

forefathers, who have left to an admiring posterity grand architectural monuments of their zeal and piety by erecting churches and cathedrals which adorn the principal cities of Europe?—cathedrals which, thanks to the unstinted wealth lavished upon them, still rear their lofty heads to the sky even after the lapse of centuries and centuries.

How many of our Catholic people die intestate through a morbid dread of making a will, thus leaving the earnings of a lifetime to the State? How many bequeath what it has taken long and laborious years to amass, to those who, perhaps, will squander it away without the faintest thought of praying for the deceased donors? How much wiser and more profitable for their souls to have bequeathed a portion to the great God to whom they are indebted for all that they had.

What more opportune moment to erect this cathedral than during the year of the Golden Jubilee of this fair province of ours?

Not only will it be a memorial for the Jubilee year of the province, it will be something more. The present eventful century is drawing to a close, and we are standing on the threshold of a new era. Have we not reason to be grateful for favors, both spiritual and temporal, received by ourselves or our fathers during the century now near its end? Will not the erection of a cathedral be a most appropriate way to mark our indebtedness and our gratitude to the Almighty? Will it not be a standing memorial whereby to testify our gratitude and delight? We know you too well, dearly beloved brethren and children in Christ, to insist further in urging the discharge of a duty which we are confident you will love to fulfil. We feel sure you will do all in your power to make it as worthy a thank-offering as you can for the countless graces you and yours have received during the century now drawing to its close. As patriotic citizens, too, you will be eager to make this cathedral an ornament to the City of the Plains. We have no doubt that in this point of view alone not a few of our dear separated brethren will help us to do the same.

Gladly do we avail ourselves of this opportunity to thank our devoted priests and their faithful flocks for the great kindness they showed us and the zealous missionaries who labored with us during our recent visitation of the diocese. The generosity of priests and people in the noble work we undertook will ever be among the cherished recollections of the past.

May we not at the same time urge those who so kindly promised donations towards the Cathedral, to be as prompt as they can in redeeming those sacred promises? Let each of us take up the words of the inspired penman and make them his own, saying, 'I purpose to build a temple to the name of the Lord my God' (3 Kings v. 5), and this, with the help of the Most High, I am resolved to accomplish.

We hereby direct—(1) That on the occasion of the Jubilee of the province, that is to say, Sunday, December 16, or the first Sunday after the reception of this Pastoral, a solemn Te Deum will be sung in all the churches or chapels of the diocese. Together with the Te Deum, the verses and prayers, 'Pro Gratiarum Actione' will be recited or sung in thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received during the Jubilee of the province. (2) On the 31st of the month, the last day of the present year, wherever it can be safely and conveniently done, a solemn Midnight Mass may be sung in all the principal churches of the diocese, to thank the Almighty for the blessings of the expiring century and to invoke the blessings of the Most High on the new one, the dawn whereof you will be glad thus to sanctify.

In conclusion, let us exhort you to hearken to the words of the Gentiles, words so appropriate to the occasion.—We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as it is meet, for your faith increaseth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you aboundeth' (2 Tim. i. 3). Again, 'I desire first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men; for kings and for all in high places' (1 Tim. ii. 1). 'Let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body, and be ye thankful. Be ye filled with the Holy Ghost; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, and making melody in your hearts to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things in the house of our Lord Jesus Christ to God and the Father' (Eph. v., 18-20).

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ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, TIMARU.

THE distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Timaru, took place on Tuesday evening, when his Lordship Bishop Grimes presided. Prior to the distribution an excellent entertainment, contributed by the pupils, was given in the presence of a number of friends and visitors. The programme included a sketch of the life of the foundress of the Order by a former pupil, a sacred cantata, a centenary ode, choruses, a French dialogue, and musical items.

