

WEDDING BELLS

DENNEHEY—DUGGAN.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church, Tua Marina, on September 9, when the Rev. Father Fay united in Matrimony Mr. Michael Dennehey, third son of Mr. William Dennehey, Lower Hutt, and Miss Mary Duggan, eldest daughter of Mr. John Duggan, of Tua Marina. The church was tastefully decorated by the girl friends of the bride, and as the wedding party entered the church the 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Ivy Horgan. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful gown of ivory tinted crepe de soie, and a chiffon coatée with cream and silver trimmings. Her tulle embroidered veil was the gift of the Sisters of the Mission, Pukekohe, and here amethyst and pearl brooch was the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Misses Evelyn and Eileen Duggan, sisters of the bride. They wore dainty dresses of white ninon and embroidered chiffon, with white hat trimmed with vieux rose and heliotrope respectively. Their gold bangles were the gift of the bridegroom. The bridegroom was attended by his two brothers, Mr. Daniel Dennehey as best man and Mr. Bert Dennehey as groomsman. After the Nuptial Mass a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and the usual toasts were duly honored. The presents included some valuable cheques. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Dennehey left for the North Island, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling costume was of navy serge with black fox furs, and her hat of black tagel straw was trimmed with gold-colored roses.

Remuera

(From our own correspondent.)

In response to Monsignor Brodie's appeal, locally, for the new orphanage, a goodly sum has been subscribed. The children attending St. Joseph's School contributed the sum of £5.

The monthly Communion of the Children of Mary was well attended on Sunday last. The general meeting took place in the afternoon, and after an instructive address on gentleness by the spiritual director, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given.

A most enjoyable social gathering took place in the schoolroom on Wednesday evening last. The function was promoted by the members of the choir in aid of the organ fund, and was most successful. The euchre prizes went to Miss O'Keefe and Mr. Maurice Sexton. Musical items were contributed by Misses Desmond, Frost, and Zainey, and Mr. Wright.

Speaking at the late Mass on Sunday last Father Doyle said there seemed to be in these days of ours a conspiracy against belief in the real existence of hell. To-day we have a group of students going on for the ministry who deliberately put their names to a document denying the existence of hell, and yesterday the papers told us of the whereabouts of a non-Catholic preacher who calmly abolished hell, and claimed, in consequence, to have won many converts to his church. Putting aside, for the moment, all Scriptural and traditional proofs, Father Doyle said the best antidote to this conspiracy would be an appeal to everyday common sense. The speaker showed by aid of analogy that just as a coercive and penal police service is a necessary equipment in every properly organised State, so, too, is such a service, in a spiritual sense, necessary in the department of religious morality. Furthermore, Father Doyle said there is quite enough evidence to prove that an eternal hell is part of the Christian revelation, just as the Trinity, and the Incarnation, and the Redemption are part of the Christian revelation; and what is revealed must be believed. To be consistent at all, then, people who accept the Trinity, Incarnation, and Redemption on the evidence of revelation must also accept the doctrine of hell.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE BALKANS

In reply to Bulgaria's proposal that religious and educational freedom for all the Christian populations in the new territories annexed by Serbia, Greece, and Montenegro should be granted by the Treaty of Bucharest on the basis of reciprocity, the Servian delegate declared that the question of schools and churches was reserved by the constitution of Serbia and could not be dealt with in a treaty. It is to be feared (remarks the *Catholic Times*) that the condition of the Catholics in the parts of Turkey which have been annexed will not be much improved—if it is at all bettered. Serbia professed, when it undertook the war against Turkey with the other three Balkan Powers, that it was animated by the desire to ensure freedom for the Christian subjects of the Porte. But, as a matter of fact, it is itself a most intolerant country. The right of the Catholics to have a church or a school in Serbia is not officially recognised. In Bulgaria, Montenegro, and Greece the situation is less difficult for the Catholics, but in all the four nations the religion of the people is treated as an affair to be regulated by the State, and it is only too probable that systematic efforts will be made to coerce into schism the Catholics in the territory wrested from Turkey.

Mr. John McCormack's recent tour of America was the greatest that America had known since the days of Patti and Jenny Lind. He gave 67 concerts in all and sang to overwhelming audiences on each occasion. In twelve concerts in New York he sang to a total attendance of 55,000 people, 7000 paying for admission at his farewell appearance at the New York Hippodrome and about the same number being turned away. To give some estimate of his attraction it may be said that admirers travelled from Chicago 1000 miles distant to be present at his New York concerts. At Providence, Rhode Island, where he gave a matinee recital, the State Legislature adjourned for the day so that the Governor of the State and the members of both houses could enjoy the opportunity of hearing him sing. In October, 1914, Mr. McCormack commences a seven months' season in Newfoundland, Canada, United States, and Mexico, for which he is to receive a minimum fee of 125,000 dollars.

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