

feel that I have done a little to make restitution for insulting the religion of your daughter.'

Colonel Moore hastily drew his hand over his face, as though trying to wipe away some unpleasant reminiscence, and then said in a low voice:

'Captain, had you made this request at any other time, I would have treated it as an insult, and I am not inclined to lightly pardon insults. But, as you have said, life is very uncertain now, and we must disregard conventionalities, I will deliver your message when I have the opportunity. Good-night.'

(To be concluded.)

**Presentation to Rev. C. J. Venning, S.M., Brooklyn**

(From our Wellington correspondent.)

At St. Anthony's Church Schoolroom, Brooklyn, the Rev. Father C. J. Venning, S.M., who has been transferred to Thorndon, was on last Wednesday evening the recipient of a presentation from the parishioners of that portion of the parish. There was a large attendance, and among those present were Very Rev. Dean Regnault, S.M. (Provincial), Very Rev. Vicar-General (Father O'Shea, S.M.), and the Rev. Fathers Barra and J. Herring.

Mr. William F. Healy, in making the presentation—a roller top desk—referred to the zeal and energy displayed by Rev. Father Venning during the seven years he was stationed in Te Aro, and expressed the hope that the present would be accepted as a mark of their hearty appreciation, and good wishes for his future success and prosperity.

Mr. Healy's remarks were supplemented by Very Rev. Dean Regnault, Very Rev. Father O'Shea, and Mr. Monaghan. The Rev. Father Venning, in rising to respond, was most enthusiastically received. He thanked most sincerely the parishioners of Brooklyn for the splendid reception they had given him, and for the valuable presentation he had received that evening. It would always remind him of the very happy time he had spent amongst them.

Mr. E. J. Healy, on behalf of those present, then welcomed the Rev. Father J. Herring, S.M., who succeeds the Rev. Father Venning.



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