

An address from the Ladies' Club was read by Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., who explained that the members had forwarded a dinner-set to Riverton for Father Murphy. The address was signed by Miss Staunton (president), and Miss Purton (secretary). The members in their address said that their good wishes and prayers would follow Father Murphy in his new sphere of duty.

The members of the Confraternity of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor presented an address which was accompanied by a handsome set of vestments. The address was read by Mr. T. Hussey and was signed on behalf of the members by Mesdames Haydon and Heley and Misses M. Murphy and E. Johnson. In their address the Confraternity expressed sorrow at his departure and appreciation of his untiring zeal and kind-hearted charity in the discharge of the duties of Administrator of the parish. His noble spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty would be an incentive to members to reproduce those virtues in their own lives.

Mr. J. B. Callan, jun., read an address from the Children of Mary, which was accompanied by another handsome set of vestments, and was signed by Miss K. Falkner (president), Miss E. Johnson (vice-president), and Miss A. Brady (secretary). The members begged to assure Father Murphy that, owing to his removal, they would miss his wise counsel and inspiring example, and that he would have their good wishes and prayers.

The addresses from the societies were illuminated and nicely framed.

Father Murphy's Reply.

The Rev. Father Murphy, on rising to reply, was received with long and continued applause. He said they were present there that evening to say good-bye. For fourteen years they worked together in sunshine and suffering, but at the call of duty he had, as the Sacred Scriptures said, to go forth from his country and his kindred, and out of his father's house. He was grieved to leave them, for he had always experienced the greatest kindness from the people of the Cathedral parish; they were to him father and mother and kindred. (Applause.) Since his arrival in Dunedin he had never felt himself a stranger amongst them, and whatever he had done was only reciprocating those cordial feelings which had always been shown him, and the many kindnesses which he had received at their hands. In the addresses they had referred to what he had done in connection with the various societies. His only regret was that he had not done more, for he regarded Catholic societies as the very best means of promoting a good, sound Catholic spirit amongst the people. (Applause.) They were living in an age of organisation, when men banded themselves together for various purposes. No exception could be taken to that when the means or the objects were justifiable, and the Church expected them to be united and organised in the spiritual interests of her children. There was nothing he could inculcate more strongly than that they should be affiliated with those societies, for by joining such societies they were helping on the cause of Jesus Christ. Such societies, like charity, blessed the givers and the receivers. They blessed those who taught and blessed those who learned. He desired to thank them for the many kind words said that evening and for the magnificent gifts presented to him. As to the money, he said he would not devote a penny of it to his personal use. (Prolonged applause.) In receiving it he took it for the children of his parish. (Applause.) There was as yet no Catholic school in his parish, and he thanked the donors for a good beginning towards the establishment of a convent school. (Applause.) That night would be a memorable one in his life, because their kind words and gifts indicated what their hearts felt towards him. It would be memorable to him in a special way because of the honor which his fellow-priests had done him. (Applause.) It was truly a great thing to be thus honored by the most honorable body of priests in the Australian Church. (Loud applause.) This was an honor he would never forget, and the only thing he would ask would be that with God's holy grace he would follow in the footsteps of the grand pioneers of the diocese of Dunedin. (Applause.) When he decided to come out to New Zealand two inducements were held out to him by their late revered Bishop, Dr. Moran (applause): that he would come to labor amongst a devoted people and a self-sacrificing priesthood. The longer he lived the more he was convinced of the truth of those words, which he had heard in his college on that occasion. He could say that the kind words were deserved, and he hoped that as long as he lived he would do nothing to bring discredit upon the honorable body who were engaged in ministering to the spiritual wants of the people. By way of conclusion he expressed his thankfulness for the kindness he had received during his stay in Dunedin from those outside the pale of the Church. (Applause.)

He thanked the clergy and laity for their kindness, and trusted he would one day have the pleasure of repaying them for the honor they had done him. (Prolonged applause.)

Another Presentation.

The Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary said that he had to add an item which was not on the programme. At a meeting of the clergy who had been present at the Month's Mind of the late Father Sheehan it was decided to testify their friendship for Father Coffey by making him a presentation. The Very Rev. Monsignor then went on to say that his Lordship the Bishop deserved to be complimented on having selected Father Coffey as Administrator of the Cathedral parish. Father Coffey, he had no doubt, would be very successful in his new sphere of labor. During his residence in South Dunedin Father Coffey had always a warm welcome for visiting priests, and his house was always open to them. The country priests were deeply indebted to him for his hospitality. He had much pleasure, on behalf of the assembled priests, in handing Father Coffey a cheque.

The Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., who was taken completely by surprise, said if he had the slightest idea that such a matter was in contemplation he would have stopped it. With regard to Monsignor O'Leary's reference to the hospitality extended by him (Father Coffey) to visiting priests, he thought it was only from a sense of duty that he had entertained them, for if they were to do their work well it should be as a united body and not as separate individuals. He trusted it would still be in his power to continue such acts of kindness, so that as a united body they might all work together in the cause of religion and for the extension of the Kingdom of God. (Applause.) He had been brought from South Dunedin to fill the place of Rev. Father Murphy, and the longer he was here the more he felt how difficult it was for him to be so successful as his predecessor. He trusted, however, with the hearty co-operation of the laity, to follow at least in the footsteps of Father Murphy. (Applause.) This presentation was a great surprise, and he sincerely thanked his fellow-priests for their gift, their kindness and consideration, and also Father Murphy for many kindnesses shown him (Father Coffey) ever since he had come to South Dunedin. (Applause.)

On the motion of Rev. Father Murphy, a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Callan for presiding.

Before the meeting dispersed three hearty cheers were given for the Rev. Father Murphy.

Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R.

Just before going to press we received a telegraphic message from Mr. D. Lynch, Wellington, to the effect that he was in receipt of a cable message from Limerick, stating that the Rev. Father Lynch, C.S.S.R., formerly of Dunedin, had completely recovered from his recent accident, and was once more engaged in the duties of the sacred ministry.

A meeting was held in the rooms of the Queensland Irish Association in Brisbane on July 30, with the object of raising funds to erect a suitable monument over the grave of the late Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty, and of founding, if necessary, a pension for his bereaved wife and daughter. Many leading citizens, including several members of the medical profession, took part in the proceedings. A large and representative committee was formed for the purpose of carrying out the resolutions passed by the meeting. A sum of about £110 was subscribed in the room.

The drawing of the art union in connection with the Akaroa Convent building fund has been unavoidably postponed until December 7. Holders of books of tickets are requested to forward blocks and remittances as soon as possible.

The expectations that the second number of 'The Red Funnel' would even surpass in every way the first issue of that monthly, have been more than realized. The September number has not alone come up to the standard of that for August, but has reached even a higher plane both from a literary and artistic point of view. The contents are varied, instructive, and entertaining, and all good tastes are catered for. The illustrations are numerous and even here also a marked improvement is noticeable. So long as 'The Red Funnel' maintains its present high standard, it need not fear comparison with the best illustrated magazines of older lands.