

Sydney Welcomes Archbishop Mannix

The extraordinary demonstration of welcome tendered to his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne by the citizens of Sydney yesterday morning (says the *Sydney Freeman* of August 11), when he arrived by the Brisbane mail, was a revelation to the whole community, and astonished even that cultured prelate by the warmth of its enthusiasm. In fact, his Grace was impelled in St. Mary's Cathedral, when replying to the address of welcome, to say: "I fear my own people in Melbourne, no matter how much they wish, could scarcely be able to come up to the welcome Sydney has given me." And certainly the rejoicings of the people and the scenes at the Railway Station on the arrival of the train, as well as the triumphant march through George, Park, and College Streets, were as unique as they were astonishing. It seemed that from 11 o'clock until the big procession passed that the business thoroughfares had suspended all commercial operations. At every window, in shop doors, and from every point of vantage, there were to be seen men and women, girls and boys, patiently waiting for the approach of the motor-car containing Archbishop Mannix. It was indeed a glowing tribute to the popularity of that great leader of democracy, and a remarkable example of the esteem in which he is held by all classes in the community.

The Westmead Boys' Band played patriotic airs as the procession moved off from the station, and the sturdy Australian lads won encomiums along the route for their display. Along the streets the police motor-car and the mounted Diggers found it somewhat of a difficulty to clear a passage through the crowds. It was the same along Park Street. Still, the people were good-humored and ready to give applause—to the smart boys from the Catholic schools as to their elders. One picturesque feature of the procession was the number of members of the Cumann na Mban (ladies' section of the Irish National Association), headed by a fine Sinn Féin flag, and these ladies later formed the guard at the Cathedral. Another notable incident was the guard of honor which young Australia provided in College Street as the Archbishop passed. From these sturdy lads came the most enthusiastic of welcomes, gracefully acknowledged by Dr. Mannix. And so it was all along the streets. Sydney truly had its "Dr. Mannix Day," and all seemed to rejoice at the return of the illustrious Victorian prelate.

At the Cathedral

At the Cathedral, which had been crowded to the doors hours before, Archbishop Mannix was welcomed by his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, attended by the Bishop of Maitland (Dr. Dwyer), the Rev. Father P. J. Murphy, Adm., and Rev. Father Crowley, a procession was formed, and, preceded by students of St. Patrick's College, the ecclesiastical party entered St. Mary's, the Archbishops took their places on the sanctuary. The *Te Deum* was then intoned by his Grace Archbishop Kelly, the responses being made by the choir of Manly students. Practically every parish in the archdiocese was represented. The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart were in full force, as well as the Franciscan Fathers, the Jesuits, and the Marounites. Along with the Marist Fathers, the Vincentians, the Bishops of the State were the Vicar-General of Sydney, the Right Rev. Monsignor P. L. Coonan, P.P., P.A.; the Right Rev. Monsignor D. O'Haran, P.P., P.A.; Right Rev. Mgr. Moynagh, V.F., P.A.; Right Rev. Monsignor T. Hayden (President of St. Patrick's College), Right Rev. Monsignor P. McDermott, P.P., Right Rev. Monsignor P. Byrne, P.P., V.F.; Right Rev. Monsignor J. O'Gorman, P.P.

Address from the Clergy of Sydney

At the close of the *Te Deum* his Grace Archbishop Kelly ascended the pulpit and read the following address:—

The Address

May it, please your Grace.—We, the Archbishop, with the clergy, secular and regular, of the archdiocese of Sydney, wish to associate ourselves with the host of Australian friends of all creeds, who celebrate with joy and thanksgiving your Grace's home-coming. The extraordinary circumstances which conspired to prevent you from visiting your native land, and from seeing once again your aged mother, awakened in us an indignation and a sympathy which it would be cowardly to leave unexpressed. We will not intrude on the political field; but we fail to see why your Grace should not share in the world-wide chorus of acclamation which greeted the protests of Cardinal Mercier against the invaders and oppressors of his native Belgium. We recognise in you a churchman and a patriot of the same stock. A time is coming, slowly, perhaps, but surely, when your own work in the cause of liberty and democracy will receive a recognition as wide and enthusiastic as that of the Belgian Cardinal. Meanwhile, we look forward confidently to the achievement in the near future of that self-determination for Ireland of which you have been so able and so dauntless a champion. It will be indeed poetic justice if the legislation of Great Britain should give final sanction to a settlement which a narrow and intolerant section in Australia would make it "disloyal" to advocate. We feel that we might easily and justly say more than this; but the prospect of a permanent solution of the age-old Irish question imposes a responsibility on Irishmen, as well as on Australians, to avoid at this juncture even the appearance of sectional recriminations. With renewed cordial greetings from the Sydney clergy, which are not less warm than those that await you amidst your own flock.

Signed on behalf of the clergy of Sydney—

✠MICHAEL, Archbishop of Sydney.

P. L. COONAN, Vicar-General.

M. J. O'REILLY, PETER J. MURPHY, Secretaries.

Archbishop Mannix's Thanks

His Grace the Archbishop, in the course of an admirable address, after referring to the grand demonstration, said that it surpassed anything of which he could have dreamed in his most sanguine moments, and the scene which he had witnessed in the capital of the Commonwealth was one that could never fade from his memory. He had only one regret in regard to the honor done to him in Sydney, and that was that he feared his own people in Melbourne, no matter how they wished to succeed, could scarcely come up to the welcome Sydney had given to him. The powers that be in Australia and the powers that be in the centre of the Empire have only themselves to thank for the welcome which awaited him. His Grace was not vain enough to take the demonstration in the streets or in their Cathedral as a personal compliment to himself. He knew quite well that it had a much wider significance and meaning. He was also aware that the demonstration in the Cathedral was not by any means a political demonstration. If it were, the Archbishop of Sydney and his clergy would not take a prominent part in it. He was not a politician. They were not politicians, and the welcome which came to him from the Archbishop of Sydney, his clergy and people, and many who did not acknowledge their jurisdiction, had no political significance; but rather, it came from those who, whatever may be their politics, believed in a just, honest man who stood by his principles; and where there is a good cause he should give it a helping hand. That was the sense in which he accepted their wonderful demonstration in Sydney, and in that sense and in that significance he accepted the address which the Archbishop was kind enough to read.

Continuing, the Archbishop said that perhaps there was another motive for which the Archbishop of Sydney was anxious to pay him tribute on his return. Australia was faithful to the Supreme Pontiff in Rome. He was glad to be able to assure his Holiness that nowhere throughout his great spiritual empire had he more staunch or loyal children than he had in Australia, and in that respect the Archbishop of Sydney and prelates had always

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