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## Welcome to Father Ormond

(From our Auckland correspondent.)

A very hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. Father Ormond by his numerous friends in the Hibernian Hall on the evening of December 22. Mr. P. J. Nerheny, J.P., presided, and in addition to Rev. Father Ormond there were also present Very Rev. Father Mahoney (Onehunga), Rev. Father Buckley (Otahuhu), Rev. Father Tormey (Ellerslie), Rev. Father Furlong (Devonport), Rev. Fathers Murphy and Wright (St. Patrick's Cathedral), Rev. Fathers Williams and Brennan (St. Benedict's), and Rev. Brother George.

The Chairman heartily welcomed Father Ormond, and congratulated him on his ordination to the priesthood, and then called on Mr. D. Flynn, J.P. (hon. secretary), to read the following address:—"Reverend and dear Father, —It gives us great pleasure, on behalf of your friends in Auckland, to extend to you a hearty welcome home after so many years of absence from your native land. It is now over a decade of years since, in response to the Divine Call, you left this country and went forth to prepare in the Land of Saints and Scholars for the sublime mission of the priesthood. Your lengthy sojourn in the Holy City and the educational advantages derived from residence in the world-famous College of the Propaganda must have imbued you with sentiments of profound attachment to the Holy See, and that ardent missionary zeal so characteristic of the present reigning Pontiff. During all these years you have labored strenuously to attain your object, and now we are happy to rejoice with you and congratulate you on the fulfilment of your heart's desire. We feel sure that the noble example of self-sacrifice you have given in leaving home and family and all you held most dear will be an incentive to many of the youth of this diocese to follow in your footsteps. The joy your good parents must feel at seeing their son a priest we know cannot be adequately expressed, but still, as far as it is possible, we would wish to share in that joy, and we sincerely assure you there is but one desire in our hearts and one prayer on our lips that Heaven's choicest blessings may attend your future labors, and that your life may be long spared to work for God and humanity."

"We beg to subscribe ourselves, your sincere friends and well-wishers,—P. J. Nerheny, P. F. Hiscocks, Michael Foley, Maurice Casey, H. Duffin, D. Flynn, W. Beehan, M.L.C., C. Mulholland, Mary Mahoney, Thomas Buxton, William Kane, J. J. O'Brien, William Tole, Maurice O'Connor, Patrick Brophy.

The address was printed upon white satin, with a nice border, in which the harp and fern leaf, typical of Ireland and New Zealand, appeared.

Rev. Fathers Mahoney, Furlong, Murphy, and Messrs. Beehan and J. J. O'Brien also spoke.

In replying, Father Ormond said:—"I would indeed be made of stone if I were not moved by the warmth of the reception you have accorded me this evening. My long absence from my native land and from my dear parents and family is amply rewarded by such a reception. I cannot sufficiently thank you. Words fail to express my gratitude. My heart is too full to give utterance to its emotions. You refer to my sojourn in holy Ireland—the land of your fathers and mine. What a privilege was mine to set foot on its sacred soil, to see its green hills and valleys, and to gaze upon its ruined shrines. You refer also to my stay in Rome—Rome, the city of Christ's Vicar from time immemorial; Rome to which every Catholic turns with fervent heart. One cannot move there without meeting some object or place to arouse within those pent-up feelings of veneration and love for our Holy Faith. To be with you now as a priest of God's Church, to labor for you with all my strength, this is my consolation and recompense for the labors of the past eleven years. From

my heart I thank you all for this beautiful address, which I shall always treasure. In an especial manner I thank those who have organized the fine reception."

At the conclusion of the proceedings Father Ormond was invited to the rooms of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, where he was accorded a hearty reception.

## Palmerston North

(From our own correspondent.)

December 27.

The holidays passed off very quietly in town, there being a marked improvement in business during the week.

A mission will be given in this parish at the end of January by the Redemptorist Fathers, after which his Grace Archbishop Redwood will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In addition to the early Masses on Christmas Day, there was a Missa Cantata at 11 o'clock. A full choir, under the baton of Mr. W. T. Ward, sang Mozart's eleventh Mass. Miss Ward officiated at the organ.

## Masterton

The Town Hall, Masterton, was crowded on the evening of December 14, on the occasion of the opening of a bazaar in aid of the funds of St. Patrick's parish school. The stage was set out very attractively (says the *Wairarapa Daily Times*), the background being a semi-circle of mirrors, and when the pretty young performers graced the boards, the effect was picturesquely striking to a degree. The main stalls were representative of England, Ireland, and Scotland. The first-named, devoted to fancy goods, was in charge of Mrs. M. C. O'Connell, who was ably assisted by Mesdames Bunny, Mutrie, Collier, O'Neill, Cooper, Denis, and Kendall, Misses McKillop and Stempa, and a number of young ladies as outside representatives. 'Scotland' attracted attention by a life-size model of a Highland lass, and the stall was managed by Mesdames McEwen and O'Moara, and Misses O'Callaghan (3), O'Leary (2), Connor, Hanley, and Duggan. In Ireland's bower the attendants were—Mesdames Chapman, Nee, McEwen, Johnston, Waters, and Hoar, and Misses Burke, Williams, Cashion, and Chapman. Mrs. Hourigan and Miss L. Stempa had control over the flower market and Christmas tree. The commissariat was in charge of Mesdames O'Dowd and Collins, and the ladies connected with the serving of general refreshments were: Misses Chapman, Hourigan, Donovan, Clarke, Frost (2), Timms (2), Curry, and Carrick. The heavy responsibilities devolving upon the secretary, Mr. F. J. Dupre, were discharged in a manner reflecting very creditably on his organising capacity and untiring energy. A strong committee assisted him, the members of which worked one and all with a will to ensure the carnival's success. Very Rev. Dean McKenna also supervised the programme, and initiated and suggested various devices to perfect the arrangements, and was ever ready with a kindly word of greeting to visitors and manifested a general interest in the evening's programme.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the fair was formally declared open by the Mayor (Mr. P. L. Hollings). In the course of his remarks he said he esteemed it a very great honor to have been asked by very Rev. Dean McKenna to perform the opening ceremony. When that gentleman had asked him to attend he took it as an instance of the broad-mindedness and liberality which always characterised the Dean's work. He lived in an age when we were able to tolerate each other irrespective of creed, and although not a Catholic himself he was pleased of the opportunity to be present and declare the function open. He wished to congratulate the promoters and those who had worked to prepare the various branches of the splendid result of their labors. There was a debt on St. Patrick's School of £300, which it was hoped to pay off this week, and it was his desire to see that accomplished. For earnestness, sincerity, and zeal the Catholics, said the speaker, could not be excelled, and he thought that it was through the zeal and earnestness which they put into their work that entitled them to succeed as they always had done.

Dean McKenna thanked the Mayor for his kindly remarks, and said he hoped the wishes expressed by him would be realised, as they coincided so closely with his own.

The musical and dancing portion of the programme was then proceeded with, and the large audience was treated to an entertainment which for variety and high-class excellence, given as it was in addition to the ordinary attractions of the bazaar, could hardly be surpassed. There