

A welcome home social was given to Private T. Vincent in the Springbrook school on Friday evening, the 10th inst. There was a very large attendance, Mr Lunham acted as chairman, and things went merrily and without a hitch. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock and continued till nearly 11 when the presentation of a handsome medal to Private Vincent took place.

Mr Browne was called on to make the presentation, and in doing so claimed that Private Vincent had honourably won it, and was entitled to wear it with pride, as he had played his part well, volunteering when he was yet only a boy. Mr Drinnan also made a few remarks, paying a tribute to Private Vincent's father for letting his boy go when still under age.

After the presentation, supper was served, after which dancing was resumed and carried on till after 2 o'clock in the morning. At intervals during the evening songs were given by Mr L. Walker, Mrs Arden and Misses Moyle, Arden and Broyne, who were all heartily encored.

A hearty vote of thanks was offered the Brassel Brothers, assisted by Messrs Walker, Brosnahan and Miss Davidson, for supplying the music; to Messrs P. Vincent and Brosnahan for acting as M.C.; and to the ladies who toiled so hard in the refreshment room.

On Wednesday night a farewell social was tendered to Mr and Mrs M. Sullivan and family, who are leaving this district to take up their abode in Timaru. During their twenty years' residence in the district Mr and Mrs Sullivan have made many friends who could not allow them to depart without some token of respect and friendship. Accordingly, to Mr and Mrs Sullivan were presented a very handsome marble clock and a beautiful dinner service. In making the presentation, Mr Lunham dwelt on the friendship and sociability of the Sullivan family who always showed a spirit of true neighbourliness. Other speakers added tributes of praise, and extended to the departing guests their best wishes for their future career. At 11 o'clock supper was served and the remainder of the evening was given to dancing and singing, which were entered into with high spirit. Songs were contributed by Mrs Arden, Misses H. and L. Sullivan, and Messrs Walker, Robinson, Sullivan, and Lunham; the music was supplied by Messrs Brassel, Evans, Brosnahan, Miss P. Sullivan, and Mrs Browne. A vote of thanks to the performers, and the singing of Auld Lane Syno, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.