

MEMORIAL SCHOOL.

Opened at Peterborough.

The new memorial school, erected to the memory of the late Dr. John Henry Norton, Roman Catholic Bishop of Port Augusta, was opened at Peterborough on Sunday last by the Right Rev. Dr. Killian, the present bishop. Although the scheme was inaugurated only three years ago all the money necessary to free the undertaking of debt had been realized at the close of to-day's ceremony.

St. Anacletus Pro. Cathedral was well filled. At the close of the service the bishop, assisted by Archdeacon Doyie (Jamestown), the Very Rev. Father O'Rourke (Port Pirie), Very Rev. Father Ryan (Peterborough), and the Rev. Father Morrissy (Pekina) conducted the preparatory service of asking God's blessing on the undertaking.

The Ceremony.

A procession was then formed, headed by the crossbearers and acolytes, who were followed by the girls, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the boys, the H.A.C.B. Society, and the clergy, to the new school, where the bishop blessed and formally declared the building open, after which he extended a very hearty welcome to the Mayor (Mr. W. C. Reed) and the members for the district (Messrs. O'Halloran, McHugh, and Hawke). Particularly did he thank the visiting clergy. The speaker eulogized the late Bishop Norton, who had come to Peterborough as a young man in the early days of his priesthood, and had spent the remainder of his earthly life among them, building up the faith and adorning the parish with many fine buildings for religious and educational purposes. The architect and the builder (Mr. W. Brady) and his staff had ably carried out their duties, and the building was in every way a great credit to them. Of the memorial they were all justly proud. Dr. Killian spoke at considerable length upon the material aspect and the moral significance of the edifice, and he quoted the American President's strongly expressed opinion on the great necessity of Christian education, without which no Government or country could stand.

Mr. O'Halloran moved—"That this meeting of the Catholics and citizens of Peterborough desire to place on record their expression of gratitude to all who had cooperated in building and freeing from all debt this fine memorial school."

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The Very Rev. Father O'Rourke, who had been many years connected with Peterborough, spoke of the great work carried out by the late bishop, particularly at Peterborough.

The Very Rev. Father Ryan referred to the great enthusiasm and energy shown by the people of Peterborough parish and their determination to open the school free of debt. The collection that day, amounting to £350, had accomplished that end. (Applause.) All were very happy and proud of their achievement, and their thanks went out to those who had assisted them. Beginning in 1922, they had raised £3,820. The cost of the building, out-buildings, fencing, underground, and all equipment, had cost £3,800, and was paid for in full.

The Mayor, in proposing a vote of thanks to the bishop for presiding, commended the Catholics of Peterborough on the result of their effort and upon the memorial erected to the late bishop. He hoped Dr. Killian and those who had worked so hard to bring about success would live long to enjoy the prosperity of the children benefiting by the great privileges that were being provided for them.

The bishop, in responding, announced that on May 1 the new bishop's house would be blessed and opened and the present two-story building handed over to the Sisters of St. Joseph, as a convent and a small boys' boarding school.

The Building.

The new school, which stands prominently on the corner of Bourke and Cullary streets, is an imposing structure of dressed stone, very lofty, and the main room is beautifully lighted by 15 large Gothic windows on the eastern side. This room is divided into three spacious classrooms with folding doors. Two large classrooms for the higher grades are on the west side. In the front a large statue of St. Joseph stands in a niche in the wall. All the latest of modern furnishings had been provided and the whole is in every way a fitting and lasting memorial.