

## Valedictory to Father O'Shea, Dannevirke

A very pleasing function (says the "Dannevirke Advocate" of February 19) took place in the Oddfellows' Hall last evening, when a presentation of an address and a purse of sovereigns was made to the Rev. Father O'Shea, who is leaving Dannevirke to take up his duties at Hawera.

Mr. M. Power, the chairman, opened the proceedings by eulogising the work of Father O'Shea, both as a priest and a citizen. He hoped that Father O'Shea would find renewed health in his new sphere, and that they might often have the pleasure of seeing him. The first part of a musical programme was then given, items being contributed by an orchestra, Mrs. Neagle, Misses McDermott and Barnett, Messrs. E. Adams, E. Dunne, R. Whittaker, Kelleher, J. Kelly, and Rev. Father O'Shea, after which Mr. M. Lyons read the following address:—

Dear Father O'Shea.—We the parishioners of Dannevirke, on the eve of your departure for Hawera, beg to express to you our appreciation of the good work you have done in this parish during your residence amongst us, and the esteem in which you are held by your congregation. When you came here there was no organisation, no presbytery, and the church was too small. Your zeal and energy have overcome these difficulties, and now you can look back with satisfaction and note the improvement that has been made. A presbytery has been purchased, and the church has been enlarged and improved. We would also express our thanks for the fine bell, which is the admiration of everyone. We regret that your health has compelled you to seek a change of climate, and less onerous duties, and we trust that you will benefit by the change.—We remain, dear Father O'Shea, yours sincerely, on behalf of the parishioners, M. J. Power, M. J. Lyons, George Power, H. R. Shanly, E. Dunne, John Pettit, R. Whittaker, and Frank Kelleher.

At the conclusion of the reading Mr. Lyons presented Father O'Shea with a purse of sovereigns, and expressed a hope that the Rev. Father would long enjoy health and prosperity.

The Mayor said he had great pleasure in being present to show his esteem for Rev. Father O'Shea. He had heard of the good works performed by him, and had interestedly watched his movements. Father O'Shea had looked after his parish well, taking a great interest in it socially, and had taken interest in all things for the prosperity of the town. He was extremely sorry to learn that the climate was too severe for Father O'Shea.

Mr. Magnusson and Mr. E. Dunne also addressed those present.

Father O'Shea, in reply, said he was very pleased and gratified with the proceedings, and he could not possibly say otherwise. They had given him credit in the address for three distinct works—of organising the parish, extending the church, and the presentation of the bell. Only one of these works could he accept credit for, namely the latter. For that work he was deeply indebted to gentlemen of other denominations, and he took that opportunity of thanking them, and he assured them their names were engraved in brass. In regard to organising the church and extending the church, he only claimed a man's share. The parishioners had loyally co-operated with him. He thanked them for their loyalty and unswerving allegiance. They had generously overlooked his faults, and brought out his good points—if he had any. Dannevirke was a very scattered district, and he found that his health would not permit of him doing it justice. He thanked his parishioners for the generous help they had rendered in pushing things ahead. He very much appreciated their broadmindedness. He was deeply indebted to the members of the community, and was glad of the opportunity of thanking them. As the song had it, he had been a wanderer in many lands on the face of the earth, and he had not met a more cosmopolitan and genial people than those of Dannevirke. He was extremely sorry that it was necessary to leave them. He had looked forward to several large works, the most important being the erection of a convent and school, and the building of a new church. He thanked the Mayor for his kind remarks, and could truthfully say he had been on very friendly terms with all the clergymen of Dannevirke. He concluded his address by thanking all those who had helped with the refreshments and the music that evening.

Father Johnstone, of Waipawa, then said it gave him pleasure to be able to re-echo the remarks of the Mayor and other speakers. Father O'Shea had endeared himself to the people of the town. A beautiful testimony to this was the large number of persons from other denominations who were present that evening.

## Domestic

By 'Maureen'

### The Worrying Woman.

The worrying woman rarely eats nourishing food; she is too busy going into mental spasms about some unimportant detail in life. The wholesome, normal, healthy woman will be methodical in her attendance at her meals. She will eat well, and seem ready to meet an earthquake or a flood.

### Loose Low Shoes.

When low shoes have become stretched so that they slip up and down at the heel in walking, paste a strip of velvet inside. The annoyance will cease, and the wear on the stocking will be lessened.

### A Broken Umbrella Handle.

To fasten metal, or any kind of an umbrella handle which glue will not hold, melt powdered alum and use while hot, as you would glue.

### To Retain Good Looks.

Don't get into the habit of always frowning, it brings wrinkles round the mouth and eyes. Don't dry your face in a hurry; a quick, any-how rub coarsens the skin and injures its beauty. Don't eat your meals quickly; this causes indigestion and a red nose. Don't worry; other people's troubles are quite as bad as yours. Don't forget that a penny spent on fruit does more good than a shilling on buns or sweets. Don't walk five miles one day and stay at home all the next. Don't read till midnight; one hour's sleep before twelve is worth five afterwards. Don't shut your bedroom window; fresh air is necessary to health. Don't expect physics and tonics to keep you well if you neglect the laws of health and hygiene.

### Care of an Infant's Eyes.

A child should not be laid flat on its back in a perambulator, with a strong glare shining on its eyes. The white cotton shades only serve to intensify the glare. A detachable lining of soft green should be attached to all light colored shades. Great protection will be given to the eyes by this simple means, and much suffering may be avoided.

### Bilious Headache.

Bilious headache is a very common thing, especially at this season of the year. The observation of a few simple precautions and remedies will overcome the trouble. Take the juice of a lemon before breakfast, without sugar, or the juice of the lemon may be put into a cup of black tea, and this should also be taken without sugar. Always sleep with your window open; you will never feel refreshed in the morning if you do not. Take plenty of open air exercise, a plain diet, and avoid any alcoholic stimulant.

### Dents in Furniture.

It often happens that articles of furniture, comparatively new, look disreputable owing to various dents thereon. A simple home treatment is to wet the dented parts with warm water, double a piece of brown paper five or six times, soak it in warm water, and lay it on the place. Apply on that a warm, but not hot iron, until the moisture makes the wood swell and fill the dent.

### About Bread.

All who are inclined to indigestion, biliousness, and their followers, should not eat soft yeast bread. All good bread should be free from yeasty taste, be light and porous, without soginess, sugar, or shortening. If one is accustomed to eating a large quantity cut it down gradually, and use either brown or whole wheat bread well buttered. Do not use bran bread. Food eaten and not used for body-building is worse than waste. The best bread grows stale the most slowly. Soft breads are objectionable even to the robust. They form damp, tough, insoluble masses when masticated, which cannot be penetrated by the gastric juices. If coffee or tea is taken at the same meal with soft bread, or hard breads softened in these liquids, even a strong person is apt to have a form of indigestion known to many as 'heartburn.'

Maureen