

islands are studded with churches and schools, charitable institutions, colleges, and seminaries. They can boast of many native born clergy, the flower of which we honor to-day in the person of our Coadjutor-Archbishop. To your Grace of Wellington, I need say little more than to tender you our heartiest congratulations on the event of this day. To judge by your appearance and activity, you might have been consecrated yesterday, yet history tells us that you came here forty years ago as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wellington; the rejoicings of last year proclaimed the fact that you had been twenty-five years Archbishop. Your Pastoral Letters and sermons are witness to your eloquence; the many institutions which adorn your archdiocese are a tribute to your zeal and to your administration; whilst the esteem and affection in which you are held by both priests and people are indicative of your noble qualities of heart and mind. May you long reign over us.

I salute in your person, my Lord Bishop of Dunedin, a worthy successor to the late revered Bishop Moran. The progressive state of religion in your diocese, with its countless churches and schools, its institutions of learning and of charity, is a testimony to your zeal, tireless energy, and prudent administration. We have all admired the provision you have made for the education of children in your primary schools, but the work which will appeal in a special manner to future generations is the national seminary for the education of secular priests, which you have been instrumental in founding. At first, the undertaking was viewed with mingled feelings, because of the difficulties to be overcome, and the limited resources available. But with unflinching faith, and with the confidence of one whose life had been spent in preparing youths for the priesthood, you set to work. One by one, the difficulties, seemingly insuperable, vanished, magnificent buildings arose, students flocked to these halls, since their number has increased from six to forty-five, success was assured. It is but eighteen years since you put your hand to the plough, and already some of the students educated within the walls of Mosgiel Seminary are doing yeoman service in the sublime ministry of Christ's priesthood, side by side with their fellow New Zealanders, educated in the Marist House of Studies at Meeanee, with the zeal of the missionaries of their race, who, in every age, have left the shores of Ireland to carry the blessings of faith and of civilisation to every corner of the earth. For this, your name will ever be remembered with admiration and gratitude by the Catholic people of New Zealand. May you be long spared to guide the destinies of your diocese and of the Holy Cross Seminary.

It was stated some little time ago that if St. Paul lived in the twentieth century he would be a motorist; he would be the editor of a newspaper and a lecturer. We cannot have St. Paul with us, but we are privileged and we rejoice to have you, my Lord Bishop of Auckland. With the help of your motor car you are everywhere, you are all to all; by your pen and your voice you reach the ears of men from one end of the island to the other. As editor of the *N.Z. Tablet* you expounded and defended Catholic truth and Catholic interests with conspicuous zeal and ability. If an attack was made on our faith or on Ireland in the secular press, in any part of the Dominion, you were there ready to strike a blow in defence of truth and of justice. St. Paul, as a Roman citizen, carried the sword. Your pen is your sword; the blows it deals are so well directed that the enemies of Church or country rarely expose themselves a second time to your steel. Your appointment to the See of Auckland has placed you higher on the watchtowers of Israel; it has given you a larger battlefield, and we, on the plain below, feel safe with you as our sentinel. May you long be allowed to remain at your post.

His Lordship of Christchurch would be with us to-day did he happen to be within a thousand miles of New Zealand, so high the esteem, so deep the affection, which he entertains for our Coadjutor-Archbishop that it is a great sacrifice for him to be unable to take part in to-day's ceremonies. We have before us his work, which is as gratifying as it is inspiring and encouraging. We hail him in the person of his representative, the

Very Rev. Dean Hills. To your Grace, my Lord Coadjutor-Archbishop, I wish, in the name of the Superior-General of the Society of Mary, and in my own, many long years of happiness, of fruitful labors in the high position which by the grace of God and the will of the Holy See you have been called upon to occupy.

His Grace Archbishop Redwood, in responding to the toast of 'The Hierarchy,' thanked Dean Regnault for all the kind things he had said about him. The appointment of the Coadjutor-Archbishop would take off a certain amount of the responsibility which had previously been on his own shoulders, and he hoped that when he was dead and gone Archbishop O'Shea would bear the great responsibility better than his predecessor had done, and that he would live to a good old age.

His Lordship Bishop Verdon thanked Dean Regnault for all the kind things he had said about him and about the Diocese of Dunedin. It had been his privilege, and important privilege, to be in charge of the Dunedin diocese, and during the long years he had held that position, he had received every help and encouragement from Archbishop Redwood. He had always found him to be a good friend of his, ever since he (Bishop Verdon) came to New Zealand. He thanked his Grace very sincerely and whole-heartedly for the many kindnesses he had shown. Archbishop Redwood, he went on to say, was now advancing in years—he was now nearing the end of the seventies,—and he hoped now that the Coadjutor-Archbishop had been appointed, he would receive renewed strength and vigor and live for many a year yet. He it was who had borne the heat and burden of the day, and he now required assistance in his old age in administering the affairs of New Zealand. He congratulated the Coadjutor-Archbishop very sincerely. He congratulated Archbishop Redwood on having secured for his Coadjutor such a capable personage as Archbishop O'Shea. He hoped that the new Coadjutor-Archbishop would live for very many years indeed, and that he would do great work in the place where God had placed him.

His Lordship Bishop Cleary thanked Dean Regnault for all the kind words spoken, and for the way in which the toast has been proposed. He pointed out the loneliness of a Bishop's life from the time he enters the seminary as a boy, when he has to give up father and mother and all relations until he becomes a priest of long service. Self-denial is the most striking thing in every direction. Now to-day (continued his Lordship), we have taken one of our priests from the ranks, and we have separated him a second time, and we have placed him in a still lonelier life than ever. His Lordship referred to the vast possibilities that now rested on the shoulders of Archbishop O'Shea, but he would have the assistance of his Grace Archbishop Redwood, and he trusted that his great work would be well and truly carried out. In congratulating Archbishop O'Shea he prayed that he would be endowed with special grace to bear all the troubles and trials that might come in the course of his great work.

Very Rev. Dean Hills, in the course of his reply, said: 'I have to thank Dean Regnault for the kind things he has said about the Christchurch diocese, and have to apologise for the absence of his Lordship Bishop Grimes, who is at present in the Old Country endeavouring to secure sufficient Catholic nurses and Sisters for the great Catholic institutions in Christchurch, particularly for the Catholic hospital.' Dean Hills then referred to the excellent work that had been done by these institutions in Christchurch, especially by the good Sisters at Mount Magdala. He added his congratulations to those of the previous speakers on behalf of the Christchurch diocese on the great distinction that had been conferred upon Archbishop O'Shea.

Very Rev. Dean Power, of Hawera, proposed the toast of the 'Distinguished visitors.' Referring to the central figure of the day's celebrations, he said that he wished the new Archbishop his own wish: that for many years to come he might retain the title of Archbishop of Gortyna. There is an Archbishop of Wellington, who has ruled this diocese in mildness and in grace for close upon forty years; and if fairy tales were true, and the genius of Tir-na-Nogue were wafted to these islands, there is not a priest here, who would

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