

proud privilege we cherish so dearly of joining wholeheartedly in the manifestations of reverence and love to you, our dearly beloved Bishop. In spirit we have travelled with you through those lands whose sacred traditions, handed down to us by Holy Church, are ever dear to our hearts and ever present in our minds. Your Lordship, representing us, avowed renewed fealty to our illustrious Pontiff, Pope Pius X., and we in return take this opportunity of proclaiming to you our faithfulness and obedience. With ardent pleasure we noted that in holy Ireland you fearlessly and strenuously espoused that righteous movement which tended to her uplifting; and we rejoiced exceedingly at the signal and deserved honors extended to you by the ecclesiastical and lay representatives of Ireland. In the great work of our diocese, upon which the present and the future depends, we recognise that you have accomplished much, and the knowledge gained by your Lordship's close observance of methods adopted in favored Catholic countries will fully recompense our diocese for your temporary absence. In conclusion we again reiterate our joy upon your Lordship's return, and we fervently pray that Almighty God may grant you many years of health and strength to labor as our guide in this portion of God's vineyard in which your Lordship so earnestly and successfully devoted your life. We remain your Lordship's most dutiful children, Hubert Nerheny (President), Wilfred Wright (Vice-president), Wm. Kane (Secretary), D. Flynn (Treasurer), C. Mulholland (Past President).



THE RIGHT REV. DR. LENIHAN,
Bishop of Auckland.

HIS LORDSHIP'S REPLY.

His Lordship in replying to the various addresses said:—

From my heart I tender you grateful thanks for your kind words of welcome, and for the hearty greeting that I have received from all classes on my return to the diocese. In thinking over the work of the past year, there are many things of interest to dwell upon. The visit of his Eminence Cardinal Moran of Sydney, of his Grace the Archbishop of Wellington, of their Lordships the Bishops of Dunedin, Goulburn, Armidale, and the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Haran to assist at the solemn dedication of our Cathedral in February last, is an honor that we should hold in special reverence and gratitude, and the noble work of the committee of laity in arranging for their comfort and hospitality assures me of the earnest desire of my people to do homage to those in authority in the Church. Added to this his Holiness sent his special Apostolic Blessing to all those present at the ceremony, and for all those who had contributed towards the erection of the Cathedral. As a special mark of favor, we received through Cardinal Merry del Val, the Pope's Secretary of State, the beautiful reliquary which now adorns our Cathedral. In my letter of thanks to his Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, I wrote: 'In the presence of several prelates, many of the clergy, and a vast gathering of our people, and with great rejoicing, our Cathedral was solemnly dedicated by his Eminence Cardinal Moran, Archbishop of Sydney. Your gracious letter conveying the Apostolic Blessing was read to the congregation, and the blessing was imparted by his Eminence. The magnificent reliquary, so kindly presented by His Holiness, was

greatly admired by all, and I beg your Eminence to convey to his Holiness our deep and appreciated thanks, and to tell him of the undying gratitude and renewed affection of my priests and people for our Holy Father, for his great condescension. I am leaving for Europe to secure more students for the diocese, to attend the Eucharistic Congress in London, and to make my visit *ad limina* about the time of the Golden Jubilee of his Holiness, so that I may take part in the brilliant functions of that interesting time.' I left Auckland with his Eminence Cardinal Moran and suite on their return to Sydney, and during my stay in that city nothing could equal the kindness shown me by his Eminence. Busy as he was in the affairs of his large archdiocese, and warranted by his length of years in resting after his trying journey to Auckland, he yet found time to show me many of the large institutions under his care, daily going his rounds to encourage the various communities in their good work, and impressing on all of us never to tire in doing great things for our Holy Church. You and I especially owe him a debt of gratitude that we can never sufficiently repay, and the obligations we are under will assuredly compel us to pray that God may preserve his Eminence to us for years to come, to be our leader and defender in all that appertains to God's honor and glory. Accompanied by Father Patterson, who proved such an ideal companion, and who made things so pleasant and agreeable on our long holiday, we sailed for Europe via Vancouver. The readers of our Catholic monthly and of the Dunedin Tablet have read of the kind reception we received in that country. We were warmly welcomed at Vancouver, St. Paul's, Dubuque, Chicago, Baltimore, New York, Chatham, and Montreal. We arrived at Dubuque in Holy Week, and as the Archbishop was in bad health I very gladly relieved him of the trying ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We spent Easter Week in Chicago, and thanks to the exceeding kindness of Father Kelly and his friends, we had a most enjoyable time. Here I heard read out the list of Easter dues in St. Ann's Church—close upon 4400 dollars, about £880 of our money. I was almost envious enough to think that if the priest there and I were to exchange our Easter dues for a few years, I could do so much more for the good of the diocese. But perhaps if I adopt his system—a most excellent one—we may effect a great improvement, and I will disclose his method at another time. At Baltimore I was present at the consecration of Bishop O'Connell, when thirty bishops assisted at the ceremony. Through delay at Baltimore we missed the magnificent celebration of the men's procession through the streets of New York, when from forty to sixty thousand men took part in the same. Just think of it! Try and realise that this should happen in a city full of hustle and business worry, where, the world will tell you, the people have no time for high aspirations or thought of God, for life is too strenuous and the survival of the fittest, or the success of the craftiest, is the order of the day. And yet when called upon, this huge army appears on parade in the public street, to show the world what they are, to make public profession of their Catholicism, and if as we may presume some of them may prove weak in their morals, for temptation is strong and the flesh is weak, yet they were there to march as a proof to the world that they believed in their Church and were ready to do honor to the faith in which they were baptised. On arrival at New York we were most kindly entertained by the Dominican Fathers of Lexington Avenue. Here I learnt in some measure of the procession, for the Dominican Fathers throughout New York have established the Holy Name Society—numbering nearly twenty thousand men. These meet in their respective parish churches on a Sunday afternoon once a month for prayer and instruction. Fancy what this means. These men of every grade and station—lawyers, doctors, merchants, clerks, mechanics, laborers, policemen, firemen—without distinction, living in a country where the winter is appalling, rushing in business matters all the week in a way unknown to us, were justified surely on almost the first bright Sunday after a long winter in enjoying a drive or a walk, or a rest, and yet I met nearly four hundred of these at the Dominican Church, Lexington Avenue, on such a bright Sunday afternoon, and for more than an hour and a half they gave themselves up to the duties of their Society. No wonder that being so practical in prayer and penance, they gladly responded to the call of the Archbishop of New York and helped to swell the imposing array of Catholics. So impressed was I with this Society that when in Rome I sought out the Master-General of the Dominican Order and received from him the power to erect this Society of the Holy Name of Jesus, with its simple and practical conditions, and shortly I will arrange with Father Gilbert to carry out this mission throughout the diocese. God's Name to be honored, profane language to be avoided, these are primary conditions that will appeal to the heart of every priest. Arriving in Ireland early in June, I held ordinations at All Hallows on three days, ordaining twenty-one to tonsure and minor orders, twenty-eight to subdiaconate and diaconate, and twenty-two to the priesthood. At the Passionists', Mount Argus, Dublin, I pontificated on the occasion of the magnificent ceremonies held there in honor of their young saint, who, in