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since, a model of sincere unassuming piety, and thorough devotedness to the duties of his state.

A quarter of a century ago, on the feast of St. Rose of Lima, the 31st of August, he and Father Foley, another zealously devoted and much esteemed of my priests, were the first to receive sacerdotal unction from the hands of our Venerable Metropolitan, his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington. A longing to work for the greater glory of God and the good of immortal souls in the foreign mission made the newly-ordained volunteer to bid farewell to his home and family and friends and country, farewell to the nearest and dearest of them on earth and come to far away New Zealand. Masterton and Fielding, Reefton and Boatman's, Greymouth, Brunner and Barrytown, can speak, and speak most eloquently, of the unqualified success of Father Carew's most fruitful ministry during the last five and twenty years. The wisdom of his skilful administration is shown to a demonstration in the various parochial properties, which he so timely and prudently purchased; in the churches and schools and presbyteries, he reared or secured in the different localities where obedience had placed him; the Marist Brothers, whose presence in your midst he made every effort to secure; the devoted Sisters of Mercy, for whom he has ever proved a true pastor, a loving father and friend. The rising generation of Greymouth, yea, all Westland, will bear me out in the assertion that no priest in this Colony has done more for the noble, the divine work of Christian education. Not a few owe to his enlightened guidance and direction the grace of an ecclesiastical or a religious vocation. How many have learnt from his pastoral zeal to know and esteem and love our holy faith and its salutary teachings, not content with receiving them into the household of faith, has he not carefully followed them along after their reception? I know no priest who has shown more eagerness to give his flock the estimable advantage of missions and retreats, whilst the neighbouring districts can attest to his willingness to help his brother priests whenever his help was asked or needed. Never shall I forget his earnest appeals and zealous co-operation on behalf of the great work wherein I am now engaged, the raising of funds for our future cathedral. But what I admire and esteem him for above all is the assiduity wherewith he has so long and faithfully discharged one of the gravest and most important duties of a missionary priest. I mean the great duty of imparting Christian doctrine to the young. The teaching of that little golden book called the catechism he has ever and rightly looked upon as the most solemn obligation imposed upon the pastor of souls.

And now my dear Dean and Vicar Foran I wish to give some token of my appreciation of the services Father Carew has rendered during the 25 years of his priesthood in New Zealand, and notably in our Diocese of Christchurch, wherefore I hereby appoint him a Very Reverend Dean and one of my diocesan consultors. You are Dean of Westland and Vicar Foran. The honoured guest of this evening will henceforth be known as the Very Reverend Dean of Greymouth. His deanery will comprise the parishes of Greymouth, with that of Kumara and the scattered district in the important parish of Ahaura. At the earliest possible occasion you will in my name invest him with the insignia of his new duty and office, the silk mozetta and rochet. This investiture should take place in the church, as the new Dean will wear his insignia wherever he preaches or presides, and, according to instructions from Rome, whenever he assists his Bishop in the present pro- or future cathedral.

I feel confident that this public recognition of our esteem and gratitude will be hailed with delight by you yourself, by the committee of the Silver Jubilee Celebration, by every single member of the new Dean's faithful flock, by all Greymouth, and by every priest both within and without the diocese of Christchurch.

One and all will unite with us in a heartfelt wish and a fervent prayer that God will long spare the Dean of Greymouth to work for His greater glory and the welfare of the souls committed to his keeping. Whether far or near all will join us in the earnest hope that he may enjoy increased health and strength *ad multos et plenos annos*.—Believe me, my dear Dean of Westland, yours very faithfully in Christ,

(Sgd.) J. J. GRIMES, S.M.,
Bishop of Christchurch.

THE ADDRESSES.

