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SOLDIERS' FAREWELLS

RANGITATA ISLAND.

A very pleasant gathering took place in the Rangitata Island schoolroom on Wednesday evening 21st inst., to make a presentation to Private Sam Wade, and bid him good-bye prior to his leaving with the 15th Reinforcements. Unfortunately, owing to the inclemency of the weather, Mr Wade was prevented from coming from his father's home at Waitohi, and when this became known it was too late to postpone the social, and it was decided it should be held. Mr Wade arrived next day and was able to bid good-bye to many of his friends.

The present to be given was a handsome wristlet watch with luminous dial, suitably inscribed, and Mr Buck handed this to Mr Tom Wade, who received it and spoke on behalf of his brother, apologising for his unavoidable absence, and thanked all the friends for their kindness and good wishes, which he would convey to his brother. Messrs F. Watts and G. Hearn also made a few remarks. The number of friends present and the happy nature of the gathering showed the esteem in which Private Wade was held, and their appreciation of his offering his services to fight for King and Country.