

What wonder to-day," added the Archbishop, "that we all gather around him—bishops, priests, and people—and offer him our cordial and heartfelt congratulations. What wonder, indeed, at the time of his golden jubilee, he has the love and affection of his own people! That he has the esteem and veneration of his own clergy and his brother prelates in the Episcopacy! He is regarded as our mainstay and wise counsellor.

Sharing His Labors.

"It was time the Archbishop shared his labors with another, and all congratulate him upon having recently secured a Coadjutor-Archbishop according to his own heart. We hope God will spare the Archbishop to complete in all its fulness and beauty this glorious Cathedral, which will be the glory not merely of Sydney but of the whole of Australia. We hope the Archbishop's days will be prolonged, and we hope that every day will bring him more content and happiness. We hope that he will long be spared to guide his people in the paths of God, to confer distinction upon this Mother Church of Sydney, and to be to his brother prelates what he has always been—a wise counsellor when unworldly counsel is valued and is to be put into action. We thank God for all the graces and blessings which have descended upon the Archbishop in those fifty years. Again we say to him, long days. Again we express the hope that he shall live to see every one of his cherished desires fulfilled; and when God calls him in the distant future, we hope that he will look upon a glorious life equal in all things to the fifty years that have passed."

At the close of the Mass the Chancellor of the archdiocese, the Very Rev. Father T. Phelan, P.P., read the Apostolic Blessing and the granting of a Plenary Indulgence to all present.

The Presentations.

His Grace the Archbishop and assisting priests then retired to the sanctuary to unrobe, and upon resuming his seat upon the throne the imposing presentation of the addresses was proceeded with. The first, from his brother prelates, was read and presented by the Bishop of Maitland, the Right Rev. Dr. P. V. Dwyer, in place of the revered Bishop of Goulburn, the Right Rev. Dr. J. Gallagher, who was not able to be present, and bore the following signatures:—

John Gallagher (Bishop of Goulburn), Patrick V. Dwyer (Bishop of Maitland), Patrick O'Connor (Bishop of Armidale), John Carroll (Bishop of Lismore), William Hayden (Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes), Joseph W. Dwyer (Bishop of Wagga Wagga), Michael O'Farrell (Bishop of Bathurst).

An address from the clergy was read by the Right Rev. Mgr. J. P. Coonan, Vicar-General; and one on behalf of the laity was presented by the Hon. J. Lane Mullins, K.C.S.G.

After the ceremonies in the Cathedral, the laity entertained his Grace the Archbishop at a luncheon at the Hotel Australia. The Lord Mayor of Sydney presided, and later on, to keep a pressing engagement, Alderman McElhone gave way to the Hon. J. Lane Mullins.

Answers to Correspondents

- J.P.—Write to the Reverend Father Superior, St. Beuno's College, Holywell, Wales.
- Mrs. J.B.K.—The yarn about the Pope and his cook is exactly what we should expect to find in a paper run by a member of the Cabinet.
- J.F.M.—Later on. For many reasons we do not want to touch the question just now. In good time we will say what we have to say.
- INTERESTED.—We have to try to make room for a little of everything. Glad you like the story but regret that we cannot give larger instalments.
- Mrs. M.—The Editor regrets that the contribution is not suitable.
- INQUIRER.—There is no harm in dancing as long as propriety and decorum are observed. But we know mothers who would rather see their daughters dead than dancing some of the modern obscene contortions derived from savage orgies. We have heard from a

sensible father of a family very severe criticism of the dances he saw here at the Ball in honor of the Prince of Wales.

J.K.L.—Glad to hear from you but you don't catch me taking leaps in the dark. Besides, your "Irish Melody" note is illegal. You may say that a horse paid close on a score but New Zealand law does not permit publishing exact dividends for fear several wowsers might die of the shock when reading the good thing they missed.

CELTIC TEACHER.—We received notifications as to the number of pupils competing from the following schools only:—St. Dominic's; N.E. Valley; South Dunedin; Greymouth; Hokitika; Manaiti; Palmerston North; Te Aroha; Waimate; Alexandra; Teschemakers; Barbadoes Street; Riccarton; Port Chalmers; Hamilton; Gore; Cromwell; Kaikorai. Donations towards prizes came in from the following: Mrs. T. J. Bourke; Very Rev. J. O'Connell; Rev. M. Fogarty; Rev. John Kelly; Rev. G. Hunt; Rev. Father Mansfield; Very Rev. Father Whelan; Rev. Father Peoples.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

SHONEENISM IN PRACTICE.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Apropos of your frequent and apposite references to the coming general election, I propose with your indulgence to refer to a few facts in connection with the last. One of the Auckland constituencies selected as its Parliamentary representative one, Mr. J. S. Dickson, whose only claim to prominence is his close connection with Mr. Howard Elliott and the Protestant Political Association. As a matter of fact when the House of Representatives thrilled with indignation at the slanders cast by Elliott upon one of our saintly dead, this gentleman made no secret of his sympathy with the man who had been publicly thrashed by the dead man's brother. Mr. Dickson and his friends have repeatedly boasted that he sits in Parliament by the largest majority polled by any Parliamentarian in this country. Certainly his majority exceeded 2000 votes, and your readers will be surprised to learn that he received a substantial measure of Catholic support! It will be obvious enough to anyone who studies the figures that such a plurality could never have polled were it not that Mr. J. S. Dickson, the personal friend of Mr. Howard Elliott and avowed representative of the Protestant Political Association, received hundreds of votes from people whom they revile as "superstitious Romanists!" The figures of course tell their own tale, but I have frequently visited Auckland since the election, and having seen and heard things for myself, have no hesitation in stating that Mr. Dickson is *persona grata* with not a few in the North who proclaim themselves Irishmen and Catholics! Under these circumstances it is not surprising that Auckland was able to produce a quota of shoneens who, when the *furor* about Bishop Liston's speech was at its height, did not scruple to attack their Bishop in the public press! Another illustration of shoneenism in practice was afforded by this city of Wellington. Some weeks prior to the general election Mr. Howard Elliott announced by means of an "interview" published through the sympathetic medium of the local Liberal organ, the *New Zealand Times*, that Mr. Semple's election for Wellington South was an affront to Protestantism and that no means would be left to unseat him at the general election. Moreover, the Leader of the so-called Liberal Party, the late Mr. W. D. S. MacDonald, publicly announced that there were certain Labor extremists to defeat whom "the two great political parties" had combined. In due course a certain Colonel Mitchell announced himself as an Independent candidate for Wellington South. Under the circumstances a man whose head was no bigger than a door-knob could see that Mr. Mitchell was the Reform-Liberal-Welfare League-P.P.A. candidate. That he was supported by every rancorous bigot was quite evident and notorious. Certainly Mr. Mitchell proved himself a dexterous politician, for he disclaimed all sympathy with the P.P.A., protested that he was a supporter of Sir Joseph Ward, that he was proud of his many Catholic friends, etc. His protestations were palpably false and could be believed only by those who

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