

citizens of this country and your distinguished families.

Time would fail us to recount the many and varied activities undertaken by you for the social and national advancement of the people of this country, the encouragement and example shown by you to all classes and creeds, to forsake things which are petty and pursue those things which enrich and ennoble life; but we would especially mention the initiative and foresight by which the League of Mothers was founded by Her Excellency.

Religion, literature, music and art in this country have all been encountered by Your Excellencies, and European and Maori alike have been helped to treasure those things which uplift and inspire.

First to Welcome—Last to Farewell.

AS the people of the Wellington district were the first to welcome you as Governor-General, and since then have regarded Your Excellencies as residents of Wellington, and therefore particularly their own, it seems fitting that they should be the last to bid you farewell, and they do so with feelings stirred to a realisation of the loss they are about to sustain.

We wish Your Excellency and Lady Alice Fergusson a pleasant voyage to your Homeland, and a period of relaxation after your arduous and exacting labours in this country.

We trust you will convey to His Majesty an expression of our devoted loyalty to his Throne and person, and of our thankfulness and joy at his restoration to health, which we sincerely hope will be permanent.

Signed on behalf of:

City of Wellington: Geo. A. Troup, Mayor.

The Wellington Harbour Board: J. W. McEwan, chairman.

The Borough of Lower Hutt: Alex. R. Roberts, Mayor.

The Borough of Petone: D. McKenzie, Mayor.

The Borough of Eastbourne: H. M. Jones, Mayor.

The Borough of Upper Hutt: P. Robertson, Mayor.

The County of Hutt: D. R. Hoggard, chairman.

The Town District of Johnsonville: A. A. Moore, chairman.

The County of Makara: Ernest Windley, chairman.

The Governor-General's Speech.

THAT part of the broadcast which provoked most interest among listeners was the Governor-General's speech. This, technically, was excellent, and every word came over with perfect clarity. For any who inadvertently missed part of the broadcast we reproduce the major portion of that memorable speech.

His Excellency on rising to respond was received with a burst of applause that must have been heard some distance from the Town Hall. To all those concerned in that expression of farewell on the termination of his term of office, His Excellency expressed his sincerest appreciation. Their expressions were beyond words and touched him and Her Excellency very deeply, he said. The would treasure them as among the many happy memories, which they would have of Wellington, the home of their childhood and the place so intimately associated with the past five happy years of their residence in New Zealand.

"It has been a happiness and privilege," continued Sir Charles, "to have entered in those five years into your daily life, and to have had some part in promoting with you the interests of this city and of the Dominion, and so build up with you the Empire to which New Zealand has always been proud to show her loyalty and give of her best. The renewed assurances of that loyalty to the King's throne and person which is expressed in your address I shall be happy to convey to His Majesty. (Applause.) We thank you greatly for this testimony of your kindly feeling towards us, and in bidding you farewell we assure you that we shall always retain the happiest memories of her people who have honoured us with their friendship and their confidence."

"We do Value Your good Opinion."

HIS EXCELLENCY expressed thanks for the combined farewell which had been arranged, which had saved a great deal of time and several visits

which he would otherwise have had to make. The kindly and generous expressions which had been used—beyond anything they deserved or could have deserved—were so sincere that they would cherish them to the end of their days.

"If, as you say, we have gained your confidence and your affection, then you say something which we greatly prize, because we do value your good opinion and we make no secret of it." (Applause.)

The sympathy and indulgence for which they asked on their arrival five years ago the people of New Zealand had never failed to give. Not long after their arrival in Wellington the marriage took place of their daughter here, and they would never forget the kindness lavished upon her and upon themselves on that occasion. They had gone on from one happy year to another without one unkind criticism, and their stay had been one of unalloyed happiness. They loved Wellington because they grew up with her as children, and with their second stay they had come to love her more and more. (Applause.)

Wonderful Progress.

THEY had seen wonderful developments; places like Seatoun, Miramar and Karori had extended widely, and there was the growth of the hill stations like Ngaio, Khandallah and Johnsonville, and Petone and the Hutt Valley spreading wider and wider. They had seen new roads, new activities of the City Council in every direction, a new aerodrome, and endless other things. In the harbour they had seen new wharves and appliances and new reclamations, testifying to the wonderful organisation and activities of the Harbour Board. And they had seen in the last few days the celebration of the jubilee of that port.

"We are now much to our regret leaving. I look back to that day 56 years ago when I left Queen's Wharf as it was then in a sailing ship—a big ship in its day of something like 750 tons. (Laughter.) We were on board nearly four months. The day after to-morrow we sail on a motor-vessel of 17,000 tons on a voyage which will take little more than as many weeks as it took months before."

Reflections.

HIS EXCELLENCY, continuing, said he was thinking that night of the wonders and beauty of New Zealand

lakes, mountains and bush, of Wellington Harbour in the bright morning sun and at sunset on such an evening as that when the setting sun lighted up the hills and the shadows deepened in the valleys; of the seasons when the clematis bloomed, the kowhai, the lupin in the riverbed, and even the much-despised gorse when in its morning glory. He was thinking of the happy children when he asked for a holiday for them, of the people they had seen working on the land, contributing largely to the prosperity of the country; of those who worked in the factories; of the miners North and South—coal and gold—of those who worked not only with their brains but those who toiled with their hands; of the people in the earthquake area, as they saw them in July, bearing their troubles bravely and making the best of them. He was thinking of the Public Works and railway men who restored the roads for the community in danger of their lives from landslips; of the gum-diggers in the north, the quarry workers of the south; the people of the islands and the welcome they gave which still rang in their ears; of the Chatham Islands, with nothing between it and the South Pole, and the gathering of school children there when they waved the Union Jack and sang the National Anthem as if in Wellington, a wonderful conception of the Empire. He was thinking of the settlers in the backblocks, of the memorials he had unveiled to the sacrifices New Zealand had made in the war, of those who came back from the war maimed, blinded and broken, of his comrades of the Great War and the South African War, the R.S.A., and the happy times he had spent with them, and their Maori friends and their history, poetry and legends. He implored the Maori people to hold fast to their language, their poetry, their old customs and traditions, and while he could not speak their language he would remind them of one of their brevities: "Union is strength, dissension is death."

Seeing the Future.

HIS EXCELLENCY recalled many happy gatherings at Government House, adding that he now came to what in some respects was the pathetic part. He would like to speak of how he

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