

should Providence call upon them to do so. (Applause.) He did not say that in this happy land they had no difficulties. They had educational difficulties, which had been, no doubt, explained to his Excellency. They had recently passed laws in respect of divorce that cut at the root of family life—but they did not affect Catholics because they were above such follies and injustice of law. A Marriage Act had been recently passed which was so unjust and teemed with such absurdities that it was bound to be inoperative from the very force of its own folly. He would not enlarge on these matters, because they had free exercise of their religion in New Zealand, and had every reason otherwise to be grateful to the laws of the country they inhabited. Sir George concluded by expressing the hope that his Excellency would convey to his Holiness the expressions of loyalty he had used on behalf of the laity. (Applause.)

#### Greetings from the H.A.C.B. Society

Mr. T. P. O'Rourke welcomed his Excellency on behalf of the H.A.C.B. Society. He said that he had been called upon, at a few minutes' notice, to take the place of another to extend to his Excellency a very hearty welcome—a right royal welcome. No matter how long they lived, not one of them would forget his Excellency's visit: they would never forget him in their prayers, and they hoped his Excellency would do the same for them.

#### His Excellency's Response

Archbishop Cattaneo received an ovation on reaching the platform. He made an exceedingly happily expressed speech, which was marked by much humor and many warm and kindly expressions. His Excellency said that the Bishop told him that it was his turn to speak, and with the obedience he had shown during the time he had been with them, he came on the platform to say a word or two. "Of course, you know me already," said his Excellency, "and the difficulty I have in expressing myself; but still, I suppose you know the warmth of my feelings—feelings that I would like to be able to express if I had the power to express what is in my heart." (Applause.) His Excellency then expressed his appreciation of the compliment paid by Bishop Brodie to him as the representative of the Supreme Pontiff. As to the motto: "Neither captured nor vanquished," he would put it "Captured and vanquished"—(laughter)—by the great demonstrations they had given to the representative of his Holiness. The past three days had passed like lightning, and he was so pleased with the reception given him and with the beauty of their city that not only would he like to revisit Christchurch, but he would like to have his residence as Apostolic Delegate in Christchurch. (Continued applause.) His Excellency understood that Christchurch was called "the City of the Plains": he might, however, call it "the bicycle city." (Laughter.) It was especially the city of exquisite kindness shown to everyone. Sir George Clifford's sentiments were responded to by everyone in the gathering, and reflected those held by the Catholics in Christchurch. They were sentiments that made a great impression upon him, and certainly he would repeat them with due impressiveness to the Supreme Pontiff when he had the honor of kneeling at his throne. His Excellency then referred to Mr. O'Rourke's speech, and said that he had heard many speeches and addresses and compliments, but Mr. O'Rourke's speech was a record! (Laughter.) Two minutes was all in which he had to prepare, yet he had spoken with great dignity and force, and had said more in a few words than some said in two or three hours. Concluding, his Excellency said that he would be glad to shake hands with all in the room. The Bishop said that it was his duty to do so, but he would do it because it would be a very great pleasure to him. (Applause.)

After the gathering had partaken of light refreshments, his Excellency carried into effect the concluding statement in his speech.

#### Visits to Various Institutions

His Excellency Archbishop Cattaneo, Apostolic Delegate, continued on Wednesday his visits to the Catholic institutions. He celebrated Mass at the Convent of the

Sisters of the Missions, Barbadoes Street. This convent is the Provincial house of the Institute of Notre Dame des Missions, and has a large community numbering about 70 and, in addition, there are about 70 boarders from different parts of the South Island. At half-past ten his Excellency visited the Sacred Heart Girls' College and was greeted with a very pleasing programme of choice elocutionary, vocal, and instrumental items.

The next visit was to the Marist Brothers' School adjoining the Cathedral. Some 250 boys are on the roll of this school, and their programme was a very attractive one, the most pleasing item being a welcome song which had been used in the college to which Archbishop Cattaneo had been formerly attached as Rector; to hear this again some 12,000 miles from his former home was a special joy and pleasure.

Leaving the Brothers' School his Excellency visited the Cathedral Girls' Parochial School. This school is now conducted in those up-to-date buildings recently erected; the school rooms are large, well ventilated and thoroughly modern in every detail. There is a large assembly hall suitable for school entertainments and the children were arrayed to advantage in this room. The entertainment here provided was of a very high standard and thoroughly enjoyed.

In the afternoon a visit was paid to Nazareth House and here a pleasant surprise awaited his Excellency, showing to him the fine institution devoted to the work of caring for orphan girls and also the home attached for aged and infirm men and women. The children presented a very healthy appearance as they lined the avenue when his Excellency arrived; their appropriate words of welcome seemed to be quite in keeping with their healthy surroundings and the evidence of great care bestowed upon them. His Excellency was not satisfied with merely listening to the concert programme; he spoke very appropriate words to the children and then made a thorough inspection of the Home, addressing words of kindness to the inmates. He complimented the Sisters on the evident success which is crowning their work and thanked them for their lives of zeal and devotion to the noble cause of charity.

His Excellency proceeded later to St. Joseph's Home, Middleton, and was very pleased with the fine expanse of land which the Sisters have secured to enable them to have full facilities for having the boys trained in the various branches of farming and agriculture. The orphan boys here were not to be outdone by the girls of Nazareth House, for they likewise had a very pleasing little entertainment which brought to a close the day's round of visits which his Excellency had paid.

#### Visit to Lewisham Hospital and Villa Maria Convent

On Thursday (writes our own correspondent) his Excellency visited Lewisham Hospital. He made a thorough inspection of the institution, expressed his surprise at the magnitude of the work accomplished, and upon which he congratulated the Nursing Sisters and staff. His Excellency celebrated the seven o'clock Mass in the Cathedral on Friday, and later visited the Convent of Mercy, "Villa Maria," Riccarton. Archbishop Cattaneo was entertained by the pupils and received an address of welcome.

#### Departure for Wellington

At the railway station in the evening quite a large number of people assembled to bid farewell to the Apostolic Delegate. The school children formed a guard of honor for his Excellency, who was accompanied by his Lordship the Bishop and representatives of the diocesan clergy. On the platform might be seen parents, in a spirit of faith, bringing forward their children to be blessed by the representative of the Sovereign Pontiff. "Faith of Our Fathers" was enthusiastically sung by priests and people. His Excellency was a passenger for the north by the Mararoa.

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