

Neither have you neglected to instil into our minds a love for that land in which you and many of us have first seen the light, dear old Ireland. We are pained to think that in the performance of your self-sacrificing labours your health has failed, but we fervently hope that the change which you have made may fully restore you to health and strength. We shall ever look back with pleasure to the many happy and profitable hours we have spent together, and in asking you to pray for our future spiritual and temporal welfare, we promise you in return that no exertion shall be wanting on our part to render our society a monument to your zeal and labour in the cause of mutual improvement. With our kindest regards and best wishes, we subscribe ourselves, dear Rev Father, yours very sincerely, Officers of the Society."

The above three addresses were nicely bound in one large volume, the covers of which were made of Russian leather, with suitable inscription in gold letters on the front. The designs and illuminations were very good. On that of the parishioners were a beautiful picture of the Cathedral, and of St Patrick, a view of Auckland harbour, several Irish emblems, and a border of shamrocks.

Mr Clarke, for St Patrick's choir, read their address as follows:

"To the Very Rev Father Hackett, Adm. St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland—Very rev and dear sir: The members of St Patrick's Cathedral choir desire to express their sincere regret at your departure from St Patrick's on account of ill health, and to convey to you the expression of their appreciation of the warm sympathy always manifested by you in all matters connected with the choir. We ask you to accept the accompanying dinner as a token of esteem, and we trust that in your new sphere of labour you may enjoy that improvement in your health which we all devoutly hope for, and that all other blessings, both spiritual and temporal, may be accorded to you. On behalf of the choir, P. F. Hiscocks, conductor."

The Marist school boys' address was illuminated by one of the pupils, Master James McVeagh, who also read it:—

Mr Daniel Flynn, hon treasurer, and Mr M. Sheahan, hon secretary, then stepped forward, the former handing to Father Hackett a purse containing sixty sovereigns. His Lordship then stood up and said he felt so gratified and pleased at being present on such an occasion, and he would say, that good Father Hackett was indeed worthy of the manifestations shown to him, as he had always found him a zealous priest and warm-hearted friend. He reiterated all the encomiums passed on him to-night. The rising of Father Hackett was the signal for a genuine outburst of long applause. It was some minutes before he could speak, and it was noticeable that within him a battle was raging, and that it cost him a great effort to subdue it; in fact, this was evident throughout the whole of his reply. Father Hackett said:—

My Lord, Rev Fathers, Mr Connolly, ladies and gentlemen:— I feel so deeply affected by the testimony of the goodwill and kindness of the parishioners of St Patrick's Cathedral towards me, that I can hardly find utterance for the sentiments of gratitude with which my heart is moved. Permit me to convey to them through you, sir, and the ladies and gentlemen of this deputation, the expression of my deep sense of the honour which they have conferred upon me by the kind sentiments in my regard embodied in their valued and affectionate address, and also my most grateful thanks for the accompanying gift, expressive of their warm-hearted generosity. I should be vain, indeed, were I to allow myself to believe that my feeble efforts to promote their spiritual and temporal interests while here, entitled me to the merit ascribed to me. I am too conscious of my own shortcomings to recognise myself in the picture drawn of me, but, if action through life always corresponded with intention and feeling, I should not feel unworthy of the eulogistic language employed. Whatever little I may have been instrumental in accomplishing towards the advancement of the undertakings to which allusion is made, I attribute it to God and the zealous co-operation of the devoted young men and women who have worked so unitedly with me from the beginning. It will be a constant source

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"To the Very Rev J. J. Hackett, Adm.—Dear Rev Father: We, the children of the Marist Brothers' school, Auckland, cannot allow you to depart without showing you some manifestation of gratitude and esteem for your unremitting solicitude in attending so long and so well to our spiritual wants. Not only must we thank you for the priestly care lovingly bestowed, but also for the great interest you have so assiduously taken in all else that tended to our advancement. The only thing that consoles us on your leaving is knowing that you have stayed so long as your health permitted. We trust that our loss will not only benefit yourself in every way but others who now are to enjoy the fervent and fatherly instructions you so much liked to give us on all fitting times. Dear Rev Father, our words are unable to convey to you the grief caused by your departure; rest assured, however, that distance will not lessen our mutual love. Wishing a share in your prayers before the altar, we remain, dear Rev Father, your devoted children, the pupils of the Marist Brothers' School, Auckland, September 3rd, 1894:—

The sanctuary boys of the Cathedral now grouped around their late pastor, and presented him with a beautiful photograph containing the whole of their portraits, and Master Thomas Guscott read their address as follows:—

"Very Rev J. J. Hackett, Adm. St Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland: Dear Rev Father—We, the sanctuary boys of the Cathedral, beg your acceptance of this souvenir, as a token of the esteem and love we have for one whose memory, as a priest and friend, will ever be enshrined in our hearts. Under your masterly direction the ceremonies have been carried out with all becomingness, and we, as sharers in carrying them out, have to thank you for the training we have received from you. Sorry, indeed, we are to lose you, but we rejoice at the prospect that the change may restore you to a perfect state of health, and prolong for the interest of the Church the life of one who works so unflinchingly for the Master's cause. Praying the Sacred Heart of our dear Lord to give you health and long life, and recommending ourselves to your good prayers, we are, dear Rev Father, yours affectionately, the sanctuary boys of St Patrick's Cathedral."

of genuine pleasure to me, while labouring in my new parish, to learn that the societies founded here are carrying on the good work for which they were established, and that the love of faith and fatherland will be ever cherished and increased amongst the people from whom I now part with regret. Their farewell address will be preserved by me through life. It will inspire me with renewed zeal in the service of our Divine Master and help to make me more worthy of His love and more deserving of the high place given me in the hearts of such a grateful people.

All then shook hands with Father Hackett, wishing him goodbye. He then proceeded to the steamer, numbers accompanying him to the wharf, and as the steamer went off three hearty cheers were given for him. The last act of Father Hackett was to hand two guineas to the hon secretary of the Irish National Federation, to be sent with their contributions to Ireland. Father Hackett's name will for ever be revered in the history of St Patrick's.

W A I M A T E.

(From an occasional Correspondent.)

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The following is a condensed report of a very interesting lecture given by Rev Father Regnault, S.M., last week, as published by the *Waimate Times*:—

The rev Father Regnault succeeded in maintaining the interest of his listeners from first to last of his necessarily lengthy account of the trip he made among the islands of the south-eastern Pacific, in company with Bishops Grimes and Redwood. After leaving Sydney the first place visited was the French convict settlement at New Caledonia. The rev lecturer gave a graphic and most interesting description of this island, showing that he had been a keen observer during his three weeks' stay there. He mentioned that Noumea, where the settlement was, was a well laid out town, with buildings suited to the requirements of the place. He visited the chief public buildings, including the hospital, lunatic asylum, and prison. He