

of the day, Sir George Grey being Governor, as to the constitution under a Provincial Government, of Canterbury. He did useful work.

When he heard that the first ships had sailed from London, he came back to Canterbury to meet them, having first negotiated a loan in Wellington for £5,000 on his own guarantee. Mr. Godley stayed two years after the ships, and left in December, 1852.

A farewell banquet was given him in Hagley Park by the residents, the banquet being prepared by Mr. Hart of the "White Hart Inn" as it was called. Mr. Godley made a noble speech. It must be remembered that they had not been a perfectly happy family. There had been a great deal of fighting and difference of opinion on many points with the early settlers, but Mr. Godley had been most tactful and kept everything well in hand.

His farewell speech is worth reading, and it seems to me that the last paragraphs are worth re-printing, if only to show that the same conditions exist to-day as they did then, and that his words still hold good :-

"Turmoil, agitation and strife are inseparable for the working of a popular constitution.

You must remember that we were never meant to enjoy quiet lives. Quiet lives are for beings of a higher or lower nature than man's.

It is the business of man to work, to struggle, to strive.

Life is a Battle - not a feast,