

The Holy Father has given you a signal proof of his confidence in accrediting you to speak and act in his name. He who speaks to us in the name of Peter speaks to us in the name of Jesus Christ. This great honor has the Holy See paid to you, and the desire of all our school to-day is to answer aright the question, "How shall he be honored whom the King hath a mind to honor?"

With loyal and grateful affection we subscribe ourselves your obedient servants in Christ,—Patrick Cronin (head prefect), Daniel Milligan, Fergus O'Meehan, John Murphy, Joseph O'Shaughnessy, Gordon Daly, Edward Considine (prefects).

His Excellency acknowledged the address in a very happy reply; he complimented the Rector and staff on the signal progress which the college had already made since the erection of the new building. He was deeply pleased to hear that in the second year of its career the only fault with the college was that more accommodation would have to be immediately provided for the many applications that were being made for admission to the college; he looked forward to the day when the students would go forth into the world actuated by the high ideals of their college days and would exercise a beneficent influence in their various spheres of life.

His Excellency was accompanied by Bishop Brodie and also by a number of the priests of the Christchurch diocese.

Visit to St. Mary's Convent Schools

His Excellency, Archbishop Cattaneo, the Apostolic Delegate, spent a busy day on Tuesday.

In the morning his Excellency said Mass for the community in St. Mary's Convent chapel. Later, accompanied by his Lordship Bishop Brodie, with city and visiting clergy, his Excellency visited St. Mary's High and secondary schools, the grounds of which were gaily beflagged in his honor. His Excellency received an enthusiastic welcome from the pupils on whose behalf an address of welcome was presented to him by Miss M. McManaway. A short concert was given, and his Excellency addressed the pupils, who were, in response to his Excellency's request, granted a holiday. His Excellency then visited the primary school opened on the previous Sunday. He lunched with the community of St. Mary's. The afternoon was spent privately, and in the evening, his Excellency attended the *conversazione* in his honor in the Art Gallery.

Conversazione in Art Gallery

Outstanding features of the *conversazione* at the Art Gallery on Tuesday night in honor of his Excellency Archbishop Cattaneo, the Apostolic Delegate, were the enthusiasm and loyalty manifested by clergy and laity, and the warmth and cordiality with which these feelings were reciprocated by his Excellency. The inadequacy of the whole of the accommodation available at the Art Gallery to provide for all who would have liked to have attended was also noticeable, and was the subject of passing comment by his Lordship Bishop Brodie. The permanent gallery had been artistically decorated with hanging baskets of flowers, white and yellow ribbons stretched across the room added to the general pleasing effect. A temporary stage was provided, and during the earlier part of the evening a programme of vocal and instrumental items was most pleasingly rendered.

On his Excellency's arrival he was received at the Durham street entrance by members of the committee, and with enthusiastic cheering by the assembled gathering. His Excellency, accompanied by Bishop Brodie and members of the clergy, reached the permanent gallery through a lane lined by members of the H.A.C.B. Society. At the conclusion of the concert programme speeches of welcome were given.

Bishop Brodie's Address

Bishop Brodie, who was received with hearty applause, said that the fine gathering that evening tempted him to plunge a little into civic politics. "I think if some of our City Fathers were here to-night," his Lordship continued, "some of them would avail themselves of the opportunity of speaking on behalf of a Town Hall. I would like you to understand that I don't enter into these matters, but I think we would be more comfortable and his Excellency would have a better opportunity of meeting the people

if the hall were larger." The size of the audience, his Lordship went on to say, was proof of the enthusiasm with which they desired to greet his Excellency. (Applause.) They had seen various sorts of arms during the past few days; amongst them those of his Excellency, bearing the Latin motto, which, interpreted, was, "Neither captured nor vanquished." He was inclined to think that the people of Christchurch had been both captured and vanquished by the kindness, graciousness, and condescension of their illustrious visitor. (Applause.) His Excellency had spent most of his time in Christchurch visiting religious communities and the various institutions of the Church, and his Lordship had been touched by his Excellency's great kindness, and by the encouragement he had given them in their work; this would continue till eighteen minutes past five on Friday evening, and it was a full programme, and one readily entered into by his Excellency. Another coat of arms bore upon it two keys—keys that were the symbol of power, the power of the Holy See, the powers given to the Vicar of Christ by our Divine Saviour. These were not only spiritual powers, powers before which they bent in loyal adoration, but they were powers which moved their hearts, and touched them deeply, and made them generously respond to any appeal on behalf of the Holy See. His Excellency could go away from Christchurch deeply convinced that these keys had unlocked the depth of love, of sympathy, and affection in their hearts, that bound them to the Church of Peter and to Benedict XV., who was so well represented by his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate. His Excellency's presence that evening was another proof of his condescension; on behalf of the priests, of the religious communities, and the people of the diocese of Christchurch, he assured his Excellency of their deepest gratitude for his visit, and that he would leave behind memories of kindness, of condescension, and of favors bestowed. Their prayers would go with his Excellency and for the success of the important work of his delegation. (Applause.)

Sir George Clifford's Speech

Sir George Clifford, who was received with applause, said that it fell to his lot, on behalf of the laity of the diocese, to welcome his Excellency. So many addresses had been received by his Excellency that it was difficult for the speaker to introduce any variety or raise any new points, and the reason was that in all their minds and hearts there was but one thought, and that was of loyalty to the Holy See, and of joy that its representative was in their midst. What more could they say than the simple expression of that idea? There was joy when they knew of his Excellency's proposed visit: to that was now superadded his Excellency's presence, his kindness, and all the sympathy he had shown in all their works—not only in their religious works but also in their occupations and, as he himself could testify, in their pastimes, and in all the pursuits in which they were engaged. His Excellency's arrival in their midst was an epoch in the history of the Dominion. France had been called "the elder daughter of the Church"; he thought that the Catholic community in these islands was, perhaps, the youngest daughter of the Church. A hundred years ago, in those troublous times that followed the French Revolution, when the Napoleonic wars were disturbing Europe, when the Pontiff of those days was troubled by many things not unsimilar to those at present troubling the world, it was probable that the name of New Zealand was very little known in Rome. (Laughter.) Sir George then sketched the arrival in the Dominion of the French missionaries, whose heroic efforts were still remembered by many of the older settlers, and referred to the hardships they endured in carrying the consolations of religion to those dwelling in a land of unbridged rivers, a land without railways, and in some places without coaches, and spoke of the difficulties of communication with the outside world: with that state of things he contrasted those now existing. Continuing, Sir George said that his Excellency, on his return to Rome would be able to lay before the Holy Father the expressions of heartfelt loyalty, and of the absolute devotion which those in New Zealand had towards the faith of which his Holiness is the guardian: whether Saxon, or Norman, or Dane; whether English, Irish, or Scotch, all possessed heartfelt loyalty to the Church, and were prepared to suffer for that Church