

Dupanloup and M. Royer-Collard, and how, in 1838, he died in full communion with the Church to which he had given so much grief.—EDITOR, N.Z.T.

THE PAPAL JUBILEE

IMPRESSIVE CELEBRATIONS IN ROME

Through the kindness of his Lordship the Bishop of Auckland, we have been favored with extended accounts of the impressive functions which marked the deferred jubilee celebrations of Pope Pius X. As stated in our Jubilee Number, the actual date of the Holy Father's Sacrodotial Golden Jubilee was September 18, he having been raised to the dignity of the priesthood fifty years previously on September 18, 1858. The oppressive heats that brood over the Eternal City in mid-September, however, made it inconvenient to hold the jubilee celebrations on their due date. The functions were, therefore, of a private and less formal character, and the due commemoration of that auspicious anniversary was deferred till November 16, when the summer heats had passed, when the vintage was done and the October holidays were over, when the official world had returned to Rome, when the colleges had resumed their studies, and the annual tide of visitors from afar had begun to set towards 'the city of the soul.'

The life and work and worth of Pope Pius X. have already been amply dealt with by us in our Jubilee Number, and the reader who perused its pages will be in a position to understand the causes which have contributed to surround with a special and intimate enthusiasm the solemnities of November 16. The Catholic world was represented at the jubilee festivals by its hierarchy. Among the Cardinal-archbishops and bishops present were those of Venice, Baltimore, Bordeaux, Breslaw, Lyons, Catania, Turin, Prague, Ferrara, Cologne, Rio Janeiro, Lucca, Pisa, Palermo, Rheims, Verona and Marseilles, and the whole body of the Cardinals of the Curia. There were also present, besides the Patriarch of Venice (already mentioned), the Patriarch of Alexandria, the three Patriarchs of Antioch (Latin, Maronite, and Greek-Melchite), and of Constantinople. Several hundred archbishops and bishops took part in the ceremonies, from all parts of the earth. Among them were the Archbishops of Hobart and Melbourne, and the Bishops of Auckland, Ballarat, and Dunedin. Numerous pilgrims likewise were present at the solemn functions—from Colombia and Argentina, and from Poland and other parts of Europe.

The Bishop of Auckland favors us with a list of the special embassies sent by the Sovereigns and other Heads of States to tender their felicitations to the Holy Father on his Golden Jubilee. Thus, embassies were sent by the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of Germany, the King of Spain, the King of Portugal, the Queen of Holland, the Prince Regent of Bavaria, the King of Saxony, and the King of Belgium. Felicitations were also tendered, by special letters, to the Holy Father by the representatives, to the Holy See, of the Republics of Chile, Argentina, Peru, and Colombia, and of the Prince of Monaco. Special missions were sent by the Presidents of the Republic of Brazil and Costa Rica. The President of the Republic of San Salvador sent a special letter of felicitation by Canon Dñeños, of the Cathedral of San Salvador; and the Emperor of Russia sent an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, who, accompanied by the personnel of the Imperial Legation, presented to the Holy Father an autograph letter of congratulation from Tsar Nicholas. The absence of any special embassy from France was, of course, anticipated; the absence of one from England was, we learn from the Bishop of Auckland, a matter of much comment in the Eternal City. And this all the more, since (as *Rome* says) 'the late Queen Victoria sent an autograph letter and precious gifts by a special embassy to Leo XIII. on the occasion of his Jubilee; King Edward VII. himself sent a special envoy to the late Pope on a similar occasion; the King also visited Pope Leo XIII. in spite of the clamors of the Protestant Alliance.' 'A great many millions of the King's subjects,' adds *Rome*, 'who are surely entitled to the royal consideration and courtesy, are Catholics; a brilliant opportunity was offered for retrieving the grotesque blunder made by the English Government in preventing the procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of London.'

