

On Friday his Excellency celebrated Holy Mass at the Basilica in the presence of a large congregation, and subsequently met the pupils and teachers of St. Thomas's Academy and of the other parish schools.

The Apostolic Delegate was met at Oamaru by his Lordship Dr. Brodie, Bishop of Christchurch, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Peoples and Herring, of Waimate. Motor cars decorated in the Papal colors were in waiting and his Excellency departed for Timaru, visiting Morven and Waimate *en route*.

VISIT TO TIMARU: A WARM WELCOME

His Excellency Archbishop Cattaneo, direct representative of the Pope in Australasia, arrived in Timaru on Friday, and was given a cordial welcome at the Priory. Later in the afternoon a garden party was held, when he was tendered a formal welcome. The distinguished visitor was accommodated on a dais with Bishop Brodie on his left and the Mayor of Timaru on his right. The ground was nicely decorated, the Papal colors predominating. During the afternoon an efficient orchestra under the baton of Mr. T. J. O'Connor, played pleasingly after the speeches of welcome and the reply.

Rev. Father Hurley, welcoming the Apostolic Delegate on behalf of the clergy and parishioners, said that they were very pleased that in a hurried tour his Excellency had found time to call in at Timaru. His Excellency was recognised as a distinguished personage and also as the personal representative of our Holy Father the Pope. Father Hurley referred to the solidity of Catholicity in Timaru, and the progress made since their forefathers came there. The material prosperity of Catholicity was eclipsed only by the spiritual sincerity which was manifested by the large attendance at Mass. He could assure his Excellency that the prosperity in Timaru was due to the foresight of the pioneer priests who moved about and selected suitable sites for the buildings of the future, and the speaker contrasted the old mode of travel with their trip that day. He would also like to welcome to the gathering the Mayor of Timaru, Mr. F. J. Rolleston (applause), whom he called upon to speak.

Mr. Rolleston, after thanking Father Hurley for his last remarks, extended to the Delegate a welcome on behalf of the citizens of Timaru, and expressed the wish that their stay would be enjoyable. He would welcome his Excellency not only as an ecclesiastic who was entitled to all the respect they could show him, but also as a representative of a country which stood side by side with the British Empire during the war. The Mayor spoke of his visit to "beautiful passionate Italy," its scenic beauties and its art and architectural treasures, mentioning particularly St. Peter's, Rome, and said he hoped their visitor would find some compensation in natural beauties in this new country for what he would miss in his own, and that they would remind him of the beauties of Naples and the Mediterranean. Mr. Rolleston concluded by again expressing words of welcome on behalf of the town generally.

His Lordship Bishop Brodie thanked Mr. Rolleston for the kind compliment he had paid the Catholic body of Timaru by welcoming their distinguished visitor. It was a compliment which was deeply appreciated and would not be forgotten. The speaker admired the fine progress of Timaru, and the civic pride which was always exhibited, and he expressed the hope that his Worship's regime in the Mayoral chair would be one of the brightest spots in the progress of the town, and that it would be a long one. Turning to his Excellency, Bishop Brodie said he came as a personage entitled to the profoundest respect of the Catholic body. He would not hear of passing Timaru by, especially as his predecessor, Archbishop Cerretti, had not visited Timaru, and the speaker was sure the visit would be a great encouragement to the Marist Brothers and to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, with whose work he wished to be brought into touch. His Lordship traversed the early days when the pioneers established the Church in South Canterbury, and referred in particular to the Rev. Father Chataigner, whose name should be honored by every Catholic member of the community. He felt deeply gratified as Bishop at the reception given to the Apostolic Delegate and to the Holy Father through him. It spoke for the loyalty and attachment to the Holy Father.

Dr. J. R. Loughnan then read the following address to his Excellency:—

To His Excellency the Most Reverend Bartolomeo Cattaneo, D.D., LL.D., Apostolic Delegate to Australasia.

May it please your Excellency,

It is with no mere formality or conventional phrase that we bid you welcome. Not only as a distinguished visitor and revered prelate do we greet your Excellency, but most of all do we appreciate the inestimable honor of having in our midst the direct representative of our deeply venerated Father, Benedict XV.

Your coming amongst us helps to strengthen the link of love and faith that binds us to the See of Peter, and through you do we in these most uttermost ends of the earth pledge our unfailing devotion and loyalty to the Holy See.

But while we greet your Excellency first as Apostolic Delegate, we wish to extend a hearty welcome also to your Excellency in your own person, and the one small shadow in the sunshine of our joy in your presence here to-day is the knowledge that your time amongst us is so brief.

With no little pride we beg to direct your Excellency's attention to our beautiful church, our fine schools, and splendid convent, as evidence of the zeal of the Fathers of the Society of Mary, and the devotedness of the religious of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Marist Brothers, and of the loyal and generous spirit of the people of Timaru.

With renewed expressions of allegiance and personal greetings—Signed on behalf of the people of Timaru by representatives of the various guilds and societies—Sacred Heart Men's Society, N. D. Mangos; Sacred Heart Women's Society, Elizabeth Cunningham; Hibernian Society, W. G. Stirling; Children of Mary, Catherine J. Collins; Celtic Club, M. J. Hyland; St. John's Tennis Club, J. G. Venning; Altar Society, Esther H. Doyle; St. Anne's Guild, Flora Leeming; choir, T. J. O'Connor; parishioners' representatives: J. R. Loughnan, J. Venning, sen., J. O'Rourke, J. P. Leigh, D. Scannell, T. Brosnahan; D. H. Hurley, S.M.

Mr. J. G. Venning, secretary to the reception committee, also presented a splendid album of photographs to his Excellency, which included views of the church and parochial buildings, and a bird's eye view of Timaru. The photography was artistically done by Mr. H. Williams.

Responding to the welcome, Archbishop Cattaneo said he would like to have fuller use of the English language to express his sentiments, for he felt extremely glad at the reception given him. He had seen and admired the beautiful church and buildings, and he felt it would be a sin not to stop a few hours to see them and the beautiful town of Timaru, and to admire their progress. They might easily understand the great pleasure it gave him to stay and he had to thank their Bishop and those who had arranged the programme. To quote from the address just presented to him, the only shadow of his great joy was in not being able to stay longer, but it was his intention to come back as soon as possible so that he would be able to make longer sojourns in places at which the previous Delegate had not been able to pay prolonged visits. (Applause.) He had also to thank the Mayor of the town—or city he should say—for so very kindly coming to the function, and he would much like to be able to express in better English his sincere feelings. He was really pleased and thankful for the Mayor's welcome on behalf of the community over which he presided. He would also like to tender his thanks for the kindly references to Italy. It was no fault of the people of New Zealand that they did not have Italy's art treasures, because it was a young country, but time would pass, and with the great spirit of progress which prevailed and the aesthetic sense of the people, the time would come when New Zealand would compare with Italy from an artistic point of view. He had seen a refined sense of music in New Zealand which told well for future artistic development. Referring to scenic affairs, there was some, he said, in New Zealand which surpassed that of Italy. He spoke of the magnificent church in Timaru and the schools, and congratulated the Catholic body on their possession. In conclusion he thanked Father Hurley for the welcome.

After the ceremony, his Excellency mingled with the
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