The following address was presented to Dean Carew from the parishioners of Greymouth:—

My dear Father,
It is with feelings of very great pleasure that we, the members of the Greymouth parish, assemble here this evening to

offer you our heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of your Silver Jubilee of the priesthood. We feel that this is a fitting opportunity to give you a practical proof of the very great esteem in which you are held by all the members of your flock. During your long residence amongst us, a period of fifteen years, you have proved yourself a devoted and zealous priest. The beautiful church in Greymouth of which we are so justly proud is a visible and lasting monument of this. The church and school at Brunner evidence your wide reaching energy. We all highly appreciate the splendid Catholic education provided for our children by the Sisters of Mercy and the Marist Brothers, the presence of the latter being entirely owing to your efforts. Through all these years you have been most faithful in attending to our spiritual welfare, your unassuming charity, piety and genial manner make us recognise in you the true *Soggarth Aroon*. In conclusion we beg your acceptance of this gold monstrance and its accompanying gift as a token of our respect and veneration. We pray that God may long spare you to continue your fruitful mission in our midst. Signed on behalf of the parishioners, F. Campbell, P. M. Griffen, D. Sheedy, T. W. Tymons, J. McGain, M. Phillips, M. Noonan, J. Creagh, D. Ryall, J. O'Donnell, G. Whitaker, M. Hannan, J. L. Doogan, J. McBrearty, T. P. O'Donnell, J. Byrne.

The children of the Convent schools, Greymouth and Brunner-ton, presented an address, which was read by Miss Kate Campbell, in which they offered their heartfelt congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, and testified their sincere gratitude for the kind, paternal interest Dean Carew had always taken in their spiritual and temporal welfare.

The pupils of the Marist Brothers' school in their address, which was read by Master J. Hannan, congratulated Dean Carew on the jubilee of his ordination, and referred to the many works carried out during his time in Greymouth, and concluded by hoping he would be long spared to continue the work which Divine Providence had entrusted to his care.

Miss Burke, on behalf of the Children of Mary, read an address to Dean Carew, and also presented him with a costly hall clock, and a handsome illuminated address, in which a glowing eulogy was paid to the zeal and labours of the beloved jubilarian.

Besides those presents already mentioned Dean Carew was also the recipient of the following:—Children of the Convent schools, Greymouth and Brunner-ton, beautiful hall stand; the congregation, splendid office desk and table; Sisters of Mercy, Greymouth, Limerick lace alb; Sisters of Mercy, Christchurch, handsome stole and tabernacle veil, besides many other useful and valuable gifts from the Convents of Mercy at Hokitika, Westport, and Lyttelton.

DEAN CAREW'S REPLY.

On rising to reply the Dean of Greymouth was greeted with fervid and prolonged applause. He expressed his deep gratitude for the many tokens of friendship presented to him—they were but repetitions of acts of kindness which had been shown to him ever since the day he had come to Greymouth, and he would be hard of heart if he were unconscious and unmindful of it all. He had left Home with the intention of working hard in the Lord's vineyard, and he felt that he had received more than a hundred-fold the Saviour's promise that 'he who leaves all for My sake shall receive a hundred-fold.' Relatives had repeatedly pressed him to return to the old home, but he had a duty, and a blessed duty to perform where God had placed him. He was proud to be their priest. During his stay among them they had, as far as lay in their power, spared him, they had aided him in every possible way, and from all he had received unflinching kindness. Just 25 years ago he was ordained by the Bishop of Wellington. Twenty years of that time he (the speaker) had been on the West Coast, part of the time at Reefton, the greater part in Greymouth in their midst. Mr. Campbell had credited him with church and school building during that period. But he (the speaker) declared that he could not have done it without the cordial assistance of his people. On every occasion on which he had appealed to them, they had right manfully responded. As for the ladies of the parish, no words could express the work done by them for the Catholic cause. Every Catholic man in this district, too, had done more than a man's work during the time he had been among them. Hence the magnificent result that had been attained. Alone he (the speaker) declared he could have performed nothing; with God's blessing and their help, much could be effected. He felt sure that when the time comes for the completion of the tower of the church, he would do his part, and that they would do theirs (cheers). He was grateful to see so many there, and gratefully accept their gifts, thanking them again for their kindness and proofs of affection (applause).