

**THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE VERY REV. DEAN CAREW.**

**ENTHUSIASTIC DEMONSTRATION AT GREYMOUTH.**

(From our special correspondent.)

It is not often that the people of Greymouth witness such a demonstration as that which took place on Wednesday evening, August 30, when a conversazione was held in the Opera House in honour of the silver jubilee of the ordination of Very Rev. Dean Carew. It might be truly said that all classes and creeds joined in the proceedings, for Dean Carew is not only beloved by his own flock, but he has the esteem of members of other denominations. Another tribute to Dean Carew's popularity was the presence at the gathering of priests from other parts of the Colony, among whom were the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, V.G., (Wellington), Very Rev. Dean Martin (Hokitika), Ven. Archpriest Walshe (Westport), Very Rev. Dean Mahoney (Nelson), Rev. Father McNamara (Reefton), Rev. Fathers Marnane (Christchurch), King (Ahaura), O'Hallohan (Kumara), Malone (Greymouth). Among the laity were visitors from nearly every district on the West Coast, many of whom had come at considerable personal inconvenience to show their respect for the popular pastor of Greymouth.

The proceedings began with the first part of an excellent musical programme, the items of which were contributed by Misses Pike, Galloway, Guthrie, Easson and Kettle, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Daniel, Doogan, Guthrie, Moss, Phillips, E. A. Burke, the Convent pupils, and St. Patrick's choir, the accompaniments being played by Mesdames Kirkpatrick, J. W. Easson, and Miss Hannan.

During the interval an artistically illuminated address, accompanied by a gold monsternace and a purse of sovereigns, was presented to the Very Rev. Dean Carew by the congregation. Addresses were also presented by the children of the Greymouth and Brunner-ton convent schools, the pupils of the Marist Brothers' school and the Children of Mary.

Prior to the presenting of the address, Mr. Felix Campbell, chairman of the church committee, addressed the meeting. He said that a letter had been received from his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington, in which he expressed his regret at his inability to be present. It was almost needless for him to call attention to the matter that brought them together, which was to offer their hearty congratulations to Dean Carew on the celebration of his silver jubilee. Their presence that evening, in such large numbers,

would convey to their worthy parish priest the esteem in which he was held. They were glad to be able to offer their respectful congratulations to him for so large a meeting. They expressed publicly their keen appreciation of the work and worth of their pastor. There were very few, if any, present who could not speak of the kindness of the worthy Father. It was nearly twenty years ago that he (the speaker) had made his acquaintance in Reefton, and he at once recognised in him a sterling man, and during that twenty years his sterling qualities had been proved. Out of that twenty years, fifteen had been spent in Greymouth, and it was impossible for him to enumerate all the good works, the kind deeds, the noble acts of their worthy parish priest. As soon as he commenced his duties there he had recognised the necessity for a better church, and at once set to work with vigour, with the result that they had now a church of which they were justly proud, and one that was a credit to the town of Greymouth. This church cost something like £5,500. That, perhaps, was not a very large amount, but it was a large amount when they considered what a thin and scattered population the Reverend Father had to collect from. Father Carew's energy had not ceased in Greymouth. When he took charge of Brunner there was no church there, and in Brunner there was very little of ways and means for their worthy pastor, but with his zeal and help they could see what was there now. Another good work was the introduction of the Marist Brothers. Their worthy pastor, indeed, deserved their heart-felt thanks, and he was sure he had it for thus conferring these benefits upon them. Dean Martin had received a letter from the Bishop of Christchurch, and when it was read they would see that it conferred additional honours upon their worthy parish priest. They were pleased to see and welcome on such an important occasion two classmates and fellow-priests of Father Carew, who had come from Wellington and Nelson to offer their congratulations, also to those Fathers who had come from all parts of the district to express their congratulations to their reverend Father.

**LETTER FROM BISHOP GRIMES.**

St. Joseph's, Temuka, August 22nd, 1899. My Dear Dean,—I regret exceedingly I cannot possibly be present at the celebration of the silver jubilee of dear Father Carew. Though most reluctantly compelled to be absent in body, I want you to assure him and the jubilee committee that I am with you in spirit, in heart, and desire. I will ask you to be my interpreter in publicly proclaiming my deep esteem for the one to honour whom you are gathered on this memorable occasion. My first acquaintance with Father Carew carries me back over a period of thirty years or more. A diligent and successful student he was then, as he has shown himself ever

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