

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate

Visit to Dunedin. An Enthusiastic Welcome
A Series of Pleasing Functions in His Honor

His Excellency the Most Rev. Bartholomew Cattaneo, D.D., LL.D., titular Archbishop of Palmyra, and Apostolic Delegate to Australasia, arrived at Dunedin on Thursday evening by the first express from the North. His Excellency was accompanied by his Lordship Dr. Whyte, Bishop of Dunedin, and Rev. Dr. Farrelly, secretary to the Delegation, and Right Rev. Mgr. Mackay, V.G., who joined the party at Oamaru. On arrival at the Dunedin station, where a very large crowd had assembled, his Excellency was met in the reserved carriage in which he travelled, by Very Rev. Father Coffey, Rev. Fathers Delany, Morkane, Collins, Silk, Graham, McLoughlin, Marlow, and Rooney, and members of the lay reception committee, and was accorded an enthusiastic welcome. His Lordship Bishop Whyte was also warmly welcomed on his return from Sydney.

After arrival of the party by motor cars at the Bishop's Palace, where a hearty welcome was accorded the distinguished visitor, the Apostolic Delegate and the clergy came in processional order to St. Joseph's Cathedral, a guard of honor being formed at the entrance by members of the Hibernian Society, in regalia. His Lordship Bishop Whyte proceeded from the sanctuary to the Cathedral entrance to meet his Excellency. The choir sang the "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" while the procession approached the sanctuary, and from the high altar the Apostolic Delegate imparted the Papal blessing. Having vested, and attended by Rev. Fathers Kaveney and Spillane, as deacon and sub-deacon respectively, Very Rev. Father Coffey being master of ceremonies, his Excellency officiated at Pontifical Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. After the singing of the "O Salutaris" the "Te Deum" was rendered by the choir.

Address of Welcome

The Blessed Sacrament having been removed, his Lordship Bishop Whyte, in the presence of members of the reception committee, read and presented the following address:—

ADDRESS

to

HIS EXCELLENCY BARTHOLOMEW CATTANEO,
D.D., LL.D.,
ARCHBISHOP OF PALMYRA, DELEGATE APOSTOLIC
TO AUSTRALASIA,

from

THE BISHOP, PRIESTS, AND LAITY OF THE
DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, the Bishop, Priests, and Laity of the Diocese of Dunedin, with one voice, in the expressive language of our fathers, give you a *Cead Mile Failte* to our Cathedral City. We assure you that we recognise and highly appreciate the honor you confer upon us by your visit.

The eminent success that has attended your labors for the Church, as Rector of that great missionary College—the Propaganda—and for the past four years, as Delegate Apostolic to Australasia, is well known to us. We welcome you, therefore, as a distinguished ruler and leader in the Church Militant, whose work and worth have been well established. Especially do we welcome you as the representative of Our Holy Father Benedict XV., whose Ambassador you are, sent to guide, by your experience and wise counsels, the Church in these far southern lands. We recognise the heavy burden of responsibility that rests on the shoulders of the Pope, who, under the Holy Ghost, steers the "Barque of Peter" over the turbulent waters of the present age.

May we ask your Excellency to make known to the Holy Father that, though the farthest removed from the

centre of Catholicity, nowhere in that vast kingdom upon which the sun never sets will he find a people more attached to his person and office.

We regret that your stay is to be so short amongst us, as we should like you to see, for yourself, the progress of religion in every parish, to see the seed so recently sown, blossoming into a rich harvest, and to witness the truly Catholic spirit that lives in the hearts of the people.

We pray that God may bless your work, that your visit may give fresh impetus to religion in the Diocese, and that it may strengthen that bond of unity which is the characteristic of our Holy Church.

With loyal affection we subscribe ourselves your obedient servants in Christ.

✠ JAMES WHYTE,

Bishop of Dunedin

MONSIGNOR JOHN MACKAY.

J. J. MARLOW.

D. L. POPPELWELL. } Representing

T. J. HUSSEY. } Laity.

VERY REV. J. COFFEY,

Chairman of Committee.

H. K. POPPELWELL,

Hon. Secretary.

Father Coffey presented the delegate with a handsomely-bound volume of views of Dunedin and Otago.

The Delegate's Reply

His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, in his reply, said it gave him great pleasure and happiness to be with the Bishop, clergy, and laity of the diocese of Dunedin. Everywhere in Australasia he had met the greatest kindness and most cordial of welcomes. He attributed this not to any personal qualities of his—for he recognised his own limitations—but to the sincere love and loyalty to the Holy See of the Catholics of Australasia. He was particularly gratified by the Dunedin Catholics manifestation of loyalty to His Holiness the Pope, though this was already well known to him. His Excellency went on to say that he felt bound by particularly strong ties of affection to the Dunedin Diocese, since he first made its acquaintance in its sorrow on the occasion of the death of the late revered Bishop M. Verdon. Nothing so united us as sorrow, and consequently his Excellency admitted that if he had a preference for any diocese in New Zealand that preference was for Dunedin. His Excellency went on to say that, though he grieved with Dunedin in its loss, he sincerely rejoiced with it in the appointment of the present esteemed Bishop of the Diocese, his Lordship Dr. Whyte. His stay among them was to be short, indeed, but he felt confident that as their first meeting had taken place before the Blessed Sacrament his stay would be very happy, both to himself and to the people. Had circumstances allowed he would have visited New Zealand earlier; but there was this compensation for the people—that, as he was in a few months to visit Rome, he would bear with him, fresh in mind the memory of the love and loyalty of the New Zealand Catholics. He assured his hearers that he would be delighted to give his Holiness a full account of his New Zealand visit, and that he would always remember them in the Holy Mass and in his prayers in the shrines of Rome. His Excellency concluded by again expressing his gratitude to the Bishop, priests, and people for their cordial reception, and by asking from all a remembrance in prayer.

Of the diocesan clergy present to meet the Apostolic Delegate, besides those already mentioned, were Rev. Fathers Howard (Milton), O'Reilly (Port Chalmers), P. J. O'Neill (Riversdale), Kavanagh (Palmerston), Hunt (Alexandar), and O'Dea (Omakau).

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