

shown the way. Were not his Grace's predecessors, all of them, attached to Rome, but none more so than the venerated Archbishop of to-day.

His Grace then explained the paternal affection of the Pope for Ireland, and his letter of affection to the Primate, as well as his gift of money to the people; and then went on to describe the affectionate greeting he had received from the Pope, and his Holiness' offer to use diplomatic channels so that his Grace might visit his native land. But he had too much respect for his Holiness to expose him to the danger of receiving a rebuff from the British Government.

At the close of an interesting address, his Grace paid a graceful tribute to the Archbishop of Sydney, and said that, as he was going to share his jurisdiction with another, he hoped that this relief would enable Archbishop Kelly to prolong his days for God's Church and its people, and that God would bless them and his clergy. "My prayer would always be," said Dr. Mannix, "that God would give them every blessing and strength, and enable them to help the weak and oppressed in Australia or in Ireland."

At the close of Archbishop Mannix's address he held an informal reception in the Cathedral and sacristy, and was heartily cheered as he made his way to the presbytery.

The following is a report of Dr. Mannix's address at Brisbane:—

Dr. Mannix was again cheered as he rose to respond to the welcomes which had been extended to him. He said:—

"I would be very hard indeed to move if I were not touched by the welcome that I have already received on my return to my adopted home of Australia. (Cheers.) It began at Thursday Island, and I believe if I had visited Friday Island it would have been the same. (Laughter and applause.) Then there was the reception I received at Townsville, and now comes Queensland's crowning welcome in your own beautiful city of Brisbane. I need scarcely assure you that I shall never forget the warmth of the welcome that you have accorded me. (Applause.) I have been a long time absent from Australia, but never a day has passed that I did not think of the friends I had in this land, and I sometimes wondered whether they were thinking of me. (Laughter.) Now that I have put that thought to the test, Brisbane has to-day, so to speak, been put on its mettle, and Brisbane has rung true. (Cheers.) I thank you for the demonstration, the like of which I have rarely seen. I shall remember as long as I live, and remember with gratitude, what I owe to those who have organised this magnificent reception, and especially to those who have, at great inconvenience to themselves, enabled many others to come here and give welcome to one of the most slandered and maligned, though innocent, of men." (Laughter and applause.)

The Archbishop here made lengthy reference to the death of Mr. T. J. Ryan, M.H.R., and said that he himself had suggested to the organiser of that day's function that it should be abandoned. The contention had been advanced, however, that if Mr. Ryan himself could be consulted, he would be the last man to favor any abandonment of the welcome.

The Oath of Allegiance

"Some people have been scarcely expecting me," he proceeded. "When I was leaving Sydney on my voyage to Great Britain, I experienced some difficulty in getting through the crowds as I was proceeding to the wharf. This led me to say that I had tried to get away without the help of the Government, and probably I will have to get back in spite of them. (Laughter.) Some of them thought—because even in this intelligent land you will find very foolish and futile people—that if I were allowed to land I should take the oath of allegiance, and, in default of that, I should be sent overseas again to find a home in any country which might give me shelter.

"I have even been told that two officers went as far as Thursday Island—one from Brisbane and the other from Melbourne. It is stated that they went up there for the purpose of giving me a greeting of one kind or another. It has since been explained that they went up there because they were experts in the pearl-fishing industry. (Laughter.) Some people have come to think

that I was the most precious pearl of any, and that when the officers had found me they would not throw me away for anything else in the world. (Laughter and applause.) Other people say that these officers did not go to help the pearl-fishing industry, but they went up to Thursday Island in connection with the smuggling of some contraband articles into Australia.

"Pirate of Penzance"

"But had they been looking for smugglers at all—they were probably looking for the Pirate of Penzance. Penzance was where they landed me from the British destroyer, which took me ashore from the vessel on which I was travelling towards Great Britain about twelve months ago. (Laughter and applause.)

"I do not believe any of these things. I prefer to believe that the Australian Government had more sense than some of its supporters. (Hear, hear.) All I should like to say in connection with the matter is that if they have shown more sense now than on other occasions, I hope and pray that the improvement will continue. (Renewed laughter.)

"If they had attempted to administer an oath of allegiance to me—and I doubt if it could be legally administered to me—and if there was any necessity for it being administered to me, and if it were being administered to everybody else, I should not have the least objection to taking an oath of allegiance to Australia and the King of Australia, who lives in London." (Laughter.)

A voice: What about Billy Hughes as King of Australia.

"More Loyal than my Enemies"

"If they were to ask me to take an oath of allegiance," continued the Archbishop, "to the King of England, who is called Defender of the Faith, King of Ireland, and a number of other titles, then I would have to begin searching my conscience. Things which brought up those questions I would have to consider very carefully. (Laughter.) I am glad that no necessity for their consideration arose. I want to declare that I am loyal to Australia, more loyal than my enemies are. (Cheers.) As an Australian, I put Australia before every other country, no matter where it is. This is what I have always preached, and it is what I shall preach for the future. Anybody who can find fault with that is a bad Australian and should have the oath of allegiance administered to him. (Laughter and applause.)

"I know," the Archbishop proceeded to say, "that what you wish me to talk about is not Australia or the Government of Australia, but something about Ireland. (Cheers.) Now, if the circumstances were different, I should take this unique opportunity to give any views that I have upon Ireland's tragedy and future. But just at this present moment negotiations are going on between President de Valera—(cheers)—and Prime Minister Lloyd George."

Lloyd George Hooted

A section of the crowd commenced to hoot the name of Britain's Prime Minister, but they were interrupted by the Archbishop, who said: "Don't waste any demonstration on them!"

"De Valera," said the Archbishop, as he recommenced his address, "is keeping his own counsel, and therefore I think that the lesser people in this movement should follow his example. No man should do anything or say anything which would make the course of those negotiations more difficult, so that if the negotiations were to fail the blame could rest upon the proper head. I hope and pray that these negotiations now going on may provide a settlement; and, as Mr. Theodore said, a settlement honorable to Ireland, and a settlement which, at the same time, will provide every legitimate interest of the British Empire. (Applause.) I believe now, and have always believed, that if there were only a conciliatory disposition on both sides, a settlement of that nature could have been arrived at long ago. We are glad that the first step towards it has perhaps been taken in the proclamation of the truce in Ireland."

Dr. Mannix defended the Irish leaders, and said that he personally was "unchanged and unrepentant" for anything he had said or done. He also returned thanks for the cheque, which would be forwarded to Ireland as soon as was found possible.