

I don't think I could bring up children without pets in the house; they help to inculcate not only a sense of responsibility but the spirit of kindness and of service to dependent creatures.

Virtues to be Fostered.

Kindness and truthfulness are the two virtues which it has seemed to me most important that my children should possess. I should be particularly unhappy if I thought any one of them could be guilty of that worst form of unkindness, and falsity combined—snobbery. There never has been any trace of it in them; they are as fond of their old friends as the Governor and I are of ours. The best way to teach children not to be snobs is never to be snobbish one's self.

A great deal of example, a few commands, a firm but quiet assumption that those given will be obeyed that sums up the rule and discipline of the Smith family. We, the parents, tried to be the sort of people we wanted our children to become.

We never in our lives nagged them and we didn't take them too seriously. In our sense, of course, children are the most serious thing in life; but I do not believe in magnifying and dramatising every trifling incident in their lives.

Now and then the time comes when there is a "must," and on those occasions neither the children's father nor myself has the slightest difficulty in obtaining obedience. The reason, I believe, is that they know beyond the least shadow of a doubt that we want them to be happy; and therefore, if we refuse them anything, they believe we have some really good reason and they do not feel aggrieved or even argumentative. It seems to me that the most enlightened of all governments is that of our country, and so I have tried to make our home a little republic—a government with the consent of the governed, a place of liberty but not of license. We talk over our plans together, and they have a way of turning to me and saying: "Now, let's see what the chairman thinks about it." I like that.

What have I brought up my children for? What are my ambitions for them?

I want what they want for themselves. To choose a child's career in advance is often only a piece of parental self-indulgence. With good health, good education, the back-ground of a good and happy home, each boy or girl ought to be able to find his or her place in life. I am not afraid that mine will make serious mistakes, if allowed to use their own judgment and to follow their own inclination.—*The Church Progress*, St. Louis, U.S.A.

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FAREWELL TO FATHER LONG.

(From our Greymouth correspondent.)

Prior to his departure on a twelve months' holiday visit to the Homeland and Continent, Rev. Father Long, who has been Administrator of the parish during the past four years, was the guest of honor at a large and enthusiastic gathering in the St. Columba Hall. The assemblage was representative of all parts of the extensive parish, including Greymouth, Cobden, Brunner, and Rumanga; thus showing the esteem in which their pastor is held by the Catholic community of the whole district.

The adjoining parishes were represented as follows: Hokitika, Rev. Dr. Kennedy; Reefton, Rev. Father Herring; Ahaura, Rev. Father Fogarty; Kumara, Rev. Father Finnerty. The local clergy—Rev. Fathers O'Regan, McMonagle and Madden—were also present.

The proceedings opened with a short but enjoyable musical programme, which was as follows:—Violin duet, Misses Ethel Wallace and Mildren Coburn; pianoforte solo, Miss Kathleen Fogarty; vocal solo, Miss M. Warnes (unvoiced); vocal solo, Mr. T. Clark (unvoiced); recitation, Miss Doreen O'Hallahan. The accompanists were Misses M. Griffen and M. McSherry.

Father O'Regan, who presided, paid a tribute to the popularity of Father Long, one whose priestly attributes were fully recognised in the diocese. The object of the meeting was not to say "good-bye" to Father Long but to bid him *bon voyage*. He had been twelve years in the Christchurch diocese, eight of which had been spent in the Cathedral parish, and the balance in Greymouth, in the important position of administrator. The period of four years in Greymouth had been arduous, as it had been a constructive period, when much work had to be done. The Marist Brothers' School had been built and opened free of debt, the convent was in course of building, improvements had been made in Greymouth, and at other parts of this parish. The duties had been heavy and Father Long had faced them, though his health was not always the best.

Dr. Kennedy said he had seen many changes in the parish during an almost life-long acquaintance with it; but the thing that never changed was the love of the community for their priest. He was glad Father Long was going on a holiday. It was well deserved and fully needed. It was a coincidence that Father Long was starting out on his journey on St. Patrick's Day, because he had characteristics in him similar to St. Patrick, which showed themselves in his deep love for the Irish people. He was about to visit the scenes of his young days, to meet his people in their own home. It was pleasing to congratulate the parish in possessing such a priest as Father Long. It was equally pleasing to congratulate their pastor on having such a congregation as that in this parish to minister to.

Rev. Father Herring said it was always pleasing to observe the esteem of a parish for their priest. He came to pay a personal tribute of esteem to Father Long, and also to bear one from the Reefton parish. The people and his brother priests appreciated his priestly zeal; they also appreciated his genial hospitality.

Rev. Father Fogarty said Father Long was an old and esteemed friend of his, the best one he had outside the Emerald Isle. The congregation esteemed Father Long, but if they knew him as he (the speaker) did, they would love and esteem him the more. Going back to the Emerald Isle, the land famed for schools and scholars, churches and colleges, to Limerick, one of the finest and most Catholic cities in the world, Father Long would be once more with his own kith and kin. While away, he would hear the call to "come back"; they hoped he would come back renewed in health and vigor, and much benefited in every way by the trip.

Rev. Father Finnerty said that he wished to express his gratitude for Father Long's friendship and wish him a pleasant trip. His absence would leave a void in the hearts of his parishioners, and also in the hearts of his clerical brethren, and the sooner he was back again the better.

Mr. M. Daly, on behalf of the Hibernian Society, said he wished to bear a brief testimony to the society's regard for Father Long, who had done so much for the parish. His ability was evinced in the fact that though a comparatively young man, he had charge of an important parish and had maintained the traditions of Greymouth. He had sacrificed everything for the people, and it was impossible to give sufficient tribute to his sterling worth. He trusted the trip would benefit Father Long, and that he would return renewed in strength, after he had spent a while with his own people on the other side of the globe.

Speeches were also made by Messrs. W. P. McCarthy (St. Columba Club), J. O'Brien, and F. J. Doogan, the latter, on behalf of the parish, making Father Long a presentation of £340.

Father Long, on rising to speak, was greeted with applause and cheers. He said he did not know how to thank the people for their kind expression of love and loyalty to him. Since his taking charge of the parish four years ago their devotion and loyalty had been remarkable, and filled him with thankful admiration. He came among the Greymouth people with fear and trembling, practically from hospital, to take over the administration of a big parish. The doctors had suggested a change from Christchurch to an easier position, and the good Bishop had sent him to Greymouth with Fathers O'Regan and Shore. Father O'Regan had been with him ever since, and he was glad to leave him in charge of affairs

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