

dedicated to the public worship of God, under the patronage of Our Lady Help of Christians.

After the High Mass the Archbishop of Sydney entertained the State Governor and the visiting prelates at luncheon, in the Chapter Hall, at 1 o'clock. On his Grace's immediate right sat his Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland, and on his left his Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONES.

The ceremony of laying and blessing the foundation stones of the additions to the Cathedral took place in the afternoon. The space upon which the new structure is to be raised was completely filled with seats, which rose up on the four sides, so that when filled it seemed like a Roman amphitheatre. It was a great day for the Catholic guilds. About 2000 members of the H.A.C.B. Society, headed by their own band, marched from the Central Railway Station to the scene of the ceremony. The A.H.C. Guild, Irish National Foresters, representatives of the Catholic Federation, and St. Vincent de Paul Society, also marched through the presbytery gates. Then came the ecclesiastical procession. The scene was an impressive one. The prelates in their purple robes and the clergy in white surplices, the members of the Catholic societies in their full regalia, imparted a tone of grandeur and brilliance befitting the important occasion. The arrival of his Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Misses Strickland and attended by General Finn and Captain Talbot, was the signal for applause from the huge crowd, the band playing the National Anthem.

The first of the foundation stones was laid by his Grace the Archbishop of Sydney, who was presented with a silver trowel by the architect, Mr. J. F. Hennessy. His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne laid the second stone. The inscription was in English, and was as follows:—'In honor of the Most Adorable Trinity, under the title of the Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians, Patron of the Church of Australia, this stone was laid, and solemnly blessed by Thomas Joseph, Archbishop of Melbourne, June 8, 1913; the 48th year from the burning of the old church, and the 92nd from its foundation. Pius X. PP. and George V., King of Great Britain and Ireland. Happy Rejoicing.' Under each stone was placed a glass bottle containing newspapers, coins, and other records. The two stones were of great size. One bore a Latin inscription.

The Archbishop of Sydney, in asking the State Governor (Sir Gerald Strickland) to preside over the meeting, said that 92 years ago, when Father Therry laid the foundation stone of the Cathedral, the function was presided over by the Governor of the day. 'We are assembled here,' he added, 'under the presidency of his Excellency the Governor, representing King George V. We are upholding the great principle by which we may hope to bring to pass the fulfilment of the motto, "Advance, Australia."'

His Excellency Sir Gerald Strickland, who was received most cordially, said: 'I feel grateful for being associated with my fellow Catholics in Sydney on the occasion of the laying of these two foundation stones by the Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne. I congratulate the whole of the people of Sydney upon the determination of Archbishop Kelly to enter at once with all energy and despatch on the completion of this magnificent Cathedral. The public buildings which a people erect are a testimony to the spirit of the nation, which remain for generation to generation. It is a great thing in a young country that a monument erected in the present should be as indicative of future aspirations as it is of the energy of the moment. It requires apostolic spirit; it requires the heart of a lion to undertake to collect the funds necessary to meet the difficulties incidental to placing the building in which we worship God in this our community on a standard which will be an honor to ourselves and to posterity.'

The Archbishop of Melbourne proposed—'That with a view to securing the continuation of the works for the completion of St. Mary's Cathedral subscrip-

tions be now opened.' 'Let your motives,' his Grace said, 'be to return to God some little part of the gifts which He has bestowed on you. The Cathedral is the home of God, and when you are preparing a home for Him do not do so with a niggard hand.'

Mr. Holman (Attorney-General) said:—'It is a great occasion in the history, not merely of the Catholic body, but in the history of Christendom in the Southern Hemisphere, that we are called together to celebrate to-day. This great building, as all in this audience are aware, must be regarded by all of us as an effort of the great body of Catholicism which exists with so much vigor and life throughout Australia at this moment. It has been the centre from which has radiated the spiritual and religious influence of what is the oldest form of Christianity, and what is in Australia one of the strongest and most vigorous forms of Christianity in our midst. I feel that the immense service done by the Church to Australia, from the point of view of ornamentation, is a service which those of us who do not belong to it might well take this occasion to offer our congratulations. This great building, when completed, will probably stand without rival amongst the architectural triumphs of the southern world.'

Mr. P. S. Cleary, president of the Catholic Federation, also spoke.

His Excellency put the resolution, which was carried.

Rev. Father Murphy, secretary to his Grace, read a list of those who had contributed to the funds, which totalled nearly £11,000. The list was headed by his Grace Archbishop Kelly with £1000, the Archbishop of Melbourne following next with 100 guineas.

Judge Heydon proposed that the prelates be thanked for their efforts.

Judge Edmunds and Mr. T. Hughes, M.L.C., supported the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

The Coadjutor-Archbishop of Melbourne returned thanks, and regretted that Providence had not provided more congenial weather—it was one of the things that made him more contented to settle down in Melbourne.

Their Lordships Bishops Dwyer and O'Connor also spoke. The latter thanked his Excellency for presiding at that historic function. The motion was seconded by Sir William Manning, and carried by acclamation.

His Excellency returned thanks, and he and Lady Edeline Strickland were cheered as they left.

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