

casion, as also would the Very Rev. Father Regnault, but his Lordship desired him to assure the Dean that if not present in person he would be with them all in spirit and in his prayers. He desired him (Father O'Connell) to say that he rejoiced in the good work the Dean had done, and sincerely wished him continued health and strength to continue in his successful ministrations. His Lordship had marked the occasion by appointing Dean Carew 'Dean of Westland.' Father O'Connell read the Bishop's letter as follows:—

'On the occasion of the celebration in honor of the fruitful twenty-five years of the Dean Carew Rectorship, I want you to assure him that I most cordially congratulate him, and wish him many years of health and strength and continued success in the ministry, and to inform him and his flock that on the auspicious anniversary I have much pleasure, firstly, in changing his title from Dean of Greymouth to that of Dean of Westland. Secondly, naming him Vicar Forane; and, thirdly, Ecclesiastical Superior of the Religious Sisters of Westland. I enclose the official documents setting forth his rights and privileges, etc. Be good enough to take cognisance of them, and hand them to him coram publico, and assure the Dean and his loyal flock that though I am forced to be absent in body, I am with them in heart and desire by my earnest prayers.'

—Father O'Connell also conveyed the cordial greetings of Very Rev. Father Regnault (Provincial), Fathers Galerne and Henry (of Reefton), and the Rev. Dr. Cleary, editor of the *New Zealand Tablet*. He further explained that under the order of things Dean Carew would be in charge of all the churches in Westland, which would give him increased responsibility and work. He again congratulated the Dean on the enjoyment of such devotion as was evident on the occasion.

The Rev. Dr. Kennedy said it afforded him the greatest pleasure to be present and to listen to all the good things that had been said of Dean Carew, and to see the earnest devotion that the congregation of St. Patrick's had towards him. He would like to remind them that the presentation would not only redound to their credit, but it would bless those who gave it as well as he who received it. He could interpret their feelings on this occasion, because Dean Carew had always followed the high code to which they in the priesthood endeavored to live up to. The Dean had lived up to it according to the best traditions of the Irish priesthood, and it was a noble thing to think that he and his clergy had striven for such a high ideal. They had always received the greatest encouragement from the Dean both by letter, by visits and presents. On behalf of the priests of the diocese, he cordially congratulated the Dean on the success which had attended his efforts, and he could say that his work was known and acknowledged throughout New Zealand and in many parts of Australia.

The Hon. A. R. Guinness said he had the pleasure of Dean Carew's acquaintance for over thirty-two years, as he knew him first at Reefton; but what had always pleased him was to see the wonderful manner in which he had administered the affairs of his parish in Greymouth, and how he had always assisted in any movement for the general good of the community outside of his own flock. The Dean was ever ready with his advice to help those who wanted it, independent of creed or sect. He recalled the little old church in Arney street, and, comparing it with the magnificent structure that they now possessed, he said it was a standing monument to the zeal, energy, and devotedness of Dean Carew. They also possessed a splendid trophy in the convent and Marist schools, and he was glad to join in congratulating Dean Carew on the great work he had accomplished. Everyone with whom the Dean had come in contact respected and honored him. He likewise congratulated him on the additional honors conferred on him by the Bishop, and concluded by expressing the hope that he would be spared to continue his life of usefulness and successful administration of the district.

Mr. James Kerr spoke of almost a lifetime's experience of Dean Carew's noble work, which he remembered as a school boy, and he had seen how that work had prospered year by year. He had consequently begun as a boy to highly respect the Dean, and that respect had grown and deepened as the years had gone on. He took it that all classes of the community were vying with each other in paying him respect. Speaking as a young man, he would say that the Dean's high example had been a great factor in Greymouth, and had an influence for good with the young people of the place. He was pleased to take part in such a function as the present, and hoped the Dean would live to see fifty years of ministration in the district, and that he would be blessed from on High with all the blessings the Great Ruler could bestow on him.

