

HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP CLEARY

(By telegraph, from our Auckland correspondent.)

March 20.

The clergy of the city and suburbs, and several from the country, including three monsignors and three deans, assembled in the Cathedral presbytery this evening to bid *au revoir* to his Lordship Bishop Cleary, who leaves by the Makura to-morrow, *via* Vancouver, for Rome.

Right Rev. Mgr. Mahoney, Diocesan Administrator, wished his Lordship a safe voyage, a speedy restoration to health, and an immediate return to his priests and people, whose hearts would yearn for him. Monsignor Mahoney referred to the departure of Very Rev. Dean Lighthouse, who was visiting Virginia and several American States, where many friends would meet and greet him. He hoped, too, that Dean Lighthouse would return in good health. Monsignor Mahoney finally referred to Rev. Father Kehoe, whose residence here for two years had been so prolific of good work in assisting the priests throughout the city and suburbs. He hoped Father Kehoe would also return to Auckland, where priests and people had grown to love and esteem him.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary feelingly replied. He said he would think of his dear priests and people constantly in his travels. When in Rome at the Tombs of the Apostles he would pray fervently for them. Though far away, his face would always turn to New Zealand, to his own priests and people. If it were in his power, he would endeavor to bring Father Kehoe back with him.

Dean Lighthouse said he was going to his old missionary field in America, where he had many associations and friendships, but he would look forward to his return to Auckland six months hence.

Rev. Father Kehoe said he was returning to his own dear native land, to his people and parish, but he would never forget Auckland and the many kindnesses extended to him, particularly by his Lordship Bishop Cleary, whose life-long friendship he enjoyed, whose kindness was so lavishly bestowed on him, together with the friendships cemented amongst priests and people which time would never efface. His home and interests were in the Old Land, but were it possible he would return with his dear friend, the Bishop.

To-day the Bishop was the recipient of messages from all parts of the Dominion, wishing him *bon voyage*. These were from ecclesiastics, public men, friends, and well-wishers. The Mayor of Auckland (Mr. J. H. Gunson) called at Bishop's House this afternoon, and in the name of the citizens, bade Bishop Cleary good-bye, and expressed the hope he would return in strong and vigorous health, and again enrich our roll of citizenship, which he had so worthily assisted and elevated. The Mayor added, 'In this I voice the unanimous wish of the citizens of Auckland.'

His Lordship heartily thanked the Mayor for whom he had the warmest admiration. He would always remember the Mayor's unbounded hospitality and welcome accorded to the Apostolic Delegate. On his return he hoped he would be privileged to assist the Mayor in his good work, not only in a municipal, but in a wider sphere, to which he believed the Mayor would ultimately aspire. His Lordship expressed his keen regret at not seeing Bishop Brodie before he left, as he had looked forward with the greatest delight and pleasure to meeting him.

The printer of the Commonwealth postage stamps has drawn attention to the fact that there may presently be a shortage of the paper required for the purpose; and he suggests that in order to conserve as far as possible the supply of stamps, where the postage on an article amounts to more than a penny, stamps of a higher denomination should be used instead of penny stamps. About 450,000,000 stamps are printed annually in the Commonwealth, which absorbs 18,730 reams of paper.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

March 18.

The many friends of Sergt.-Major R. E. J. Martin, of the Defence Dept., will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of senior lieutenant, and has also been appointed military quartermaster on the troopship *Aparima*, which left for Egypt some time ago. Lieut. Martin was the commanding officer of St. Anne's Cadets, and it was through his splendid work that that corps attained great proficiency. He was also a valued member of St. Anne's Choir, and before leaving was entertained by the members. Mr. Reade, the conductor, referred in eulogistic terms to Lieut. Martin's services, and presented him with a token of the esteem in which the members held him. Mr. Reade's remarks were supplemented by Rev. Father Peoples and Mr. Geo. Foote. Lieut. Martin was also presented with a gold medal, suitably inscribed, by the clergy and laity. St. Anne's Choir has an excellent record from a military point of view. Every single man has enlisted, and also three of the married men.

The many friends of Mr. W. F. Johnson, the energetic secretary of the diocesan council of the Catholic Federation, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted to a responsible position in the Parliamentary Library.

The members of the Hibernian Society (St. Patrick's, St. Mary's Ladies', and Sacred Heart branches) assembled in large numbers at St. Mary of the Angels', Boulcott street, for their annual Communion. The Very Rev. Dean Smyth (Provincial of the Marist Order) celebrated the Mass, during which the members sang several hymns.

Dean Smyth spoke on the feast of St. Patrick, and during the course of his remarks, congratulated the members on their splendid muster. He urged them to cherish faith and fatherland.

After Mass, the members formed into procession and marched to Messrs. Gamble and Creed's rooms, where the annual breakfast was held. Bro. F. Whitaker (president of St. Patrick's) presided, and there were also present the Very Rev. Father O'Connell, S.M., and the Rev. Brothers Egbert and Emilian, whilst pioneers of the society, in the persons of Bros. M. Bohan, who established the branch in 1874, and T. P. Redmond, P.P., who joined in 1875, were present. Several toasts were proposed, which brought forth some really excellent speeches.

'The Pope and the King' was proposed by the chairman, whilst Bro. H. McKeowen delivered a splendid oration on 'The day we celebrate,' to which Bro. J. P. McGowan, as president of the St. Patrick's Day Committee, responded.

Bro. J. J. L. Burke proposed the toast of 'Catholic Education,' and made a strong appeal for co-operation with the Catholic Education Board, which had inaugurated some three years ago a scheme for the ultimate abolition of school fees. Towards this fund some £1100 had now accumulated, and was invested in good security, whilst a subscriber who was generous in his lifetime had bequeathed a property worth £1400, after providing a life-interest in it for his widow to the board. He said he hardly need remind them of the necessity of Catholic education. He urged that those who desired to assist the fund should not wait until death to do so, but whilst blessed with good health and prosperity they should do all they possibly can for this great cause. At the present time, it was not the laymen and lay women who were making any sacrifice for Catholic education, but the good Brothers and Sisters who were devoting their whole lives without fee or reward to the work.

The Rev. Brother Egbert responded to the toast