

Presentation at Miller's Flat

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A very pleasing function took place in St. Cuthbert's Church, Miller's Flat, after Mass on Sunday, December 2, when Mr. and Mrs. T. Sheehy, who have been prominent members of the congregation for several years, and who are leaving the district for Queens-town, were the recipients of three presents from the congregations of Miller's Flat and Roxburgh. To all the priests that have been ministering to these congregations since Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy came to reside here, they have been exceedingly kind, and these congregations felt it was a duty they owed to their priest, to acknowledge in some way the many kindnesses of Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy.

Rev. Father Lynch, in making the presentation, said that the most pleasing duty he had been called upon to perform for many years, was that one that gave them all great pleasure that day, and that was to make a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy, who were leaving the district. He found it a pleasing duty, he said, because during the few months he had been visiting Miller's Flat, he found Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy exceedingly kind, and as regards Church matters they were always to the fore. The duty he had to perform was the pleasantest he had experienced since his career as a priest in the Colony, and he felt it would be a very ungrateful act if the occasion of their departure was allowed to pass by without showing some gratitude for the personal and individual favors received. It was not the value of the presents

Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy would appreciate so much, but the kindness of the congregations in so marking their appreciation, and he was sure that wherever their home may be in the future, the articles they were getting would always recall to their minds the kindness of the people and the circumstances by which they became possessed of them. On behalf of the congregations of Miller's Flat and Roxburgh, he had much pleasure in asking their acceptance of a marble clock and two deck chairs, and as a parting wish from them all, he hoped their absence would only be for a few years, and that Mr. Sheehy would soon be restored again to his former health, and that they would all return, and he assured them they would receive a hearty welcome.

Mr. D. McGeever, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Sheehy, thanked the congregations of Miller's Flat and Roxburgh for their kindness.

It is reported (writes our Auckland correspondent) that the Representation Commission has awarded the North Island three additional members, Auckland to get one extra, making 41 after the next general election, and 35 for the South Island. This recalls a bit of old New Zealand history. Several southern members asked Sir Edward Stafford if he would cut adrift the North Island, because it was sparsely inhabited, decimated by Maori wars, had had communication, and finally it was an incubus upon the progress of the Colony. Sir Edward replied that he knew both islands well, and the time would surely come when it would be the North that would accuse South of being the incubus.



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