

N.Z. IRISHWOMEN: A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your paper to endorse 'A Daughter of Erin's' suggestion re Irishwomen and their descendants in New Zealand being allowed an opportunity of giving a contribution, however small, in aid of the Home Rule fund. Irishmen, as we note with pleasure, are already up and doing, and why should Irishwomen not follow their example? Would it not be a good plan if, say, two lady collectors were appointed in each parish. It would be a means of approaching those who would feel shy of sending a small contribution; or again, those who take not interest enough in the cause to send any contribution direct. May I suggest that if all the children in our Catholic schools throughout the Dominion were asked to contribute a penny each, the sum total may be very creditable. Hoping some influential person will give a lead. I am sure others will follow.—I am, etc.,

A DAUGHTER OF ERIN, NO 2.

WEDDING BELLS

BOYLE—FLYNN.

(From a correspondent.)

A wedding of much interest took place at the residence of Mr. T. Flynn, 'Spring Park,' Waikouro, on April 24, when his eldest daughter, Miss Catherine Josephine, was united in the bonds of Matrimony to Mr. Martin Boyle, second son of Mr. John Boyle, 'Mayfield,' Heddon Bush. Nuptial Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Lynch (Wrey's Bush), who performed the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a handsome dress of cream embroidered silk with the customary veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She was attended by her two sisters, Misses Mary and Dora Flynn, as bridesmaids, and Mr. John Boyle (brother of the bridegroom) acted as groomsmen. After the ceremony, Rev. Father Lynch presided at the wedding breakfast, and in a felicitous speech proposed the health of the newly married couple. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a gold bangle, and to the bridesmaids gold band rings set with emeralds. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold Albert. The happy couple left by motor car en route for Queenstown, where the honeymoon was to be spent.

BOYLE—O'BRIEN.

(From a correspondent.)

On Wednesday, April 26, a pretty wedding took place at 'Oak Bank,' Lochiel, the contracting parties being Miss Rosanna O'Brien, third daughter of Mr. Morgan O'Brien, and Mr. William Boyle, fifth son of Mr. John Boyle, 'Mayfield,' Heddon Bush. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Neill (Winton), in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom. The bride was attired in a pretty dress of cream radianta, trimmed with silk insertion and silver braid, and wore the customary veil and wreath fastened with a coronet of pearls. She was attended by her sister, Miss Nora O'Brien, as bridesmaid, while Mr. Frank Boyle filled the position of best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a diamond ring, and to the bridesmaid a handsome bracelet. After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to a large marquee on the lawn, where the wedding breakfast was presided over by the Rev. Father O'Neill. The young couple were the recipients of numerous valuable and useful presents.

HENRY—LYONS.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

On Thursday, May 11, a pretty wedding took place at the Cathedral, Christchurch, when Miss Anne Winfred Lyons, sixth daughter of Mr. Joseph Lyons, was married to Mr. Alfred Victor Henry. Both the contracting parties belong to the Cathedral parish. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore, besides a wreath and veil, an elaborately trimmed cream silk costume. The bridesmaids were Miss Christina Lyons and Miss Gertrude Lyons (sisters of the bride), and Mr. Thomas Francis Walklin (brother-in-law of the bride) was best man. The Rev. Father McDonald performed the ceremony, and celebrated the Nuptial Mass. The ceremony over, the wedding party returned in taxi-cars to the residence of the bride's father in St. David's street, where the breakfast took place. The newly-married couple were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

OBITUARY

MR. JEREMIAH CONNOLLY, GERALDINE.

(From our own correspondent.)

The many friends of Mr. Jeremiah Connolly, late of Kakahu Flat, Geraldine, heard with sincere regret of his death, which took place at the residence of his daughter, Doncaster Hotel, Washdyke, on April 25, at the ripe age of seventy-four years. The late Mr. Connolly was born in 1837, at Leap, Co. Cork, and left Ireland for Victoria in 1859. After spending a short time in Victoria, he came over to New Zealand in 1861, and went to the West Coast goldfields. He remained there for a time and then came over to work in the Lyttelton tunnel, and later on bought a small farm on Kakahu Flat. This was in the early sixties. Farming was not then as now; the land had to be cleared of flax, manuka scrub, etc. He was one of the old pioneers who worked hard and who, by industry and energy, gradually added to his holding, until he acquired a large first-class farm, which he cultivated in a most successful manner. Indeed, he was one of South Canterbury's most successful farmers. His house was always open to those who needed help, and many who are in prosperous circumstances now owe it to him for his kind and sound advice and material help. He was a sterling Irishman, and a staunch Catholic. The late Mr. Connolly married in 1873, and he leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind father. His wife died about five years ago. He retired from farming about four years ago, and went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Connolly, Doncaster Hotel, Washdyke, where he passed peaceably away, after a lingering illness, fortified by the rites of the Church. The attendance at the funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in the district, was testimony to the esteem in which he was held by all classes of the community.—R.I.P.

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