

Patrick's College Cadets, Marist Brothers' Cadets (No. 1 Company), Garrison Band, Marist Brothers' (No. 2 Company), St. Anne's Cadets, St. Vincent's Cadets, St. Anne's Drum and Fife Band, H.A.C.B. Society (first half), the two carriages containing his Grace and the visiting prelates, and then followed the remainder of the H.A.C.B. Society, who formed his Grace's body-guard, the officers taking their places at each side of the carriage. The route taken was Charlotte street, Lambton quay, Willis street, Manners street, and Cuba street extension to the Town Hall, where a guard of honor was formed by the different bodies who took part in the procession.

His Grace was received at the entrance of the hall by Colonel Collins, C.M.G. (chairman), and members of the committee, and when, a few minutes later, he took his place on the platform he was accorded a magnificent and most enthusiastic reception from an audience which crowded the hall in every part, while thousands who had desired to take part in the gathering were unable to gain admission. As his Grace proceeded to take his seat Mr. D. A. Kenny played 'The War March of the Priests' on the grand organ. The proceedings were presided over by Colonel Collins, among those present being their Lordships Bishops Verdon (Dunedin), Grimes (Christchurch), and Cleary (Auckland), the Prime Minister (Hon. T. Mackenzie), the Hons. G. W. Russell, W. D. S. MacDonald, and H. G. Ell, the Mayor of Wellington (Mr. D. McLaren), his Honor the Chief Justice (Sir Robert Stout), Mr. Justice Chapman, several members of Parliament, and representatives of the Civil Service and of all departments of public life. There were also present a great number of the local and visiting clergy, among whom were the Very Rev. Deans Regnault (Provincial), McKenna (Masterton), Hills, V.G. (Christchurch), Tubman (Timaru), Holley (Wanganui), Smyth (Greenmeadows), Power (Hawera), O'Shea, V.G., Lane, and Grogan, Ven. Archdeacon Devoy, and Rev. Fathers Holbrook (Auckland), Hickson, Goggan (Nelson), and representatives from practically every parish of the archdiocese.

Apologies for absence were received from his Excellency the Governor, the Hons. A. M. Myers and J. Colvin, Bishop and Mrs. Sprott, and numerous others.

Colonel Collins (Auditor-General) presided during the presentation of addresses to Archbishop Redwood. The only matter of regret, he said, was that the hall was not large enough to accommodate those who had wished to attend. They were assembled to do honor to one for whom they felt the greatest reverence and respect, and to congratulate him upon attaining his silver jubilee. Some 47 years had elapsed since the Archbishop entered the priesthood of the Church. He was made Bishop in 1874, and Archbishop some 13 years later. It seldom fell to the lot of an Archbishop to celebrate his jubilee. Archbishop Redwood had devoted himself to the promotion of Catholic education. Another object to which he was devoted was the erection of a new Catholic Cathedral. Within the last few days a site had been secured and the sum of £18,300 was available. The prospect of commencing the new Cathedral at an early date seemed brighter and more hopeful than ever, and the speaker hoped that the scheme proposed would crystallise into shape. Colonel Collins remarked, in concluding, that it had been said that when the life of Archbishop Redwood was written it would be the history of the Catholic Church of New Zealand. The speaker hoped that the Archbishop might be spared for many years to rule over the Church with the same ability and energy as in the past.

Address from the Laity.

Colonel Collins then read an address from the laity of the diocese, remarking that it had been drawn and illuminated by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent at Island Bay.

'We, the Catholic laity of the city and suburbs of Wellington, desire to offer you our very sincere congratulations on this the silver jubilee of your elevation to the exalted dignity of Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand. We are indeed de-

lighted to think that an event so rare in the history of the Catholic Church is being celebrated by your Grace, and, fully realising the greatness of the occasion, we are thankful that God has spared you to enjoy this the crowning event in a life devoted to His service. While congratulating your Grace, we cannot but make some brief reference to the great and good work performed by you for our spiritual and temporal needs, not only during the term of your archiepiscopate, but also during the previous years, when you were our Bishop. We know that you have ever been solicitous for our welfare, guiding us by your words, your writings, and your example. We feel that this has been singularly manifested in your great interest and zeal in the cause of education generally, and particularly in the cause of higher and Catholic education. Your efforts in this regard have indeed been fruitful, and have resulted in your archdiocese being provided with Catholic schools and a Catholic College so equipped and staffed that they compare more than favorably with the schools of any diocese in Australasia. Your zeal for our welfare has also been amply shown in your directing our minds towards current questions which particularly affect us, in your warning us, when necessary, against errors which have arisen in our midst. In these matters we have had the benefit of your great wisdom, your knowledge, and your experience, and these have been imparted to us not only in your preaching but also, and perhaps with greater and wider effect, in your writings. We cannot estimate too highly your assistance when difficulties have arisen; we cannot thank you too much for your guidance and your advice. It is with feelings of the deepest loyalty that we tender to you this address. We have indeed been fortunate in enjoying such a wise and beneficial rule during so many years; we are thankful for your zeal for our welfare, manifested in so many diverse ways, and we are grateful that such a life as yours has been privileged with the celebration of such an event as this. In conclusion, we trust and fervently pray that God in His goodness may still give you many years of activity in His service, and that the time is far distant when we will be deprived of the wisdom which has been our safe refuge, our greatest help during so many years.'

This was signed by Colonel Collins, as chairman, Messrs. B. Doherty (treasurer), and F. W. Crombie (secretary), and the other members of the committee, and was accompanied by a purse of sovereigns.

Bro. J. W. Callaghan, president of the Wellington District H.A.C.B. Society Council, then presented his Grace with an illuminated framed address from that society, of which his Grace has been an honorary member since the order was founded in Wellington. The text was as follows:—

'May it please your Grace,—On this, the occasion of your Grace's silver jubilee as Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan, we, the members of the Hibernian Australasian Catholic Benefit Society of Wellington and suburbs, respectfully beg to tender to you our heartiest congratulations on this most important event, not only in your Grace's life, but also in the history of the Catholic Church. Looking back over your Grace's forty years of devoted service as our Bishop, we find in that lengthy period a life full of labor and love in the cause of our most holy religion. A life's work which has been productive of the greatest fruitfulness especially in the great and noble cause of Catholic education, which will always stand out as a lasting monument as the work of New Zealand's first Archbishop and Metropolitan. To our society your Grace has given every possible encouragement ever since its establishment in New Zealand. Not only have you encouraged us by extending to the society your warmest approval, but on January 6, 1875, four months after the establishment of the Wellington branch, you were duly initiated as an honorary member, thereby setting an example to our Catholic men in a most practical manner. As members of a society having also for its object the inculcation into the hearts of the young a love for the patriot sons of Erin, and a devotion to the memory of Ireland, we beg to convey to your Grace on this auspicious occasion our warmest gratitude for