

Obituary.

Our Irishtown correspondent writes:—A gloom was cast over the Goomalling district when the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Eaton, wife of Mr. R. T. Eaton, of Mongolin, became known. Mrs. Eaton passed away after a short illness on Friday last at 11 a.m., her sorrowing husband and children being present when she breathed her last at the age of 48 years. It is certain that sadder news could not be conveyed to the people of Goomalling than that of the death of Mrs. Eaton, who so identified herself with all their most important undertakings, and her hospitality, kindness and motherly attention to all who has ever had the pleasure of her acquaintance will bear me out in saying that the district has suffered an irreparable loss. The sad news of her death will not only be felt and regretted in the Northam and Goomalling districts. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton resided in the North-West portion of this State for many years, where she extended the same hospitality and motherly kindness that she bestowed amongst us, and endeared herself to the people there, and should these few lines be the first news that may reach them of her death, the same sorrow and regret will, I feel sure, be expressed. The deceased lady was a native of the colony, being born at Fremantle in the year 1856. After her marriage she resided in the Nor'-West, Roebourne and Cossack, until about 18 years ago, when with her husband and family she came to reside at Irishtown, where both remained until they took up their present homestead, "Mongolin." Mrs. Eaton as a wife, mother and friend had few equals, and the most heartfelt sympathy is expressed for Mr. Eaton and family in their sad loss. There is a family of three boys and

five girls left to mourn her loss, viz., Mrs. J. French, Mrs. E. French (Irishtown), Mrs. G. Morris (Fremantle), Misses Alice and Amy Eaton, and Mr. Willie, Richard and Edward, sons. The cortege left "Mongolin" at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, followed by a large number of the residents of the district, and as the funeral procession proceeded to Northam it was met by the people of Jennapullen, Irishtown, and Northam, who all attended to pay their last respects to the deceased. Her remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Northam cemetery. The Rev. P. U. Henn officiated at the grave. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. Wilkerson, J. French, A. B. Lockyer, and R. Bourke. Wreaths were received from the following:—Mr W. G. Eaton and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Eaton and family, Misses Alice and Amy Eaton, Mr. R. and E. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. A. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Eaton, junr., Mrs. Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. French, Mr. and Mrs. E. French, Mr. J. French, senr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Meares, Misses Gladys and May Meares, Mr. Wilkerson, senr, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Giblett, Miss Giblett, Mr. and Mrs. G. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Lockyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chidlow, Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Friend, Mr. and Mrs. Blackall, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bourke and family, Mrs. F. Morrell, senr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Heal, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. A. Hogan.