

New Bishop of Port Augusta

CONSECRATION OF DR. KILLIAN.



The most important religious ceremony that has taken place in South Australia, outside the capital city, was witnessed at St. Anacletus' Cathedral, Peterborough, on Sunday, the 15th ult., when the Right Rev. Andrew Killian, D.D., received episcopal consecration at the hands of his Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide (Most Rev. Dr. Spence, O.P.). The Cathedral was densely crowded, the congregation being estimated at over 3000, while many hundreds were unable to gain admission.

A notable gathering of prelates and clergy from all parts of Australia, included beside the consecrating Bishop, his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne (Most Rev. Dr. Mannix), his Lordship the Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes (Right Rev. Dr. Hayden), his Lordship the Bishop of Wagga-Wagga (Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer), his Lordship the Bishop of Sandhurst (Right Rev. Dr. McCarthy), and his Lordship the Bishop-elect of Goulburn (Right Rev. Dr. Barry). The assistant bishops were Right Rev. Dr. Hayden and Right Rev. Dr. Dwyer.

At the close of the religious ceremonies the clergy of Port Augusta presented the new Bishop with a roll-top desk, and addresses from the clergy and laity, congratulating Dr. Killian on his new dignity, were also read.

In the course of his reply Dr. Killian said he returned sincere thanks for their warm welcome. Paying a tribute to the work of those who had preceded him, he said it would be an incentive to their own generation to do their share. He proposed that the laity should take the words of his own motto, "In faith and charity," as the standard and watchword of their lives and conduct.

Replying to the priests, Dr. Killian said that the fact that his appointment was the fulfilment of their desire

and prayers was to him a source of courage and confidence in the face of many misgivings and fears arising from his sense of his unfitness for the exalted office. How great was his unfitness was borne upon his mind when they referred to his venerable predecessors, who accomplished great and glorious good in the far-flung territory of Port Augusta. He added:

"We need not go beyond my own immediate predecessor, your late beloved Bishop, Dr. Norton. In spirit, we may well believe he is with us now, at to-day's great ceremonial. This magnificent church and this splendid Bishop's residence will perpetuate his memory for all time in the parish of Peterborough and in the diocese of Port Augusta. His genius, his zeal, his generosity, his passionate devotion to the Church and to his diocese made it possible for the consecration of his successor to take place in the midst of his own priests and his own people. By his own wish, his mortal remains are interred in the cemetery where lie so many of his own people, whom he loved so well. It shall be my first duty, as, indeed, it will be a privilege, to seek your co-operation in marking his last resting-place with a monument befitting of his work in the parish and befitting his benefactions to the diocese.

"I wish to thank you, one and all, dear Fathers, for the constancy and devotion with which you carried out your duties in your respective parishes during the interregnum; especially do I feel it incumbent upon me to publicly recognise the ability and zeal of the venerable Vicar-Capitular. During all these months he administered the diocese with success, and so has made the task of my taking over a comparatively easy one."

After the addresses, the newly-consecrated Bishop tendered the visiting prelates and clergy a banquet, whilst the ladies provided luncheon for the laity.

In the evening the Very Rev. Father Sullivan, S.J. (Superior of the Jesuits) preached the occasional sermon, and more presentations were made by the people and the societies to Dr. Killian.

On Monday evening the rejoicings concluded with a social in the Peterborough Town Hall.

IRISH CONCERT AT TIMARU

At St. Patrick's Hall, Timaru, on Wednesday, June 25, an Irish concert in aid of the Hibernian Benevolent Fund attracted a large attendance. The local clergy and Marist Brothers were among those present. The programme comprised national songs, dances, and recitations, and not a dull moment eventuated from curtain to curtain (says the *Timaru Herald*). The concerted numbers by the school children were especially good and received an enthusiastic reception. An Irish jig by two very youthful dancers, Miss P. and Master E. Waters, was a feature of the programme. The following items met with the appreciative applause of a delighted audience:—Overture, "Irish Diamonds," Misses M. Young and Miss N. Murphy, A.T.C.L.; chorus, "Who Fears to Speak of '98," Marist school boys; recitation, "Shamus O'Brien," Mr. D. J. Doyle; song, "Ireland Must Be Heaven," Miss V. O'Connell; song, "The Minstrel Boy," Mr. Jas. Daly; chorus, "Where the Beautiful Rivers Flow," school girls; violin solo, "Irish Airs," Miss P. Spring, at the piano, Miss G. Spring, A.T.C.L.; vocal duet, "Keys of Heaven," Masters J. Pearce and M. Crowe; song, "Kerry Dance," Mrs. T. W. Lynch; recitation, "The Exile's Return," Mr. P. J. Smyth; chorus, "The West's Awake," Marist school boys; song, "My Little Irish Cottage," Mrs. A. Clements; dance, "clog dance," Miss C. Kyle; song, "Irish Soldiers' Song," Mr. G. F. Doyle; song (comic), J. Pearce; chorus, "Erin the Tear and the Smile," school girls; dance, "Four Hand Irish Reel," Misses M. Donaldson, Avis Wenlock, M. Kyle and N. Drew; song as a finale, "Faith of Our Fathers" concluded a splendid evenings entertainment. Miss P. Lynch, A.T.C.L., L.A.B., played the accompaniments in her usual capable manner, Mrs. J. G. Venning assisting, and Mr. Guthrie acted as piper for the dance items. In thanking the performers for their kind assistance the Rev. Father Hurley also paid a tribute to those present, who in attending in such large numbers, had so materially assisted the funds of the society. Mr. J. O'Leary, secretary of the society, also expressed the gratitude of the members at such a successful entertainment. A hearty vote of thanks to the organisers, and to those responsible for coaching the children was carried by acclamation.

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