

Ormond

It was with feelings of the keenest regret (says the *Poverty Bay Herald*) that the people of Ormond, and the extensive district which the parish includes, learned that the Rev. Father Carran, acting under medical advice, was compelled to relinquish the charge of the parish which he has so ably administered during the past 16 months and depart for Australia. With a view of wishing him good-bye and God speed, some twelve gentlemen, representing the various portions of his extensive parish, assembled at the presbytery on the evening of July 1.

Mr. Thos. Quirk presided, and in an interesting speech referred in glowing terms to the good work which Father Carran had accomplished during the short period of his administration. The speaker made especial reference to the fact that over £650 of the debt on the parish had been paid off during the 16 months in which Father Carran had worked amongst them, and paid a warm tribute to his energies in travelling over every portion of his large and scattered district and ministering to the wants of his people in all weathers and other adverse circumstances, at the risk and detriment

of his own health. The chairman then handed Father Carran a substantial cheque, which he asked him to accept as a small token of their esteem and respect, and assured him they all hoped to see him speedily restored to health and back amongst them once more to carry on the good work he had done in the past. Messrs. C. Neenan, Dinan, Malone, Brosnahan, Kennedy, and G. Donovan also joined in adding their tribute to the many inestimable qualities of their departing pastor.

The Rev. Father Carran, in reply, thanked them for their gift and their many kindly expressions. He assured them that it had always been a pleasure to work amongst them, and much of the success he had achieved was due to their hearty co-operation. He hoped he would be spared to return and again take up the work of the parish, and during his visit to Australia would endeavor to obtain a promise of the services of sufficient Sisters to enable them to establish a convent school in their district at an early date. The contribution of a few musical items brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

The Rev. Father Finn, of Auckland, will carry on the work of the parish during Father Carran's absence.

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