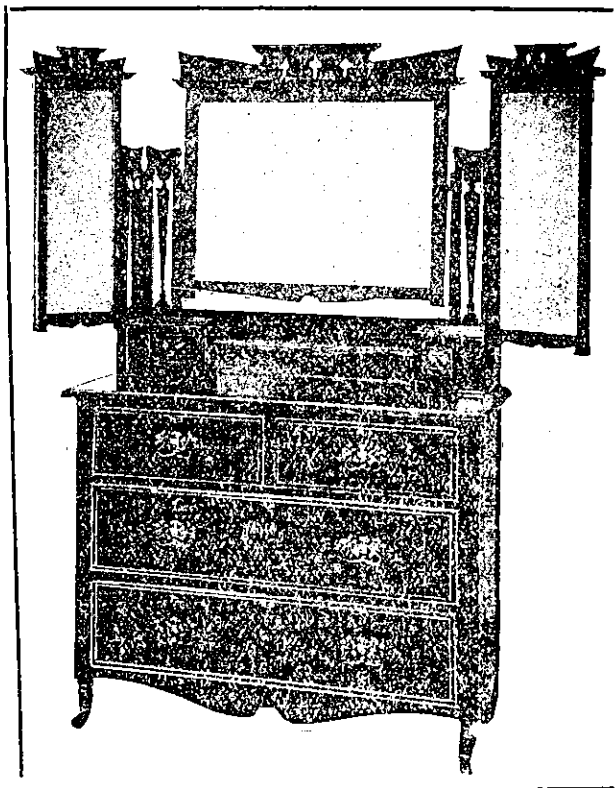
MATHESON—COXON.

A very pretty wedding, and one that proved of considerable interest to their many friends, was solemnised at St. Joseph's Cathedral on August 6, when Rev. Father Buckley united in the bonds of Matrimony Mr. J. Matheson, of Invercargill, and Miss Brenda Coxon, of Dunedin. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. J. Coxon), looked very dainty in a gown of pale apricot silk coline, trimmed with point lace, net, and silk ball fringe. She wore the customary wreath and veil, and carried a white shower bouquet of choice hothouse flowers. The Misses Mellick and Irene Hilliker (niece) were bridesmaids, the former wearing a cream serge costume and black picture hat relieved with pale pink banksia roses, and Miss Hilliker white silk. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a double gold Albert, while the bridegroom gave the bride a substantial cheque, the chief bridesmaid a Nellie Stewart bangle, and the second a gold brooch. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the Waratah Tea Rooms, where the breakfast was partaken of. Father Buckley, in a very happy speech, congratulated the newly married couple, and tendered some good advice. The other customary toasts were also duly honored. The happy couple left by the afternoon express for Invercargill, their future home, the bride wearing a travelling costume of navy blue serge, trimmed with oriental silk, and a becoming picture hat of black satin and ostrich plumes.

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