

posure of so-called charitable organisations operating in your archdiocese has had a very beneficial influence on the work of Catholic charitable institutions in these lands, by bringing before the public the unselfishness of those engaged in fulfilling the interests of true charity. In the challenge which you issued to them, you echoed the words of the founder of our Society—'Show us your works'—in answer to the taunts of infidels and sceptics. The works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society—the good results accruing from visiting the poor in their homes, the little helps they receive in a spiritual and temporal sense—are well known to your Eminence. It is for this reason that you have so nobly championed our cause, instituting orphanages and refuges, and by voice and pen extolling the work of the Society. We pray that you may long be spared to the Australasian Church, of which you have been such a shining light.

In conclusion we humbly ask a blessing on our Society, and remain your faithful children in St. Vincent de Paul, C. Little (St. Patrick's), G. Little (St. Benedict's), W. Fallon (SS. Michael and George).

Address from the Federated Catholic Young Men's Clubs.

'May it please your Eminence,—To us, the undersigned members of the Marist Brothers' Old Boys' Association, has been given the privilege of extending to your Eminence, on behalf of the Federated Catholic Young Men's Clubs of New Zealand, a hearty welcome to our shores. While we are justly proud of the remarkable development in recent years of these organisations for the welfare of our Catholic youth, we are nevertheless not insensible to the fact that the pioneers of the movement in this country took as their models of constitution and government the very excellent associations which, under your Eminence's paternal guidance and direction, are at present in such a flourishing condition in the archdiocese of Sydney. The Catholic men of New Zealand remember with pleasure the important part played by your Eminence in bringing about the Federation of the Australian States, and with gratitude the noble example you set them of the ideal statesman—a lesson to all men that, in addition to the duty of loyalty to God and the Church, there is the duty of service to their country. We have read with delight your Eminence's scholarly work on the rise and progress of Catholicity in Australasia, and your historical researches among the records of the early Irish martyrs for the old Faith, for which our forefathers suffered, show that you have not been unfaithful to your family motto, 'Lucent in tenebris.' In conclusion, we pray that God may long spare you to us, to use both voice and pen for the defence of our Faith, the championing of our cause, and the betterment of humanity.

For the Federated Catholic Young Men's Clubs of New Zealand, H. F. Holbrook (chaplain), Brother George (president), Jas. F. McKenna (secretary).'

THE CARDINAL'S REPLY

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, in replying to the addresses, said:—

I accept with pleasure the beautiful addresses so replete with sentiments of affection and devotedness which you have been pleased to present to my brother Bishops and myself, and I beg to assure you that we reciprocate in the fullest measure those endearing sentiments in regard to your illustrious Bishop, his zealous clergy, their faithful people, and your enlightened citizens. We accept these addresses with the greater pleasure since you welcome us to your beautiful city not as strangers but as friends, as your brothers in the Faith, fellow-members of the one mystical body of Christ, which is His Holy Church. Many visitors hasten to your shores in search of the health and strength which your invigorating climate is known to impart; many come to enjoy the unrivalled scenery of your coasts, and the magnificent panoramas which your wide-spreading plains and glorious mountain ranges present; and many also, who are seeking their laurels in the political arena will visit your favored Islands, anxious to contemplate the grand results which in this youthful and vigorous Dominion a sage democracy, guided by enlightened statesmanship, has been able to achieve. We would fain be associated with all these pilgrims in the pleasant lessons which they cannot fail to receive, but in the present instance we come amongst you with a yet higher and more ennobling purpose. The pioneer bishops, priests and faithful people of this beautiful district of Auckland accomplished in their day a grand and noble work. They were men of profound piety, of enlightened zeal, of boundless generosity, and of indomitable enthusiasm in promoting the sacred cause of religion. They laid deep and solid the foundations of the edifice of Divine Faith, from which would one day radiate the bless-