The following is the prize list.—

Decorations.—The second medallion and ribbon of merit were given by the votes of the pupils, ratified by those of the religious, to Maud Blandford, third ribbon Margaret Venning, fourth ribbon Elsie Edwards, fifth ribbon Clare Smith, Mechtildes Kennedy, seventh ribbon Mary McShane, Mary Twomey, Elizabeth Brosnahan, next in merit to the ribbon, Dorothea Loughnan, May Johnstone. The first green ribbon was given to Gladys Kennaway, Bridget Sullivan, second green ribbon Monica Venning, Kathleen Chitty, third green ribbon Louie Johnstone, Stella Murray. Pink ribbons were given to Mary Geaney, Margaret Mahoney, Frances Clarke, Nancy Loughnan, Winifred Ward, Kathleen Ward, Alison Bristol, Mary O'Dowd, Geraldine Virtue, Dorothy Eiby.

General good conduct—Maud Blandford; next in merit, Margaret Venning, Elsie Edwards.

Christian doctrine.—First division—Dorothea Loughnan; next in merit, Elsie Edwards. Second division—Mary Twomey; next in merit, Esther Bruce, Patricia Geaney. Third division—Gertrude Clarke; next in merit, Theresa Wareing.

Diligence.—First class—(Second year) Elsie Edwards. First class—(First year) Mechtildes Kennedy. Third class—Esther Bruce, Patricia Geaney; next in merit, Monica Wareing, Mary Twomey. Fourth class—Beatrice Knight; next in merit, Gladys Kennaway. Fifth class—Edith Knight; next in merit, Kathleen Chitty.

First class (second year).—Elements of Christian Philosophy and Latin Grammar—Dorothea Loughnan. Elements of Natural Science—Dorothea Loughnan. Literature and composition—Elsie Edwards.

First class (first year).—Elements of Christian Philosophy—Clare Smith. Mathematics—Mechtildes Kennedy. History—Clare Smith.

Third class—Grammar—Patricia Geaney; next in merit, Esther Bruce, Monica Wareing. Composition—Margaret Meehan; next in merit, Ethel Devine, Esther Bruce. History—Esther Bruce; next in merit, Mary McShane, Patricia Geaney, Nellie Wall. Geography—Esther Bruce; next in merit, Patricia Geaney, Mary McShane. Arithmetic—Mary McShane, Monica Wareing; next in merit, Eva Batters, Eileen Twomey. Repetition—Mary McShane; next in merit, Esther Bruce, Monica Wareing.

Fourth class.—Grammar—Louie Johnstone. History and geography—Gladys Kennaway. Arithmetic—Monica Venning; next in merit, Theresa Wareing.

Fifth class.—History—Edith Knight; next in merit, Gertrude Clarke. Geography—Gertrude Clarke. Reading—Next in merit to the prize, Kathleen Chitty. Arithmetic—Next in merit to the prize, Stella Murray.

Sixth class.—Spelling—Mary Geaney. History and geography—Maud Blandford.

Seventh class.—Reading and spelling—Nancy Loughnan.

Eighth class.—Reading—Mary O'Dowd.

Elementary class.—Prize for encouragement, Geraldine Virtue, Dorothy Eiby.

Orthography.—First division—Cecily Kennedy; next in merit, Patricia Geaney.

Needlework.—First division—May Johnstone; next in merit, Clare Smith. Second division—Beatrice Knight, 1; Louie Johnstone, 2; next in merit, Monica Wareing, Eva Batters. Third division—Gertrude Clarke. Elementary division—Prize, Allison Bristol.

Order.—First division—Monica Wareing; next in merit, Essie Bruce.

Writing.—First division—Prize, Ethel Devine; next in merit, Beatrice Knight. Second division—Louie Johnstone, 1; Eileen Twomey, 2; next in merit, Edith Knight. Third division—Frances Clarke; next in merit, Mary Egan.

French.—Second division—Mechtildes Kennedy; next in merit, Essie Bruce. Diligence—May Johnstone. Fourth division—Patricia Geaney; next in merit, Eileen Twomey. Fifth division—Eva Batters. Elementary division—Nancy Loughnan.

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