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(From an occasional Correspondent.)

ON Sunday night after Vespers the choir of St Joseph's met at the presbytery for the purpose of making a presentation to the organist, Miss Flynn, who has fulfilled the duties for the past four years. Very Rev Father Mulvihill read an address which was as follows: "Hawera, 4th August. Address to Miss Annie Flynn. Dear Miss Flynn,—We, the members of St Joseph's choir and a few friends, have long wished to manifest in some tangible way our appreciation of your services to St Joseph's choir. We thank you most cordially for the kindness shown us. Kindly allow us to offer you the accompanying souvenir as a small token of our gratitude. With best wishes for your success during life and hoping we may long have the pleasure of your assistance, we remain, respectfully yours, the choir of St Joseph's and a few friends."

Very Rev Father Mulvihill then presented Miss Flynn with a handsome gold watch with a gold fob chain and a gold chrysothore bangle of a very chaste design.

The watch bears the inscription "Presented to Miss Flynn, organist of St Joseph's, Hawera, by the choir and a few friends August 4, 1895." Miss Flynn, who was very much affected, thanked the members in a few words for their beautiful presents. Very Rev Father Mulvihill said he considered Miss Flynn deserving of anything the choir or congregation could do for her. When he came to the parish some twelve years ago she was only a little girl. He had never had to ask anything of her but she was ready and willing to do it, sometimes at great inconvenience to herself. The Rev Father then said he echoed the hope expressed in the address that they might long have the pleasure of her assistance.

Mr Higham, conductor of the choir, said no presentation could be more deserving than this one. Everyone knew of the arduous duties of an organist, and never had those duties been more faithfully carried out than by Miss Flynn. Other members of the choir might absent themselves from practice for a whole service, but the organist must always be there. He might say that Miss Flynn was like the one in the parable to whom the talent was given, and who made good use of it, for she was a clever musician and used her talent to the best purpose. Mr Higham also said he hoped that when Miss Flynn's mission on earth was fulfilled, she would receive a great reward in the next world.

Mr Whitaker said he was an old member of the choir, and nothing could give him greater pleasure than the occasion which called them all together that evening. He wished Miss Flynn every happiness. Miss Flynn's health was then proposed by Very Rev Father Mulvihill and drunk by all present, and thus terminated a most enjoyable evening and one which will be long remembered by the choir of St Joseph's. We may add that Miss Flynn comes of a choir family, her two aunts, Mesdames Dolan and Connell having previously been organists, her mother is still 1st soprano of the choir, a position she has held for the past eighteen years, and her sisters and uncle, Mr T. Hall, are also members of the choir.

While Mr Ruskin's reputation as a critic has suffered some eclipse of late, says a contemporary, there seems no indication that Turner, whom he practically "discovered," to use the insolent phrase of the day, is falling off in popularity. One of Turner's pictures realised 5,200 guineas at a recent sale at Christie's, another 4,000 guineas, and two others 2,800 guineas. But even more remarkable prices were got for one or two other works of art, and a portrait of Lady Mulgrave by Gainsborough, after a brisk competition, was knocked down for 10,000 guineas. It would be interesting to know how much Constantine John Phipps, second Baron Mulgrave, the husband of the lady, paid for the portrait originally.

worked while in the parish, and these, together with your unassuming manners and many amiable qualities, endeared you to us all. It was with feelings of the deepest regret that we learned that His Lordship the Bishop deemed it desirable to remove you to Christchurch, and now, wishing you long life and happiness, and praying for blessings on your labours we beg your acceptance of this address and the small token of regard by which it is accompanied.—J. M. Twomey, M. Quinn, T. Connelly, T. Rooney, T. Bourke, E. Egan, W. Fitzgerald, J. Brosnahan, W. England, S. Coghlan, H. Hoare.

Mr William Fitzgerald then presented Father Malone with a watch and guard.

The Rev Father Le Menant de Chesnais said it gave him great pleasure to be present to welcome back Father Malone. He had walked in Father Malone's footsteps since he came into the parish, and wherever he went everybody spoke in the highest terms of praise of him. One of the ancient Fathers said there were three parts in gratitude—namely, to think kindly, speak kindly, and give some external token of gratitude. The people thought kindly and spoke kindly of Father Malone, and their presence that evening testified to him the love and affection in which he was held. He wished him *cord mile facile* to Temuka (great applause).

The Rev Father Malone said he wished he possessed the great eloquence of the Rev Father Le Menant so that he might adequately thank them for their great kindness. He could assure them that he was sincere in saying that he could not find language to express his gratitude, and he would not try to express it, but he would say this, that his days in Temuka were extremely happy ones, and he would always remember his first mission. As the address just read had stated, it was true that he had the cares of the parish for a time, but, with such a kindly parish priest and such people as they were in this parish, the work was very little. It was only what anyone might do, and he deserved no credit for it. He again thanked them and sat down amidst great applause.

Refreshments were then handed round. Mr J. A. McCaskill was caterer, and needless to say gave entire satisfaction. After refreshments were disposed of, the following items were gone through:—Miss Stevenson sang "The Banks of Loch Lomond" delightfully, and was rapturously recalled. She sang "Juanita" as an encore in capital style, and Miss Hoare, "Mary of Argyll," in a manner that won great applause. Mr Gillespie gave a very good rendering of Gerald Griffin's poem, "Orange and Green," and Miss B. Connelly sang "Isle of Beauty," and Miss Campbell, "She wore a wreath of roses," splendidly. The Misses Giffney played a delightful pianoforte duet, and received great applause, and this having exhausted the programme, Mr Twomey moved a vote of thanks to the performers, which was carried by acclamation.

The Rev Father Malone proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman. This was carried and suitably acknowledged, and the proceedings wound up with "Auld Lang Syne," and three cheers for Father Malone.

It is reported that Mary Anderson Navarro is engaged in writing a novel which will soon appear.

A number of extracts from an amusing Japanese "Life of General Grant" are given in the July *Century*. The book was written and circulated soon after General Grant's tour around the world, but has become very rare. The author has the highest admiration for the soldier and statesman—this "Heaven-bestowed wise man"—and he expresses it with true Oriental impressiveness. He pictures General Grant at the head of his troops, "shooting a glittering light from the midst of his eyeball, lifting up his sword, raising his great voice like a peal of thunder." The illustrations are characteristic. The "Assassination of Lincoln" represents the martyred president struggling in the grasp of five men with upraised daggers.