

He was undertaking his new duties by virtue of obedience to the Holy Father, and that obedience was the best assurance of the success that was to follow. The widespread empire of holy faith was shown by the fact that in the Apostolic Delegation, accompanying the Ambassador of the Holy Father, was a priest from New Zealand, brought up in our own midst, one whom his brother priests were glad to honor. The Auckland clergy were privileged to be able to show their allegiance to the Holy Father by seeing one of their number associated with the Apostolic Delegation, and Father Ormond's new duties would constitute an additional bond of affection and devotion between the diocese of Auckland and the Holy See.

Very Rev. Father Holbrook, Chancellor of the Diocese, in making the presentation on behalf of the clergy, recalled to mind the time when the guest of the evening left the shores of New Zealand to go to distant Ireland to pursue his studies for the priesthood. Having spent some years in that land of faith, his steps were directed to Rome, where he spent five years in the famous College of the Propaganda, then returned to his own homeland, 'God's own country,' where he has labored as a priest for seven years. Now, he was called to a work, which necessitated his leaving the diocese, for how long? It was impossible to say. His brother priests would not allow the occasion to pass without marking their appreciation of the honor bestowed upon Father Ormond, and of his many priestly qualities. The gift they offered and the cheque accompanying would serve to remind Father Ormond of his brother priests in Auckland, and the speaker could truthfully assert that the gifts although generous, but feebly represented the deep and genuine esteem in which Father Ormond was held by his brother priests. He concluded by wishing him *bon voyage* and every success in his new sphere.

The address from the parishioners of the Cathedral parish was read by Mr. A. J. Woodley, and was as follows:—

'Reverend and dear Father Ormond, The notification of your appointment to the important position of private secretary to the Most Rev. Archbishop Cerretti, Apostolic Delegate for Australasia, confers on you an honor which will give pleasure to your parishioners of the Cathedral parish, and to your many friends throughout New Zealand. We all feel this to be an occasion when we exemplified the wonderful bond existing between our Holy Father the Pope and his spiritual children throughout the world, and we deem it a great privilege that a priest of our diocese has been chosen to be so closely associated with the representative of the Chief Pastor of Christendom. We know that you are possessed of qualities which will enable you to capably discharge the duties attached to your new office. Your seven years of priestly work in our midst have won for you a high place in our affection and esteem; your interest in the children, especially in the little orphans, has shown a tenderness and sympathy which have won for you many a prayer of heartfelt gratitude; your devotion to your priestly work is a safe assurance of the success which we know will ever attend your efforts. Our one regret is that your new duties will take you away from the diocese of Auckland, but our interest in your welfare will have with it a strong wish to see you amongst us again. We offer you our hearty congratulations on the honor that has been conferred upon you, and we ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a souvenir of your work in our midst, and of the happy relations which have always existed between you and your people.

'May God bless you and grant you length of years to work with continued success in His holy cause.

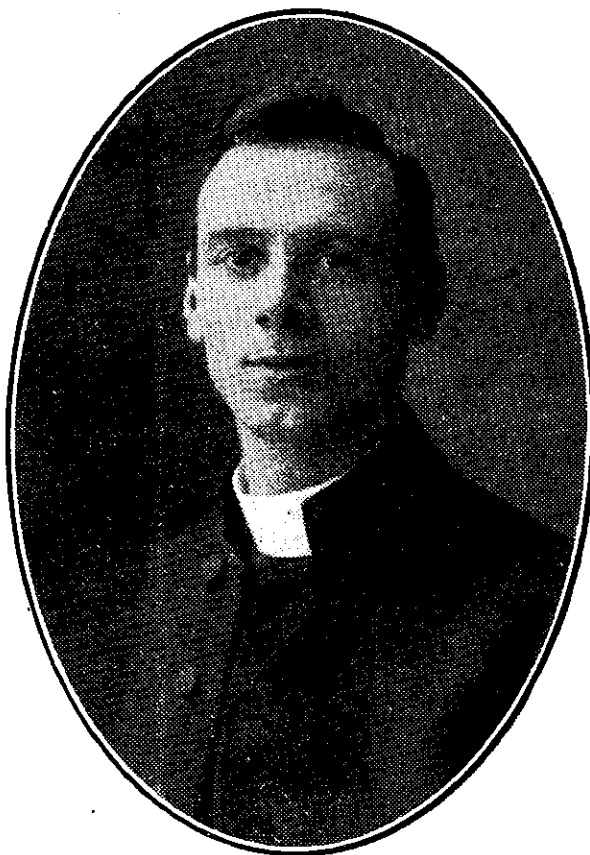
'Signed on behalf of the parishioners of St. Patrick's Cathedral,

'P. J. NERHENY (Chairman),

'A. J. WOODLEY (Hon. Secretary).'

The following address from the Hibernian Society was read by Bro. W. Kane, secretary and past president:—

'Dear Reverend Father,—We, the officers and members of the St. Patrick's branch, No. 81, H.A.C.B. Society, a few short years ago tendered you on your arrival from Rome a hearty "Cead mile failte." To-day we congratulate you on being chosen secretary to the Papal Delegate, an honor so distinguished that our hearts rejoice with gratitude and appreciation as we behold in it a fitting tribute to your exemplary piety, your zeal and loving care of all, and especially the orphans upon whom you have bestowed a merciful and



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tender care. You have endeared yourself to us by your ardent love for dear old Ireland, to which the majority of us are by birth or descent so ardently attached. Your deep and active interest in our society, in whose ranks we proudly number you as a brother, causes us to rejoice at the signal honor conferred upon you. We regret sincerely your departure from us, but as a priest of Holy Church you have readily responded to the call of duty, hence we are deprived of your eminent services and ever genial presence.

'We shall ever cherish fond memories of you, and with unabated interest we shall follow your labors in the cause of our Divine Master. When your mind wanders back to 'God's own country,' the land of your birth, as it surely will, we ask of you a little prayer: "God's blessings be upon my dear old friends in Auckland," and in return we shall constantly remember you in our prayers.

'Signed on behalf of the branch,

'E. T. MISKELL (President), A. J. WOODLEY, (Vice-president), VERY REV. H. F. HOLBROOK (Past President), D. FLYNN (Treasurer), W. KANE (Secretary).'

Rev. Father Ormond, who, on rising to reply, was received with rounds of applause, said: To state that he was delighted at the manifestations of the clergy and laity shown to him that night but very inadequately conveyed what he felt and thought. He must say that his new appointment meant a very big sacrifice to him, entailing as it did a separation from his kind friends amongst the laity and his brother priests, and those who were near and dear to him. The