

**PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER KAVENEY,
WREY'S BUSH.**

The Rev. Father Kaveney, who was ordained to the priesthood from Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, last December, was entertained by a large number of friends at a social on Wednesday evening, March 25. The function took place in Mrs. Kaveney's dining-room. Mr. Thos. Power expressed pleasure at presiding at such a gathering to do honor to Rev. Father Kaveney. He referred to the Rev. Father's career as a boy, and as a young man, and, on behalf of the Catholic people of Wrey's Bush, congratulated him on his elevation to the priesthood. He (the speaker) paid a tribute to Father Kaveney's determination and energy, for all present were well aware he had many obstacles to surmount before being able to go to college in order to gain that standard of learning required for a position of such eminence, and all would follow him with their prayers and good wishes in his priestly career.

The secretary (Mr. P. A. Cusack) then read the following address:—

Rev and dear Father Kaveney,— On behalf of the people of the parish of Wrey's Bush, we have been requested to convey to you their hearty congratulations on your being raised to the priesthood. Such congratulations are due from us, in an especial manner, because it was amongst us, under the wise direction of our late, lamented, and revered pastor, Very Rev. Father Walsh, that you first undertook your arduous studies for the priesthood, and it was in our local school that you laid the foundation for the development of those talents which so conspicuously fit you for the exalted position to which you have been called. That our beloved Bishop should have called one of our Wrey's Bush boys to such a high dignity is a matter of which we may feel justly proud. Therefore, Rev. and dear Father, we ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a small token of the esteem and goodwill we bear you. In conclusion, we pray Almighty God to bestow on you

His choicest blessings, to guard and direct you in your responsible office, and to grant you many years of health and strength, in carrying out the good work entrusted to you.

Signed on behalf of the parishioners:

Thos. Power (Chairman),

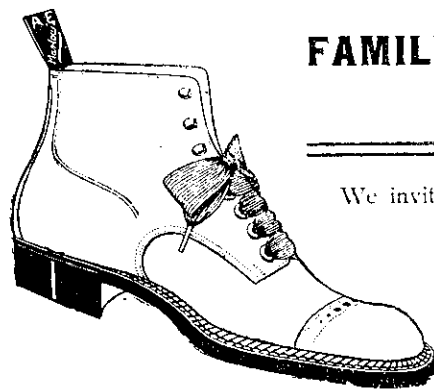
Prerr Cusack (Secretary).

Mr. James Egan said it was a grand exhibition of courage and confidence to see a young man so ready and anxious as Father Kaveney had been to bind himself to a life of self-sacrifice and work for the glory of God. He referred to many difficulties Father Kaveney had to surmount in order to reach the ambition of his life. In concluding, Mr. Egan presented the Rev. Father with a well-filled purse of sovereigns as a token of their esteem and regard.

Messrs. O'Meara, W. Egan, and others also testified to the young priest's nobility of character and edifying life, which enlisted for him the affectionate regard of all who knew him.

Rev. Father Kaveney, who was warmly received, said that he could not find words to adequately convey the feeling of gratitude which filled his heart that evening, but when he remembered he was at home in Wrey's Bush, he might easily expect a warm welcome. Referring to the address, he said the beautiful words could only be the outcome of the spirit of true generosity. From his heart he thanked all his friends for their kindness to him, and he would often come back to them in spirit and in prayer. He realised the importance of the great task before him, and would always endeavour to do his best, but did not think he deserved the praise that had been given him that night. He again sincerely thanked the parishioners for their beautiful address and accompanying gift, and assured them he would never forget his many friends in Wrey's Bush.

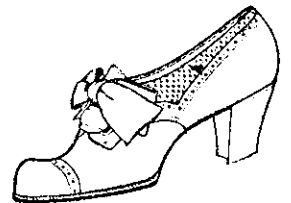
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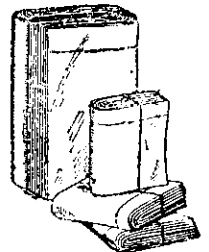
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