ings of piety throughout the whole of these vast regions. They were indeed the pioneers of religion, not for your own immediate district only, but for the whole of these beautiful Islands. And thus, as long as time shall last, it will be the proud distinction of Auckland that it was the cradle of religion for your flourishing Dominion, and the fountain-spring in which the beneficent religious streams of New Zealand's piety had their source. Your illustrious Bishop, heir of the piety, enlightenment, and zeal of those venerable pioneers, aided by a zealous clergy and a generous people, has carried on towards completion the great work of religion which they had so auspiciously begun. St. Patrick's Cathedral may be said to comprehend the whole of the great work which religion accomplishes, and its completion in all its perfection and crowning grace, symbolizes the manifold triumphs which your zeal and piety and generosity have attained. We rejoice to be associated with you in the festive celebrations of these triumphs, witnesses of your piety, and partakers of your joy. We are happy to attest that your zeal and enlightenment and enthusiasm in the cause of religion find their counterpart in our own Australian Commonwealth. Our people enjoy in the fullest measure the blessings which a free constitution imparts; patriotism is racy of the soil, a genuine patriotism which, sanctified by religion, and sustained, strengthened and quickened by enlightenment, cannot fail to build up a great and prosperous nation. Our statesmen are engaged in framing projects of defence by land and sea to guard our sea-girt continent, and repel every enemy that may assail our liberties; our clergy are united in promoting the religious interests of an enlightened people; churches and schools and institutions of charity and beneficence are studied everywhere throughout our fair land; centres of piety, enlightenment and peace, silent witnesses, which none can gainsay, to the indomitable union that binds together the faithful pastors and their devoted flocks. Thus we are united with you in the triune bond of Divine Faith, of loyalty to the Throne, and of enthusiasm in promoting every good work which piety, education, and charity may command. The sacred cause of genuine patriotism and religion, which such a union represents, cannot but hold a prominent place in the paths of the world's progress, and, diffusing far and wide around it the blessings of contentment, happiness and peace, shall achieve the grandest results.

At the conclusion of the address by his Eminence, Bishop Lenihan gave a short statement, showing the amount of money expended on the Cathedral. A sum of £9975 was expended since May, 1905, whilst the total receipts were £5286, leaving a debit balance of £4739. The Bishop bade farewell to his people, and hoped to meet them early in the New Year. At the Bishop's request the whole of the congregation stood up and joined the choir in the singing of 'Faith of Our Fathers.' The choir sang 'The Heavens are Telling' and the 'Te Deum.' Pontifical Benediction was given by Bishop Lenihan, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies hundreds were waiting outside to see the Cardinal, and as he came out of the presbytery cheer after cheer rent the air. The visiting Prelates were also accorded hearty cheers as they drove off behind the Cardinal's carriage to the episcopal palace. So ended a memorable day in the history of the Church in the Auckland diocese.

WELCOME BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

An enthusiastic reception was accorded to the Cardinal by 1500 or 1600 children from the Catholic schools of the city at St. Benedict's Hall this (Monday) morning. The Cardinal, accompanied by Bishop Lenihan, visiting Prelates, and clergy, arrived at the hall shortly after eleven o'clock, and was received by a guard of honor composed of boys from the Marist Brothers' schools. Inside the hall the visitors were greeted with remarkable enthusiasm. The children sang a song of welcome, which was supplemented with a couple of Irish selections. An address of welcome from the combined schools to his Eminence was then read by Miss Woods. This was followed by a farewell address to Bishop Lenihan on the occasion of his leaving for Rome, which was read by Miss Sheahan. Both young ladies read the addresses remarkably well, a fact which the Prelates very favorably commented upon. After reading the addresses each young lady presented the Cardinal and Bishop Lenihan with beautiful bouquets of flowers, while two little girls presented similar tokens to the other Bishops present.

Cardinal Moran congratulated the little ones on the good use they had made of the excellent training received from the good Sisters and Brothers in their singing classes, also on the enthusiasm they had put into their singing. He hoped they would ever cherish with fond affection that dear little Isle of the Sea, rest-