

"who in his life propped up the House and in his days fortified the Temple . . . who took care of his nation and delivered it from destruction . . . who obtained glory in his conversation with the people . . . who honored the vesture of holiness when he went up to the Holy Altar, and who shone in the Temple of God as the Sun shineth when he put on the robe of glory and was clothed with the perfection of power."

DECORATION OF CHURCH.

In slow procession the column advanced up the church, the leaders breaking off to their appointed places in the body of the building, while up the steps and into the sanctuary there proceeded Archbishop Redwood, the Papal Delegate, the deacon and subdeacon, and others immediately assisting in the celebration of the Mass.

In the interval which occurred before Mass commenced an opportunity was presented for a closer examination of the interior of the building, which had surely never in its history housed such a brilliant gathering. A simple but strikingly effective scheme of decoration was carried out by means of warmly tinted streamers and trailing ferns which festooned the pillars, framed the white arches with their restful green, and depended in twining ropes from the galleries and window casements. Around the high altar there stood grouped in their golden robes and vestments the celebrant and Papal Delegate with their respective attendants, while beyond in the body of the church were the eight Archbishops, fourteen Bishops, the Monsignori, row upon row of priests, Brothers, Sisters, and then the visiting representatives of the laity of the whole Dominion.

The warm sunshine streaming in through the stained glass windows shed a still richer glow upon the bright masses of color, which, looking down upon it from the galleries over the sanctuary, formed a brilliant mosaic upon the floor of the Basilica.

Official Banquet

Shortly after noon an official banquet was held in St. Francis's Hall, Hill Street. The whole of the visiting and local clergy were present, and the laity were represented in such strong force that the building was filled to the last seat. It was a great and brilliant assemblage, simple withal. Good humor and the festival spirit prevailed.

After the dinner the toast of the "Pope and the King" was proposed by Archbishop O'Shea, and was honored with enthusiasm.

Toast of the Day.

The toast of the day, that of the venerable jubilarian, was proposed by the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. Archbishop Cattaneo, who expressed his pleasure at being present at such a great gathering. Archbishop Redwood had the admiration of all present. He still looked young, despite his years, and it was the hope of everyone that for many years to come he would enjoy his present robust health.

The toast was supported by the Archbishop of Adelaide, the Most Rev. Dr. Spence, who considered it a privilege to be present to offer congratulations on behalf of the Hierarchy of Australasia. Much had been said of Archbishop Redwood as a great churchman, but he wished to refer to him also as a great citizen. He doubted if New Zealand had ever had a worthier or more loyal citizen. Archbishop Redwood's two delights had been New Zealand and his "Strad." Noted for his love of music, maybe he will be a choirmaster in Heaven.

"A Holy and a Simple Life."

The response for the clergy was made by the Right Rev. Monsignor McKenna, V.G., who welcomed the opportunity of heartily joining in all that had been said. He congratulated Archbishop Redwood on having attained his Jubilee, and expressed the sincere hope that he would yet long be spared. He had attained great age, and had achieved good works innumerable.

For the laity response was made by the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Bart., who was received with prolonged

applause and cheering. Sir Joseph offered his congratulations to the jubilarian. That day men and women from one end of New Zealand to the other rejoiced. One of the great characteristics of the guest of the day was that he had never made any distinction between rich and poor. He was a great humanitarian, and his work on behalf of the orphans, the sick, and the poor was spoken of all through the land. The laymen of New Zealand recognised that Archbishop Redwood had led a holy and a simple life, and that he had shown them an example which they would be proud if they could follow.

The toast was drunk, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" was sung, and cheer upon cheer filled the hall.

Archbishop Redwood Speaks.

There was a wonderful demonstration of enthusiasm when Archbishop Redwood rose to reply. He acknowledged the compliment that had been paid him, and thanked the speakers for the kind words that had followed from them. He said he wished he could have realised all the ideals that had been attributed to him, but it was the way of things that we all fell short of what we started out to do. That day he was celebrating his Golden Jubilee. It was a very great change from the time that he as a boy of fifteen left the plains of Nelson to sail for Europe to begin his studies. He was very grateful for what had been done for him and for what had been said. He knew that what had fallen from the men who had spoken was no mere formality, that they were sincere. He thanked all from the bottom of his heart for the manner in which they had drunk his health. He expressed to them his thanks for their great kindness, and his gratitude to Almighty God for sparing him.

His Grace Archbishop O'Shea proposed the toast of the visitors, and on behalf of the clergy of Wellington he thanked those who had come—some of them long distances—to honor the Archbishop on his Jubilee. The sight of so great an assemblage was enough to inspire anyone with the greatest enthusiasm. He hoped that now the visitors knew what a beautiful country New Zealand was to spend the summer in, they would come here more often. To everyone of them he wished long life, happiness, and every other blessing God could give.

Archbishop Barry replied for the visitors. He said he regarded it as a privilege to be asked to speak as he was one of the youngest members of the Hierarchy. Since coming to New Zealand they had experienced the wonderful hospitality of the people, and had been charmed with the country. They had thought that surely the New Zealanders were a chosen people who lived in a land studded with many beauties denied to others. They had seen the wonderful children of New Zealand who had laughed into the face of the future, and in whose hands the Church was safe in the years to come. Archbishop Redwood had done almost greater things than had been done in any country in the world. To him all extended their congratulations. The experience of the visitors had been a most pleasant one, and of it one memory would last—the brotherhood with which they had been received and the kindness that had been expended upon them.

The Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Armidale, who had known Archbishop Redwood for forty years, also spoke, describing the guest as a shining light to all in darkness and a tower of strength. He offered his most sincere congratulations.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

At the banquet a message was read from the Governor-General, saying that Lady Jellicoe and himself tendered their very hearty congratulations to Archbishop Redwood on his wonderful record in the history of the Church. They hoped that many years of service and happiness lay before him in which he would be blessed with good health.

The Procession

IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION: THE PAPAL BLESSING.

Never before in the history of the Catholic Church in New Zealand has its power and solidarity been demonstrated to such a striking degree as it was in the grand and