

Catholic boys. Catholic primary education was indeed on a most satisfactory footing, especially in the cities, thanks to the self-sacrificing Brothers and Sisters, who devoted their lives to this great cause. There was no excuse whatever for the sending of Catholic children to State schools. The higher education of girls was well provided for by the great number of convent boarding and high schools—in fact, parents seemed to pay more attention to the education of their girls than they do to their boys. The boys generally were taken from school as they passed the sixth standard, and sent to work. The girls, owing to their education, are placed in a higher social scale than their brothers, and as a result frequently marry non-Catholics, with appalling results. To remedy this was his desire of erecting Catholic residential colleges, which he looked upon as of the utmost importance. We must educate our boys, and we must make them capable of occupying the highest positions in the land. We want Catholic leaders, and secondary education was the only way of obtaining them. He trusted therefore that when they were asked to contribute to the erection of the building, they would look at it from this point of view, and give as much as their means would allow generously and ungrudgingly. He thanked his Grace Archbishop O'Shea for honoring him by his presence, and he sincerely thanked the parishioners for their handsome presentation. When he would be offering the Holy Sacrifice at Lourdes he would remember them all.

The function then terminated with hearty cheers for the Very Rev. Dean.

Dean Regnault was also the recipient of a travelling rug from the members of St. Mary of the Angels' Choir, the presentation of which was made by the conductor, Mr. E. J. Healy. The Altar Society, through Miss Hackett, also presented the Dean with a travelling bag, and the professorial staff of St. Patrick's College made a similar presentation.

WAIMATE.

There was a good attendance at the social on Thursday evening, May 7, tendered to Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), by the Catholic Young Men's Society, Waimate, previous to his departure for Europe. The Rev. Father Aubry presided, and on the platform were the guest of the evening, Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay (Oamaru), and Messrs. Francis, Hamilton, M. Lyons, J. Foley, F. Lyndon, J. O'Brien (says the *Waimate Times*).

Rev. Father Aubry stated the object of the gathering. Dean Regnault was about to visit the Old Land, and it had been decided to take the opportunity to say farewell to him. During the seven years since he had left Waimate, Dean Regnault had done a great deal for the Church, and was now going Home, when he would be able to give a good account of his work.

His last act before leaving these shores was to purchase thirty acres at Christchurch on which to erect a college that would rival St. Patrick's itself, and perhaps eclipse it. He might say that it was at the suggestion of Mrs. F. Lyndon that they were assembled that evening, but she had not mentioned the matter till Monday or he would have announced it in the church, and had the hall crowded. He would ask Dean Regnault to accept the deck chair they had procured for him. It would remind him of his many friends in Waimate, who wished the Dean a pleasant and prosperous voyage.

Mr. Francis said that his first speech in Waimate was when he was Mayor at the opening of the famous bazaar held when Dean Regnault was among them, and directed Church affairs here. He had very pleasant recollections of the Dean, who had done his best to help not only his own Church, but also to help others in the community as well, for the Dean had always taken a keen interest in the affairs of the district where he had resided. He hoped that he would return in better health than when he went away on his holiday.

Mr. Hamilton said that no one was better esteemed than Dean Regnault—as a man, a citizen, and a friend. No one possessed greater kindness and geniality, and rare faculty of expressing himself than the Dean. He was glad he was coming back again, and he looked forward to his returning—he was one of those citizens they could ill afford to lose.

Mr. F. Lyndon said it gave him great pleasure to be present, to welcome the Dean. The Dean had advised in Church and business matters and many could appreciate the advice he gave them. He hoped nothing would occur to take Dean Regnault away from the Dominion, but that he would return to labor for the Catholic Church in New Zealand. He wished him every prosperity, and a safe return.

Very Rev. Dean Regnault, on rising to respond, was greeted with hearty applause. He said he did not expect to receive so hearty a welcome, as few would be aware that he would be in South Canterbury. He felt that he would see so many kindly faces in Waimate that he would not care to leave them. But he was not going altogether on pleasure; he was going on duty, and he appreciated the kindly though exaggerated, and affectionate sentiments that had been expressed. He was gratified to notice that the parish had not suffered in any way whatever since he left. A great work was going on, and showed him how one could be done without. He had, with the co-operation of the dioceses of Christchurch and Wellington, been able to accomplish something since he left Waimate, though he hoped that more would be done in the future. They wanted a residential college for young men, where they could get higher education. For this purpose they had secured thirty acres of land at Papanui, in the suburbs of Christchurch. When he

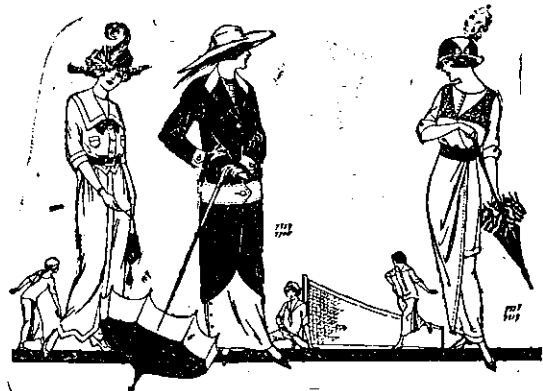
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