

at a small house in the town, were transferred thither, to the great delight of the children and the teachers.

In 1863 Father Chataigner visited the whole of South Canterbury as far as Waitaki. These visits were renewed every year from January till May. The greater part of the journey was made in public vehicles which were more solid than elegant. This solidity was very necessary. As soon as the signal was given, the horses would gallop across the plains where the roads were only marked by tracks left by the wheels of vehicles. All went well when the ground was level; but if stones or ruts were encountered a horrible ordeal had to be endured. It was useless to ask the driver to moderate his pace—he

the river. The man afterwards told some friends, laughingly, what he had done.

"You wretch," cried a gentleman, "you have sent the priest to a certain death. The river is not passable." At the same time he jumped on his horse and rode towards the Hurunui, intending to stop the priest if there was still time. One can realise his relief and astonishment on seeing Father Chataigner on the opposite side of the river. When he entered the river the priest had held the sacred vestments above his head. He soon arrived at a place where the current was swift but continued to advance in this manner with his eye on the opposite bank where he arrived without knowing how.

At the beginning of 1868 four Sisters of

spent several months amongst them and did not return to Christchurch till the end of the year. He did not live there long; for, having visited Akaroa in February or March, he left Christchurch to open a new mission at Timaru.

He was replaced by Father Chervier, who took charge of the district in March, 1869, and remained there until June, 1871. His assistant was Father Boibieux, a French priest of the diocese of Auckland. The number of Catholics had considerably increased in Christchurch, and in the district which comprised the whole of Canterbury and of Rangitata, as far as the Hurunui. Long and difficult were their journeys in order to visit the Catholics and to give them the comforts of religion. Father Chervier's successors were Fathers Eeuyer, Belliard, Charcyre, and Ginaty. Under the administration of especially Father Ginaty the parochial affairs were considerably extended, and numerous conversions were made to recompense the apostolic zeal and the devotion of his worthy confreres.

(To be continued.)

WEDDING BELLS

NARBAY-CONWAY.

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised at the Cathedral, Barbadoes Street, Christchurch, recently, when Hubert Joseph Orlando, youngest son of Mr. F. Narbey and the late Mrs. Narbey, of Cashmere Hills, and Eunice Hannah, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Conway, of Stafford Street, Riccarton, were united in the bonds of holy Matrimony. Rev. Father Hanrahan officiated and celebrated Nuptial Mass. The bride wore a beautiful gown of cream satin charmante, with accordin pleated panels of cream Chantilly lace and pearl ornament. Her hand-embroidered tulle veil was becomingly arranged and fell in graceful folds from a coronet of orange blossoms and silver leaves. She carried a shower bouquet of cream roses and maiden-hair fern. The bridesmaid (Miss Lilian Halliday) was attired in a pretty frock of pink georgette with pipings of silver, and silver lace hat with touches of pink, and carried a shower bouquet to tone with her frock. As the bridal party left the church little Joan Conway (niece of the bride) dressed in a dainty frilled frock of lemon organdi, with rosetted hair band, presented the bride with a basket of flowers. The bridegroom was attended by his cousin, Mr. Denis Darbey, of Akaroa, as best man. Miss K. O'Connor presided at the organ and played appropriate music during the Mass. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. The newly-wedded couple, who were the recipients of handsome presents and congratulatory telegrams, left later for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a pretty frock of fawn brocaded marocain smocked at one side and relieved with touches of Amazon blue and fawn georgette hat with blue hand-made French flowers.

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FATHER CHERVIER, S.M.

turned a deaf ear, and laughing to himself excited his horses whilst pretending to make them stop.

It remained for them to resign themselves to their fate and to endure their bruises patiently until the first stop, in the hope of obtaining a driver more courteous or less drunk. Apart from these inconveniences, accidents were rare. Arriving at the end of their journey, the missionaries had to search about for a track which took them to the Catholic families, and they had to cross mountains and valleys, in order to avoid the marshes, in the hope of arriving quickly at their destination. The crossing of the rivers was very dangerous, and Father Chataigner escaped one time only by a miracle. He had been called by Count de la Pasture on the other side of the Hurunui, to one of his servants. The Father found the river swollen by the rain, and asked a young man if the ford was passable. On receiving a reply in the affirmative, he prepared to enter

Notre Dame des Missions arrived in Christchurch to take charge of the girls' school. The buildings planned to receive them were scarcely finished, the place was damp, and the Sisters lacked colonial experience. At first they met with many reverses. But when the Sisters had gained the confidence of the families their success was assured. They secured six acres of land, and when, after several years, the old buildings became too small for the Sisters and their boarders, they built a magnificent building of brick and stone which still serves as convent and boarding school. The foundation stone was laid in 1881, and the house opened and blessed on June 11, 1882.

In the beginning the pupils were not numerous, they now number nearly 500.

About August, 1860, Father Chataigner visited South Canterbury and the whole of Otago. There were then in the mines a great number of Catholics who were awaiting patiently the visit of a priest. The priest