

At this stage the Government woke up and shook itself, took off its coat, and got to work. Improvised gunboats were got together. Volunteers got their war-paint on and marched with the regulars to the threatened towns on the coast. Batteries were planted where they were likely to do most good, and (profiting by the lessons of the last siege of Gibraltar) furnaces were constructed for the purpose of enabling the artillerymen to treat the mutinied ships to doses of red-hot shot. Intercourse, even by letter, with the mutineers was made punishable by the hangman's noose. Parker and his men ran the risk of starving for want of provisions. The mutiny gradually fell to pieces. Parker and a few other ringleaders were hanged at the yard-arm. The mutiny lasted thirty-five days. The authorities learned the lesson and redressed the graver grievances that had made a living hell of a life on the ocean wave in King George's ships. And then began the golden era of the British army. But to this day traces of the old barbarism still exist (as was recently proved in Parliament) in the brutal floggings that are inflicted for all sorts of trifling pretexts on young men in the King's navy. The rule of the gold-braided savage is not yet quite dead. But the Odessa lesson may shorten its days for other countries as well as for Russia.

SILVER JUBILEE OF DEAN O'DONNELL, ASHBURTON

As was briefly stated in our last issue, the silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell, Ashburton, was celebrated by the presentation of an illuminated address and a purse of sovereigns for the purchase of a motor car. The Oddfellows' Hall was crowded on the occasion, many of those present being members of other denominations, who had joined with their fellow-Catholic citizens in doing honor to a worthy and esteemed priest and a popular resident of the district. Among those present were the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of Christchurch, Very Rev. Dean Bowers (Geraldine), Rev. J. F. O'Donnell (Queensown), Rev. Father Hyland (Rangiora), Rev. Father Abern (Darfield), Rev. Father O'Donnell (Christchurch), Rev. Dr. Keenan, (Akaroa), Rev. Father Creed (Ashburton). Among the prominent non-Catholic residents present on the platform were the Mayor (Mr. H. Davis), ex-Mayors Messrs. D. Thomas, R. Friedlander, and W. H. Collins, and Dr. A. B. Boyd. All parts of the extensive mission of Ashburton were represented. There were also representatives of the Catholic laity from Christchurch, Darfield, and other parts of Canterbury.

The function took the form of a conversation. The hall was furnished with a number of tables for the convenience of the guests, who could thus, during the intervals between the musical items of an excellent programme, engage in conversation or pass the time in pleasant games, etc. The stage, which was handsomely furnished, was surmounted by a scroll in green and gold, bearing the words—Silver Jubilee of the Rev. J. J. O'Donnell, 1880-1905.

The arrangements were in the hands of the following committee, who discharged their duties in a manner that won universal commendation:—Messrs. M. J. Burgess (Chairman), T. O'Carroll, L. Hanrahan, W. Fouhy, J. P. McQuilkin, P. Haprahan, D. McDonnell, J. A. Carney, M. Lagan, R. D. Johnston, S. Madden, Denis McKendry, D. Fitzgerald, and A. J. Muller (Hon. Sec.).

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Very Rev. Dean Ginaty, Mr. J. McLachlan, M.H.R., Messrs. P. Pender, Hugo Friedlander, T. Bullock, and H. McSherry (Pahiatua). Telegrams and other messages of congratulation were received from clergy and laity all over New Zealand.

The following was the musical programme:—Orchestral selection, Misses Elsie Fletcher (piano), M. Brick (harmonium), E. Cullen (first violin), and W. Brick (second violin); song, 'Asleep in the deep,' Mr. J. Healy; song, 'The last rose of summer,' Miss M. G. O'Connor; song, 'The storytellers' club,' Mr. F. Healy; violin duet, 'Erin's wreath,' Miss E. Cullen and Miss M. Brick; song, 'Let me like a soldier fall,' Mr. M. J. Burgess; Irish jig, Mr. P. Wilson; song, 'Galilee,' Miss Winnie Brick, her encore item being 'The vale of Avoca'; comic songs, Messrs. P. and J. Healy.

The Presentation.

As chairman of the committee, Mr. M. J. Burgess took the opportunity during the interval of stating the object of the gathering. In the course of a happy and appropriate speech he said he desired, on behalf of the committee and of the Catholic community of the district, to extend to the Bishop and the Catholic clergy present, a hearty welcome. They would all feel that it was a high privilege to have the Bishop and his devoted clergy present that evening. He understood that one of the Rev. Fathers there that evening had travelled 350 miles to be present to do honor to Dean O'Donnell. He also desired to thank all those of the general public who were present or who had subscribed in so liberal a manner to the testimonial to be presented to the Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell. It said much for the esteem in which the Very Rev. Father was held when he said that many of the subscribers to the testimonial belonged to other denominations. It would perhaps not be out of place to say



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The Very Rev. Dean O'Donnell

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something about the origin of the testimonial. Two or three of the members of the present committee were one evening chatting together on current topics, when one of them casually mentioned that Dean O'Donnell would very shortly see his silver jubilee as a priest. Those present then and there decided to send out circulars to the whole of the Catholic members of the community and to those of the Dean's personal friends who resided in other parts of the Colony. A meeting was held in the local parish school—the greatest meeting, without exception, ever held in that building—and it was there decided that a worthy testimonial should be presented to the Dean. A committee was formed, collectors were appointed, and other things necessary were done, with the result that in a short space of time the handsome and liberal manner in which subscriptions had poured in had enabled them to carry out the wishes of the subscribers to the very letter. He again thanked the subscribers for their liberality, and said that he was sure it was the wish of all here present that the Dean might live to see his golden jubilee.