

Fisher, of Rochester, and Oliver Plunket, of Armagh, but he was convinced that the more refined age would use its refinement to invent means of torturing mind, body, and heart. They would need skilful heads to guide them out of the dark night of persecution. The poor sailor, lashed by the fury of the waves and trembling to hear the groaning of his little craft, would find poor comfort in a dancing meteor or in a night-fire on a naked hill, but would look with hope and assurance to the Polar Star. His Grace would be their star of hope in the storm, and well would it be for them, if they reposed in him their trust and confidence in their hour of need.

The Dean then read and handed to his Grace a handsome illuminated address from the clergy of the archdiocese of Wellington, which was as follows:—

'May it please your Grace.—On behalf of the clergy, secular and regular, of the archdiocese of Wellington, we beg to congratulate your Grace on the signal mark of favor bestowed on you by the Holy See in selecting you as Coadjutor with right of succession to our beloved Archbishop, who for so many years has presided over the spiritual destinies of this the Metropolitan See of New Zealand. His Grace's solicitude for the ever-increasing needs of this fast-growing diocese urged him to apply to the Holy Father for a Coadjutor with right of succession, and we rejoice that your Grace has been chosen for the honor. And while congratulating your Grace on your elevation to the episcopate we desire at the same time to felicitate the Archbishop on the success of his efforts which have resulted so happily in obtaining as his Coadjutor one in whom he reposes so much confidence, and who has been associated with him for the past six years in the rule of the archdiocese. To those who have had the privilege of knowing your Grace as have many of us for the nineteen years of your work in the ministry, and more particularly during the years you have occupied with such conspicuous ability and success the responsible office of Vicar-General, your Grace's appointment comes as no surprise. The confidence reposed in you by the Archbishop, and your masterly administration of the archdiocese during his Grace's absence from New Zealand, your wisdom, prudence, sound judgment, and business capacity, combined with eminent priestly and religious virtues mark you out as worthy of the confidence of his Grace and of the choice of the Holy See. We take this occasion, while offering you our most heartfelt congratulations, to assure your Grace of our devoted loyalty and support; and we pray that the strong bonds of respect, affection, and obedience, which have ever characterised the relations of the clergy with their bishop in this young land, may never be weakened or severed.

'In conclusion, we pray Almighty God to bestow on you His choicest blessings, to guard and direct you in your responsible office, and to grant you many full years of labor and success in guiding the spiritual destinies of the archdiocese of Wellington.

'JAMES McKENNA.

'PATRICK J. POWER.

'EDWARD DUFFY.

'THOMAS ROCHE, C.S.S.R.

'THOMAS DEVOY, S.M., Archdeacon.

'DAVID KENNEDY, S.M.

'P. REGNAULT, S.M., Provincial.'

ADDRESS FROM THE LAITY.

Mr. J. J. L. Burke, on behalf of the laity, then addressed the gathering as follows:—As a New Zealander, a fellow-student with his Grace Archbishop O'Shea, and one who in recent years has been intimately associated with him, I have been asked to say a few words on this most auspicious occasion. Looking back over the years, I find it is just a quarter of a century ago when I, a youngster, came to Wellington to study at St. Patrick's College. One of my earliest recollections of that fine old institution which most impressed me was the fact that we possessed a champion football team; and very soon the skipper of that team became for me, as well as for others of my own

age, and even those of more mature age, a popular hero. Little we thought in those days what a great honor was in store for our champion who, behind the scrum, captained his side, and time after time led on his men to victory. Not only did his Grace excel on the football field, but, what was of far more importance, he set us an example as a diligent and successful student, and never neglected his studies for pleasure or pastime. It is unnecessary for me to speak of his success in that institution. A glance at his career, since leaving those sacred walls as an ordained priest of God, shows unmistakably the diligence and obedience displayed by him whilst following his theological studies. And now to-night, this vast assemblage has come to do honor to the crowning success in his career. This is a historical moment for the Church in New Zealand, and we New Zealanders feel justly proud to think that one of us—educated in our own schools—has been selected for the highest rank in the Church. Last of all, is it not to some extent a recompense to those devoted bands of men and women—more especially the Marist Fathers—who for the love of God and no pecuniary reward, year in and year out, labor in our schools to impart to our Catholic youth a good, sound, secular education. I wish to assure your Grace that this address is not so many idle words, but contains the true and heartfelt feelings of your people to their beloved pastor. In conclusion, from one New Zealander to another, from an old boy of St. Patrick's College to a fellow-student, and from a Catholic layman to his beloved Archbishop, I wish to convey to your Grace our assurance of loyalty and devotion, and wish you long life, health and strength, and all God's choicest blessings to enable you to carry out the arduous duties of your exalted office.

Mr. Burke then presented his Grace with the following address, which was splendidly illuminated, being the work of the Rev. Father Schaefer, of St. Patrick's College:—

'May it please your Grace,—On the occasion of your appointment to the exalted office of Coadjutor-Archbishop of Wellington, we, the clergy and laity of Wellington, desire respectfully to offer you our warmest congratulations. We desire further to assure you that your appointment has been for us a cause of deep and unfeigned joy. Those before whom your life has been lived, those who have been the objects of your pastoral care, of your daily and hourly solicitude, know most intimately the esteem and love you have inspired. As a wise and sympathetic guide in matters both spiritual and temporal you have won the fullest confidence of your people. In the city and in the archdiocese your labors as Vicar-General, and on occasions as Administrator, have been marked by prudence, tact, and devotion to duty, and have won from the Holy Father approbation, from your Archbishop commendation, and from every Catholic loyal and unfaltering support. We recognise the foresight that has ever moved you to build and foster our schools. You have realised that the educated Catholic child of to-day is the living hope and assurance of the Church of to-morrow. The knitting together into a Federation of the Catholic people of the Dominion has met with your instant approval and your most zealous care. You have read the signs of the times, and have seen with clear vision that in unity is strength, and that as sands before the wind is severed human might. May we, your Grace, say that we see in your appointment not only a tribute paid by the Holy See to your own personal worth, but also an honor done to the Society of Mary, of which you are a member, and to the native-born and native-trained clergy of New Zealand. We hope that God will give you many years of health to enable you to assist our beloved Archbishop in his labors for the advancement of religion in this archdiocese.

'Signed on behalf of the Catholics of Wellington.—M. Kennedy (chairman), J. J. L. Burke and R. H. Williams (secretaries), B. Doherty, M. O'Connor, P. Mackin, Jas. O'Sullivan, H. A. Parsonage, D. Burke, W. Healy, P. D. Hoskins, J. Gamble, M. F. Burke, R. J. Collins, W. C. Gasquoine, M. Maher, Mesdames B. Sullivan, M. Segrief, E. Gibbs.'

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