The central ceremony of the celebrations was, of course, the Papal Mass. It was preceded by a majestic procession, and was celebrated by the Jubilarian over the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles in the great Basilica of St. Peter's. Vast crowds thronged the enormous Basilica;

hundreds of Prelates were there in their ecclesiastical robes and, with the Cardinals and the secular and regular clergy and the picturesque costumes of the Swiss and other Papal Guards, the rich adornments of the diplomatic corps; and the magnificent hangings and other adornments of the noble fane, made a picture that will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to behold it. 'It was an entrancing sight,' writes the Bishop of Auckland; 'it was above all ordinary comment and beyond my utmost powers of description.'

Numerous and precious gifts were forwarded to the Holy Father, on the occasion of these celebrations, from all parts of the world. Sovereigns and other Heads of States, Princes, Ecclesiastical dignitaries, Catholic associations, religious Orders, and private individuals vied with each other in testifying, by innumerable presents, their respect and affection for the Holy Father. Particularly rich and brilliant and costly were the gifts bestowed by the King and Queen of Spain and by the Dowager Queen Maria Cristina. A wonderful exhibition of these gifts—practically a great Exposition of Ecclesiastical Art—was held in the Gallery of Maps in the Vatican, and attracted and fascinated the attention of all beholders.

We may conclude this summary description of a great and memorable celebration by a quotation from the brilliant journal which, under the title of *Rome*, is conducted by the Right Rev. Monsignor Kelly in the Eternal City: 'On Wednesday, his Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, Secretary of State to his Holiness, found time, while receiving the Extraordinary Embassies of Saxony, Hungary, and Chile, to receive in private audience the Right Rev. Dr. Lenihan, Bishop of Auckland, graciously listening to his story of the Church in New Zealand, and expressing his pleasure at the development of God's work in that far distant country. On behalf of the Editor of the *New Zealand Tablet*, the Rev. H. W. Cleary, a fearless exponent and uncompromising champion of the Church's rights, his Lordship has sent a copy of the Jubilee Number of the *Tablet*, published in Dunedin, to his Eminence for his approval and blessing.'

We may add that one of the gifts to the Holy Father on November 16 (presented by the Bishop of Dunedin) was a copy of the Jubilee Number of the *N.Z. Tablet*, printed on special paper and magnificently bound in gilded morocco and silk.

Diocesan News

ARCHDIOCESE OF WELLINGTON

(From our own correspondent.)

December 24.

The entertainment given by Miss Ian and Master Jean Gilruth, in conjunction with their little friends, on Saturday afternoon, December 19, at the home of Mrs. Gilruth at the Hutt, in aid of the Home of Compassion, was a great success. Little saleswomen sold button-holes and bouquets of flowers, dolls' caps, and garments, also programmes for the concert. There was searching for buried treasures which created much enthusiasm, and then a bright concert, at which songs, recitations, and dances were given by many little performers, and then came supper. All helped to bring in a serviceable little sum for the children at Mother Mary Aubert's Home. This is the second year that these kind children have given their charity to the helpless.

The Catholic bazaar which was in progress all last week at Masterton was a complete success, the gross takings amounting to close on £400. The object of the bazaar was to extinguish a debt of £300 on St. Patrick's parish, and, besides realising this, it is expected that there will be a fair sum available for necessary improvements at the church. The dancing programme, which was gone through nightly, was arranged by Miss Sullivan, of Wellington, and in recognition of her services and as a souvenir of the bazaar she was presented with a complete silver dressing and manœuvre set, appropriately inscribed. The presentation was made by Very Rev. Dean McKenna, on behalf of the bazaar committee.

The Catholics of Karori have for many years labored under a great disability in not having a place of worship in their town, the nearest church being situated at Thorndon. Temporary relief has now been given them, and at a not far distant date the disability above-mentioned will be completely removed. A project is on foot to erect a church upon a site given by the Hon. C. J. Johnston, the cost of the building to approximate to four figures. In