

equipped dioceses in these southern lands. Under your directing mind, the Archdiocese of Wellington has been enriched with noble temples of religious worship, and with institutes of education and charity, to a degree unusual in new countries such as this. These are a source of legitimate pride to your clergy, religious and faithful, and centres of radiated blessing to the nation at large.

Those of us whose work lies outside the confines of the Archdiocese are also sharers in your fifty fruitful years of thought and toil for God and souls. We find an example, an inspiration, a spiritual tonic in your life and work. And, through the communion of saints, we and our faithful people, and the whole Church of the Living God, are sharers in the precious fruits of your half-century of devoted service of the dear Lord and Redeemer of us all.

For fifty years you have been knocking at the hearts of your people by living, every day, before them, a truth of God. The signatories of this address have had the privilege of closer and more intimate contact with you. It revealed to us those qualities of mind and heart and soul which have won our deep affection: the serenity, the boundless trust in God, the sense of His near Presence, which enabled you at all times either to see the blue in every sky or the golden edge on every cloud. Above all, our close association with you has given us glimpses of what has been the Sacred Fount of all the good that has flown through your soul into the souls of others in those fifty years—namely, the inner, deeply spiritual life of yours, which is hidden with Christ in God.

We pray God still more to enrich your life, for the further spread of His Kingdom in this Dominion.

We sign ourselves, with much esteem and affection,

Always sincerely yours in Christ,

* THOMAS O'SHEA.
* HENRY W. CLEARY.
* MATTHEW BRODIE.
* JAMES WHYTE.
* JAMES LISTON.

ADDRESS FROM THE HIERARCHY OF AUSTRALIA.

Your Grace,—

We, the Archbishops and Bishops of Australia, claim the privilege of joining with New Zealand in celebrating the Golden Jubilee of your Episcopate. We have eagerly looked forward to this day and we thank God that you have been spared to see it in health and vigor.

Time has but lightly touched you: and yet, the span of your Grace's life, and even of your Episcopate, covers a period of marvellous change in the land of your adoption. You saw the hard and small beginnings of New Zealand, and you have lived to see New Zealand take as her right an honored place in the Commonwealth of British Nations and in the Councils of the world's statesmen. You saw the Church in New Zealand in her infancy, and you have been spared to see her grow and prosper far beyond the hope of those who guided her early steps and faced her early difficulties. And through all these years of growth and striving, your Grace has been a figure outstanding: a gracious personality that won golden opinions from rich and poor, from gentle and simple; a worthy citizen of wide experience and rich culture, who brought wisdom and light and strength to the service of his youthful nation; above all, a Prelate of learning and eloquence and zeal, who sowed the Gospel seed and watered it, and who, in God's good Providence, has lived to reap the harvest.

Your Grace's friends, scattered the world over, rejoice with you in this your Jubilee year and thank God for the blessings which have come, and will come, through your hands. But, we have special reason for joy and thankfulness. For to your colleagues in the Episcopacy, you have always been a friend to lean upon, a brother to love, a father to look up to and revere: patient, helpful, wise in council; virile, fresh, progressive in thought and act; one whom the youngest might approach without diffidence and to whom the oldest might listen with profit. If, in saying so much, we speak with too little reserve, affection to your Grace must be our apology. For in our hearts, you have a place which is wholly your own.

In this day which the Lord has made, we rejoice with you. With you we thank God for the blessings of your

long, well-filled life; and, for the greater good of the Church in New Zealand, we pray God still to lengthen your days and to make the evening of your life, peaceful and fruitful, as were the noon-day and the morning.

Signed on behalf of the Archbishops and Bishops of Australia,

* MICHAEL, Archbishop of Sydney.

February 24, 1924.

ADDRESS FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE.

Your Grace,—

Of all those who are gathered around you during these Jubilee celebrations, none have greater reason to rejoice than we, the priests of your Archdiocese.

We rejoice with you in that God has spared you so long to rule over the Church in this land during its period of infancy—a period no less critical in the case of institutions and great organisations than it is in the lives of individual human beings.

The Archdiocese of Wellington was singularly fortunate in obtaining for its first archbishop one whose qualities of mind and heart had so eminently fitted him for the great tasks that were awaiting him.

Sprung from one of our best known and most highly respected pioneer families, educated in France, Ireland, and Rome, you have carried through your long life the high ideals which animated the founders of our country—as well as the lofty religious principles which you imbibed at the very fountain heads of our Holy Faith.

On Church and State alike you have left the impress of the noble character moulded in those already far-off days.

We are proud of the chief under whom we have served and are serving to-day. If we are found not too unworthy of the great cause to which we have dedicated our lives, we wish publicly to ascribe a great part of the credit to the example you set us. To serve in such a cause, under such a chief has been to us a never-failing source of inspiration.

We wish to put on record our gratitude for your unceasing patience, your encouragement in our labors, your ever-ready sympathy in our trials and difficulties. Guided and supported by you, we faced the most perilous tasks with confidence, knowing that a pilot stood at the helm who would steer us safely past all shoals and shallows into a secure haven of peace.

We also wish to thank you for the support you always lent to the aspirations of that country which many of us claim as our fatherland. Though an Englishman by birth, and endowed with the virile patriotism for which your countrymen are justly famed, you never hesitated to raise your voice on behalf of Justice and Truth, when the cause of Ireland stood in need of a champion.

Ripe in years, riper in wisdom, ripest of all in sanctity, you stand before us to-day a source of joy and pride to your people, and for your priests the complete exemplar on which they all hope to model their own lives.

May we, in conclusion, assure your Grace that our esteem and affection will follow you to the end of your long and glorious career.

Signed on behalf of the priests of the Archdiocese—
(Right Rev. Mgr.) J. McKenna, V.G.; (Right Rev. Mgr.) P. J. Power; C. J. O'Reilly, S.M. (Provincial); P. Whelan, C.S.S.R.

ADDRESS FROM THE CATHOLIC LAITY OF N.Z.

Your Grace,—
We, the Catholic Laity of New Zealand, tender you our sincerest congratulations on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee as Bishop of Wellington. We are happy to associate ourselves with the Hierarchy and clergy and with our fellow Catholics of other lands in honoring your Grace.

The circumstances that call forth this unanimous expression of respect and affection are unique in the history of the Church in New Zealand; for your Grace is the link that binds the pioneer days of the early missionaries to that vigorous and well organised body, the Catholic Church, in New Zealand to-day. You were the first fruits in the priesthood of the sacrifice of those missionaries and to-day you stand, as the giant kauri of our forests, a living witness and noble monument to the Faith of our Fathers.