

Last homage to Archbishop Downey--

2032

June 23rd. '53.

Leaving his home in Woolton for the last time- the body of the Most Reverend Dr Downey- Archbishop of Liverpool- who died at the age of 72,- was borne through streets, lined ~~by~~ thousands of mourners.

For the Archbishop was a friend of men and women in all walks of life in this great sea port- who came to pay their solemn homage to his memory.

On through the sorrowing crowds, the cortege moved- en route ~~in~~ for the Pro-Cathedral of St Nicholas, where the much-loved Prelate will ~~lie in State~~ lie in State.

And so, Catholics ~~throughout~~ throughout the world, mourned a brilliant scholar and priest- whom death removed in the year of his Silver Jubilee as third Archbishop and sixth episcopal ruler of the Great See of Liverpool.

Later, Dr Downey will be buried in the tomb in the crypt of the Metropolitan Cathedral, designed for him by the late Sir Edwin Lutyens. A permanent memorial to the man, whose great work- the ~~product~~ product of a noble vision-- will live for ever, in the hearts of ~~Catholic~~ Catholics, who loved him so well.