

PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER MURPHY, CAMBRIDGE.

His Worship the Mayor (Mr M. Wells) presided at the farewell social to the Rev. Father W. J. Murphy at the Town Hall, Cambridge, on Tuesday evening (says the *Waikato Independent* of March 25). The attendance was representative, and fairly large in numbers, despite the inclement weather. On the stage were the Mayor, Very Rev. Dean Darby (Hamilton), Rev. Fathers Carran (Cambridge), Lynch (Te Awamutu), Duffy (Hamilton), Mr John London, and the guest of the evening, Rev. Father Murphy.

A number of musical items were rendered, the contributors being the Cambridge Orchestra, Mrs Gelling, Messrs A. Turner, T. F. Richards, J. London, and T. H. Boyce.

The Chairman apologised for the unavoidable absence of many friends from Matamata, Waiaroa, and Cambridge. He had known Father Murphy for the past five or six years, and was virtually a neighbor of his. He regretted their guest's departure, for he was a good social man and a Christian gentleman, and a pattern to all. On behalf of the parishioners and friends, he handed to Father Murphy a handsome purse and cheque, assuring the recipient that the good wishes of all the contributors accompanied the gift.

Very Rev. Dean Darby said Father Murphy was deserving of all honor, for he had got through his manifold duties with credit to himself and to all with whom he came in contact. 'He's a man, besides being a priest. No one ever found him do a mean action,' averred the Dean, who agreed with the Mayor that their guest was the right type of man.

Mr. J. London, in welcoming Father Murphy's successor in charge of the Cambridge parish, hoped Father Carran would prove as great a success as Father Murphy. The latter had taken a kindly interest in everything that was for the good of his congregation and the town and district generally.

Rev. Father Lynch said that from his knowledge of Father Carran he was a worthy successor to a really good man. He complimented Cambridge parish on its progress, for Dean Darby had agreed that it was equal to that of any in the diocese—even Hamilton. Cambridge had always been fortunate in its priests, and Father Murphy was quite up to the standard, and had gained—and deserved—the good wishes of all without distinction of denomination.

Rev. Father Duffy also referred to the departing guest's many good qualities.

Father Carran, who on rising was greeted with hearty applause, said he hoped Father Murphy would find in Ponsonby as good health and friends as he had found in Cambridge. Personally he appreciated his preferment to Cambridge, but he was not driving Father Murphy away. The latter had accepted the Ponsonby parish before he sought the Cambridge charge.

Rev. Father Murphy, who was obviously affected by the demonstrations of esteem from all parts of the hall, said he only wished all the good things said about him were true. The previous speakers were too complimentary. He had endeavored to put into daily practice the charity which he preached from the pulpit on Sundays. He had never sacrificed his principles, and had always tried to be Christian towards all people. He could not speak too highly of the parishioners, and expressed his sincere thanks to them. As to Cambridge, he had never seen a more peaceful or happy town, and he would always endeavor to revisit the place. The people were good, sociable, and all that could be desired. He would deeply miss many friends, and concluded by thanking all present for thus honoring him.

After the Mayor had thanked the ladies for arranging the refreshment portion of the entertainment an adjournment was made to the supper room.

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WEDDING BELLS

FACER—STANTON.

(From an occasional correspondent.)

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Mary's Basilica, Invercargill, on February 2, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Stanton, third daughter of Mr T. Stanton, Richmond Grove, and Mr Norman D. Facer, only son of Mrs and the late Mr John Facer, Nottingham, England. The Very Rev. Dean Burke, assisted by Rev. Father Tobin, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr P. Stanton), was attired in a cream tailor-made costume, with cream silk hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Cecilia Hannan (cousin of the bride). Mr Martin Stanton (brother of the bride) was best man. The bridesmaid wore a pretty pale blue crepe-de-chine dress and black hat relieved with pale blue. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a handsome diamond and turquoise ring, and to the bridesmaid a gold chain and pendant. After the ceremony the guests were entertained at the residence of the bride's parents. Very Rev. Dean Burke proposed the toast of the bride and bridegroom in happy terms. A large number of useful and handsome presents testified to the esteem in which the young couple are held. Mr and Mrs Facer left by the afternoon express for their future home in Wellington.

Tuakau

(From our own correspondent.)

Easter week was spent very enjoyably here by Catholics. The weather, though showery at times, was fair. A very successful and most enjoyable Sunday school picnic was held in the Domain on Easter Monday. The children, who had been looking forward to the event for weeks, had a fine day's sport, with Father O'Hara and Mr Graham as their chief entertainers. The adults, too, were well catered for in the matter of sports, and keen competition was shown in all the events.

Speaking at the annual Communion breakfast of the Irish National Foresters in Sydney, his Grace Archbishop Kelly said it was desirable that it should be made known that the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Cerretti, was the representative of the Holy Father for all Australasia. His life would be very much like the life of the Under-Secretary of some State Department. He would have his staff, and be in communication with all who wished to communicate with him. First he had to settle down—Providence had fixed his residence among them, and enabled them to find a good site for his Excellency's residence and Delegation. The news of the splendid reception they had given the Delegate had gone to Rome, and no doubt the Holy Father would send them back his blessing for it. Regarding the official character of the Apostolic Delegate, he was not for attending public functions, but for other purposes. Individually all would find his Excellency a most delightful citizen wherever he went. While he was here—for he did not suppose Archbishop Cerretti would always remain in Australia, although the Delegation would—they hoped that he would enjoy good health, the sunny climate, and the warm-hearted and grateful people who inhabited this continent.

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