

of the club that imposed the suspension, the secretary should advise the club the suspended member was applying for admission to. That the names and addresses of the secretaries, also meeting nights of the clubs, be inserted in the *Catholic Magazine*. That junior clubs for boys be established wherever possible. That the executive (federal) appoint a commission to inquire into the position of any weak club and do all in its power to resuscitate the same. That all members of affiliated clubs be admitted to the annual conferences.

Mr. E. Casey moved that the locale of the next conference be Greymouth. Mr. P. J. McGovern proposed that it be held at Christchurch. Upon a vote being taken, Greymouth was chosen by 14 votes to 10. The president read papers relating to the St. Vincent de Paul Society from the secretary (Mr. L. T. Reichel) of the Particular Council, Wellington District, and relating to the Catholic Seamen's Conference from the president (Mr. James McCusker) of the conference. A special resolution was passed that the thanks of the conference be given to the retiring secretary (Mr. P. J. McGovern). A vote of thanks to the other outgoing officers and to Mr. James McCusker, who acted as reporter during the conference, and to the representative of the *N.Z. Tablet* and the president brought the conference to a close.

A good attendance of the delegates and the members of the local club attended St. Mary of the Angels' Church on Easter Sunday, at the 8 o'clock Mass, and approached the Holy Table. The Rev. Father Venning, S.M., spiritual director, addressed them, taking as his subject 'Christian Manhood.' After Mass the members partook of breakfast at the Okareta Private Hotel. The delegates, at the conclusion of the breakfast, resumed business.

On Sunday afternoon the delegates and members of the local club proceeded by special tram car to Seatoun, and spent a pleasant time at the residence of the Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, S.M., who had kindly placed the house and grounds at their disposal. On Easter Monday afternoon the visitors were entertained by the St. Anne's (Wellington South) Catholic Club. The delegates were the guests of the committee of the Wellington South Catholic bazaar on Saturday and Easter Monday evenings.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON

His Grace Archbishop Redwood was entertained at dinner by the clergy of the archdiocese of Wellington on Thursday evening, the function being to celebrate his seventieth birthday. Very Rev. Father O'Shea, S.M., V.G., presided, and among other members of the clergy present were Very Rev. Dean Regnault (Provincial), Very Rev. Father Clune, C.S.S.R., Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, Very Rev. Dean Grogan (Wanganui), Very Rev. Dean Smyth (Hastings), Very Rev. Father Keogh (St. Patrick's College), Rev. Father Holley (Blenheim), and Rev. Father Hickson.

The only toast given (says the *Dominion*) was that of 'the health of the Archbishop,' which was proposed by Dean Regnault, and supported by the Very Rev. Father Clune, and Rev. Father Maples, of Petone. Reference was made by them to the growth of the diocese since the Archbishop came here as Bishop in 1874. At that time, it was pointed out, the diocese included the present diocese of Christchurch. There were then, in all, only 20,000 Catholics in the combined diocese; now there were over 50,000 in the archdiocese of Wellington alone. Thirty-five years ago there were only 27 priests in the then combined diocese, against 78 now in the archdiocese. Then, again, when the Archbishop took office as Bishop, there was no college or places in which ecclesiastical students could be trained; now there was a fine college at Wellington, another in Auckland, and also two colleges for the training of priests at Meanee and Mosgiel. At that time there were in the diocese very few nuns; now in the archdiocese alone there were no fewer than 345 nuns.

In reply, his Grace said he came to New Zealand when he was only three years of age. When he was 15 years old he went to Europe to complete his education. Twenty years later he had returned as Bishop of the diocese. He was still strong and vigorous, and hoped to be able to do much more. One of the first things which he did when he came to Wellington as Bishop was to hold a synod, in order to secure uniformity of Church discipline. What he considered to be his great work was the foundation of St. Patrick's College. The next great work to which he would direct his attention was the erection of a cathedral that would be worthy of the capital of New Zealand and worthy of the Catholic body. He hoped that with the co-operation of the clergy and laity the work would be commenced as soon as practicable.

On last Thursday (April 8) his Grace Archbishop Redwood, the Metropolitan of the Catholic Church in New Zealand, completed his seventieth year (writes 'A Cleric' in the *Dominion*). To look at him, above all to see him walk the streets of the city, one would not take him to be that age, for he wears his years exceedingly well. Physically he is a very strong man, and in his day he was no mean exponent of muscular Christianity. He used to be a splendid shot as a young man, for he had a keen eye and steady hand. Even now nothing he more enjoys than looking on at a well contested game of football, or a first-class cricket match. But it is, of course, to his mental gifts that he owes his high position in the Church, which possesses so many able men. He was a brilliant student, and having received most of his college education in France, he showed such wonderful ability as to beat the French fellow-students of his college at their own native tongue. So successful was he that he was for some time the president of their literary and debating society. Not only did he prove himself a fine classical scholar, but he soon became recognised as a deep and



HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON.

sound theologian, and it was from the chair of theology in Dublin that he was called, in 1874, to the See of Wellington. It is said that when a man becomes a bishop he must say good-bye to his books, and this is true to a certain extent, especially in a missionary country such as New Zealand has been. The cares of the administration of a large and growing diocese leave a man little time to devote to bringing out talents of another kind. But his Grace has, amid all his cares and the worries inseparable from his position, found time for some of these things. He soon proved in his new office that he could be a magnificent pulpit orator, for he possessed all the qualities necessary thereto. Endowed with a fine presence, a splendid voice, a logical mind, and wide command of language, he soon won his way into the very front rank of preachers. He has been chosen in connection with most of the great functions of his Church in Australasia during the last quarter of a century to be the special preacher.

During the thirty-five years that he has ruled as bishop and archbishop he has been a very busy man. He has seen his diocese grow from comparatively small proportions to be the third in importance in Australasia, ranking only after Sydney and Melbourne. He has been a wise and successful administrator, gentle in his methods, but at the same time firm and just. He allows those under him

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