

painful severance from Waimate, it was that one of them, who knows the people well, was to receive the authority that had once been confided to him (the speaker). He hoped that, before leaving Waimate for good, he would have an opportunity of celebrating Mass in the Church, the foundation stone of which was to be laid that day. He would have other opportunities of speaking to them, but he could not now give expression to the feelings that filled his heart. Once more he welcomed his Lordship, thanked him for his many kindnesses, and said that he was joined by the faithful of Waimate in praying that his Lordship might be spared for many years to come.

His Lordship the Bishop thanked Father Regnault and the people for their cordial welcome and their kind wishes, which were so many prayers that he might have health and strength to carry on the work imposed upon

undertake the task of filling the place so long filled by Father John. He (the speaker) would not say how the virtues and qualities possessed in so high a degree by Father John were possessed also by his successor. They (his hearers) knew. The works done by him at Waimate and in the outlying districts of the parish testified to his skill, his devotedness, his untiring energy, his prudence. From his (the speaker's) knowledge, acquired during different visitations of the parish, he was able to say that Dean Regnault had spent nearly £12,000 on works of education and religion in the district, exclusive of the expenditure on the new church now in course of erection; he had acquired sections of land amounting at the present time to over 30 acres—18 in Waimate, 7 at the Waiiau, 5 at Makikihi, and one or two at Hakataramea. Materially, this was a splendid record. All



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him by God and the Apostolic See. A two-fold duty was imposed upon him that day, and he approached it with mingled feelings of painful regret and of assured hope—of regret that what was a greater good should be a local and diocesan loss, through the departure of one who had labored so long and so faithfully amongst them. Of all his appointments, that was one of his (the speaker's) first, and he had never had reason to regret what he had done when he sent Dean Regnault from Hokitika, where he had been assistant to the pastoral charge of Waimate. As the Dean had said with characteristic modesty, great work had been done there by the devoted priest whose name was a household word there and through a great part of New Zealand, and who was known by the familiar name of 'Father John.' It required one of great zeal and prudence to

honor and praise,' said his Lordship, 'to him and to you.' He (the speaker) was greatly touched by the praise bestowed by Dean Regnault on the Sisters of St. Joseph. His Lordship said it was a happy inspiration to bring them to the district, paid a high tribute to their worth and work, and commended them to the incoming rector. Referring once more to Dean Regnault, his Lordship spoke of the latter's appointment to the responsible position of representative of the Superior-General in the Province of New Zealand, including the archdiocese of Wellington and the diocese of Christchurch. The fact that his nomination was received (as the speaker had reason to know) both by ecclesiastics and by laity with sentiments of deep regard, showed clearly that the authorities of the Order had put the right man in the right place, and accounted for the