Mr. E. Casey spoke on behalf of the young men of Greymouth, who had such a noble example set them by Dean Carew. They would never be able to repay the debt of gratitude they owed him, but they would always have his noble life to look up to. On their behalf he desired

to congratulate the Dean on the honors conferred upon him, and to assure him of their entire devotion to him. He might say as a member of the committee that a great deal of the success of this function was due to the ladies of St. Patrick's congregation. He hoped they would be present when the Dean celebrated his golden anniversary twenty-five years hence.

Dean Carew's Reply.

Dean Carew, whose rising was the signal for long-continued applause, said:

'I beg to thank you very sincerely for the kind-hearted and beautiful address with which you have just now presented me, together with the accompanying solid testimony of your friendship. The kindly feelings and sentiments of esteem manifested by them are only a repetition of what I have always received at your hands during the long period that I am with you. For these I am most profoundly grateful. And I should be hard of heart not to be deeply affected by them. Residing in this district for a quarter of a century, I have ever experienced, not only from my own congregation, but from all, an unfailing courtesy and most profound respect which facilitated and made most agreeable the discharge of all my duties in this place. This shall ever endear you all to me. You mention the many works of zeal accomplished by me, whilst amongst you in the cause of God and the Holy Church, namely, in the beautiful churches and schools erected in the parish during my time. In this line I have always worked as far as I know to the best of my humble abilities, and in all difficult matters I have always sought the counsel of the wisest I could find amongst you. But I could have done very little without your grateful co-operation. This has always been most generously and cheerfully given, and produced most admirable results, in which both you and I now take an honest pride. But it is not so much for the material buildings that I feel so deeply grateful to God. They are but the means to an end. It is especially for the large number of young men, women, and children that I now see around me and who reside everywhere in this district, who have been so thoroughly educated in these buildings in the Catholic Faith. Of you and your loyalty to the Holy Church I am most justly proud. It was to produce such results that I became a priest and emigrated to those parts from the Emerald gem of the Western world. And now I rejoice to see around me in this place the fruit of twenty-five years' labor in a most devoted and earnest Catholic congregation of young New Zealanders, true in every respect to the faith of their fathers, chips of the old blocks, and producing the most glorious results. There are not only faithful Catholic laity, but many young men of this town who are already ordained priests and young ladies who have joined many different religious congregations of nuns, and also in the many others following in the footsteps of both. I am glad to see on our platform to-night Rev. James Kennedy, D.D., Rev. Father Ainsworth, Rev. Fathers Hugh McDonnell and James Tymons, and others, who are an honor to the priesthood of New Zealand. You say that during my residence amongst you I have edified you all by my exemplary life. For this indeed I am most grateful to God. If I did not practise what I preached I would be no better than a hypocrite. When a man of eminent sanctity is about to be canonised in Rome for his virtues, some are told off to discover all his virtues and others all his vices. The latter are called the devil's advocates. Perhaps I may not pass off amongst you so well if some of the latter gentlemen were about. But I am glad to say that whilst not without fault, so far as I know my ministry for the last quarter of a century has not been the cause of scandal to anyone. I now beg to thank you one and all for your kindness to me during the last quarter of a century. But there is one that I especially wish to thank who is here present for the great services rendered to the great Catholic body of the Dominion in obtaining at our request free passes on the Government trains for all our children attending our primary and high schools. That gentleman is our member of Parliament, Mr. Guinness, Speaker of the House of Representatives. I also desire to publicly thank the Right Rev. Dr. Grimes, Bishop of the diocese, for the notice he has taken of me in the ecclesiastical titles he has conferred on me for what I have done in his diocese.'

At the conclusion of the Dean's address the concert programme was proceeded with. The function on the whole was the most successful and enthusiastic held in Greymouth for many years.

[It was our intention to reproduce photographs of the Dean of Westland, St. Patrick's Church, etc., in this issue, but as the photographs did not reach us until a few hours before going to press we were unable to get the engravings done in time. They will appear in next issue.—Ed. N.Z.T.]

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