

## WEDDING BELLS

### BOWLER—CONDON.

A quiet wedding (writes our own correspondent) was solemnised by Rev. Father O'Sullivan at St. Patrick's Church, Napier, on September 8, the contracting parties being Miss Madge Condon, second daughter of Mrs. K. Condon, and Mr. F. J. Bowler, son of Mr. J. Bowler, both of Napier. The bride, who was attended by her niece, Miss Maisie Higgins, as bridesmaid, was given away by her uncle, Mr. John Higgins. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. P. S. Foley as best man. After the ceremony the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained by the bride's mother at her residence Seapoint road, when the toast of the newly wedded couple was proposed in felicitous terms by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Bowler, who received many valuable and useful presents, left during the afternoon for the north, taking with them the best wishes of their numerous friends.

### CROWLEY—PRIMMER.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A quiet wedding was solemnised at the Catholic Church, Kaponga, by the Rev. Father Cahill, on August 13, when Mr. Cornelius Patrick Crowley, of Kaponga, was married to Miss Alice May Primmer, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Primmer, of Berridale, Monaro, N.S.W. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. James Flanagan, wore a costume of white satin, the skirt being slightly draped, and trained and trimmed with silk lace, pearls, and orange blossoms. The bodice was similarly trimmed. She wore the usual wreath and veil, and carried a shower bouquet of white flowers and maiden-hair fern. The bride was attended by the bridegroom's step-sister (Miss Kissick), who was dressed in pale blue silk voile with draped tunic skirt and bodice nicely trimmed with lace. The bridegroom was attended by his brother, Mr. J. D. Crowley. The 'Wedding March' was played by Miss Brick, who also decorated the altar for the occasion. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan, where the immediate relatives and friends of the bride and bridegroom were entertained. The wedding breakfast was presided over by Rev. Father Cahill, and the usual toasts were honored. Later in the afternoon, the newly married couple left by motor to catch the New Plymouth train, en route for Auckland and Rotorua, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride's travelling dress was a navy serge, with black hat, trimmed with white ostrich feathers. The presents were numerous and valuable. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley's future home will be at Kaponga.

## Dedication of a New Church in Dublin

Sunday, July 27, was a red-letter day in the history of the Ringsend district of Dublin City, when the first section of the fine new St. Patrick's Church was solemnly dedicated to divine worship by his Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, who was given a most enthusiastic reception on his arrival in Ringsend. Rev. Father Mooney, the pastor of Ringsend, in an address at a public meeting after the ceremony said: There is a grand St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, built by Irish Catholics. It was usurped by those who seized other possessions of the Irish Catholics, and it is now a non-Catholic church. There was not in or near the capital of St. Patrick's land a St. Patrick's church in which Catholics could adore their Creator and honor St. Patrick, and ask and obtain his powerful intercession. By this new church this anomaly is ended. Irish Catholics now have in Ireland's capital a St. Patrick's church which it is lawful for them to use. Mr. C. P. O'Neill, J.P., moved, and the Bishop of Canea seconded, a resolution congratulating the people of Ringsend on having St. Patrick's Church, in which they could adore their Creator and sanctify themselves. In putting the resolution his Grace expressed the

pleasure he felt in coming there. He paid a very warm tribute to the energetic pastor of Ringsend. Father Mooney, as everyone knew, said his Grace, had always been an earnest, zealous priest, absolutely devoted to his work and to the interests of the people amongst whom his work lay. Father Mooney would be sure to succeed brilliantly in any of his fields of work, and when put to the work of church building he had turned out by far the most successful of church builders that they had in that diocese. In conclusion, his Grace announced, amidst loud and prolonged cheers, that as he had helped Father Mooney with £1000 to begin the work, he meant to help him with another £1000 before he was done—£500 for the second section and £500 for the third. The second chair was taken by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, who said that the work performed by the Archbishop with regard to church-building generally, school-building, and the great national work done by him to obtain for Irish Catholics equality in educational matters would live not only in the history of the archdiocese, but in the history of Ireland.

## OBITUARY

### MR. WILLIAM NOONAN, REEFTON.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

It is with sincere regret that I have to record the death of one of the pioneers of the Reefton parish, in the person of Mr. W. Noonan, who passed away at the age of 62 years. The deceased was born at Rue, County Clare, on the boundaries of County Limerick. From the time he arrived in Reefton as a youth, he proved himself a model Irishman. He was a staunch and practical Catholic. Notwithstanding his manifold duties as a clerk of the County Council for close on thirty years, he never relaxed in the practice of his religious duties. When not prevented by sickness, it was his delight to assist at and serve Mass every morning, to recite the Rosary every evening, and receive Holy Communion very often. In a word, the deceased was a model Catholic, whose presence and example are greatly missed. Mr. Noonan went through a very painful illness, which he bore with the greatest fortitude and resignation. He was gentle in his manner and charitable in his deeds and words. He passed away peacefully, regretted by the whole community, a credit to the land of his birth and an honor to the Church. For his bereaved sister, Mrs. McNamara, and his niece the greatest sympathy is felt.—R.I.P.

Several appliances actuated by solar power are in operation in Californian pumping water and performing other work (says a writer in *Chamber's Journal*). In one case a pipe-line was driven below the surface to a point where underground springs were known to exist. To this piping was attached the sun-driven motor. In appearance the motor resembles a huge disc of glass, and at a distance might be taken for a windmill; but this apparent disc is really a reflector 33ft 6in in diameter on the top and 15ft on the bottom. The inner surface is made up of 1788 small mirrors, all arranged so that they can concentrate the sun upon the central or focal point. They transmit the heat to a boiler, which is 13ft 6in in length, and holds 100 gallons of water, and the temperature produced is sufficient to generate steam power for pumping.

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