

their Archbishops and Bishops. To the zeal and sacrifice of the Bishops and priests, and to the generosity and cordial co-operation of the laity is due the fact that we can to-day admire the numberless institutions of education and charity which make this one of the best-provided provinces in the new countries. But that which has most of all contributed to produce this splendour did result in so short a time has been, as you yourselves have declared, the close union that has existed between the Bishops and clergy and between the pastors and people. That sacred union of hearts, based on the charity of Christ, and strengthened by the abiding spirit of discipline, has ever been, and ever will be, the principal strength of the Catholic Church. Let me exhort you then to be always united to your Bishops and united among yourselves, in the bonds of charity.

In your address you state that you 'enjoy the privileges of living under a flag which promises full religious liberty, and that you are loyal to your country'; for these reasons I am convinced that the time must come when the justice of your claims in the matter of education will be recognised. I cannot conclude my remarks without expressing publicly my deep indebtedness to your venerated Archbishop, Dr. Carr, for his kindness to me as the representative of the Holy See, since my arrival in Australia. No words at my disposal can adequately convey my feelings of gratitude towards him. It is my earnest wish that he may continue to enjoy for many years to come the affection and confidence of his own people, and the esteem and good will of all classes of the community.

The proceedings were brought to a close by Archbishop Cerretti imparting the Apostolic Blessing.

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral by his Grace Archbishop Mannix in the presence of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, and their Lordships the Bishops of Sandhurst, Ballarat, and Sale. In the evening an address was presented to his Excellency by the Newman Society, to which he replied. In the afternoon he attended the quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In the course of the afternoon a visit was also paid to St. Vincent's Hospital, where an address, on behalf of the Sisters of Charity and the medical staff, was read by Dr. E. Ryan.

THE CIVIC RECEPTION.

At noon on Monday his Excellency was accorded a civic reception at the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor (Sir David Hennessy). Among those present were the Prime Minister, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Grey (representing the Premier), his Grace the Archbishop, his Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop, and their Lordships the Bishops of Sand-

hurst, Ballarat, Sale, and Auckland. There was present a large and representative gathering of clerical and lay gentlemen of all shades of religious and political opinion.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honored, the Lord Mayor proposed the health of his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, and on behalf of the city of Melbourne tendered him a hearty welcome. He said he felt that the Commonwealth had been honored by being recognised as sufficiently important to warrant an Apostolic Delegate being sent here. Archbishop Cerretti would find the Catholics in Australia as loyal to their Church as those of any other place in the world. He would find the people here one and undivided in upholding that British liberty and freedom of all classes which allowed all subjects of the Empire to worship God in their own way. He hoped Archbishop Cerretti's sojourn in Australia would be one of happiness and peacefulness.

The Prime Minister expressed appreciation of the honor done to Australia by the presence of an Apostolic Delegate. He hoped that all parts of Australia would have the opportunity of welcoming his Excellency, and he could assure him that when he visited the other States he would find his reception everywhere hearty and cordial. The Commonwealth would give him all the assistance that lay in his power to carry out his duties, and, speaking personally, he would give him all the assistance he could in the development of the moral character of the country. He wished Archbishop Cerretti health and happiness during his term amongst them.

Speeches were also delivered by Mr. Hazelthorn and Senator Pearce.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

Archbishop Cerretti, in response, said that he regarded the high honor which the Lord Mayor and other leading representatives of the great city of Melbourne had been good enough to accord him, as a great compliment. The honor was enhanced by the fact that he was surrounded by the chosen representatives of the city as well as by the most distinguished men of the Commonwealth and State. He accepted the greeting as a mark of respect for the high office he held, and he was deeply grateful for the feelings which inspired it. It was, indeed, gratifying to see such friendly relations between all sections of the community. Such a community could, he felt sure, look forward confidently and with great hope to the future. He had had some opportunity of seeing the city of Melbourne, and he had been greatly impressed with its beauty and extent. In many respects it reminded him of New York. He readily recognised that its greatness was due in no small measure to the progressive spirit of the men associated

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