

Sacred Heart College, Glenelg

Blessing and Opening of Extensions

Foundation Stone of Memorial Chapel Laid

The Marist Brothers were favored with beautiful, though rather warm weather, for the double ceremony which took place at the Sacred Heart College, Glenelg, on Sunday afternoon last, when his Grace the Archbishop blessed and opened the extensions to the College recently erected, and laid the foundation stone of the fine new chapel which is to be erected as a memorial of the jubilee of the Marist Brothers in Australia and of the students of the College who were killed in the late European war.

A crowd of some thousand persons, including many visitors from the city and suburbs, assembled in the grounds to witness the ceremony. His Grace the Archbishop, who was accompanied by the Rev. Fr. Gatzemeyer, Adm. of St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, was received by Bro. Joseph (principal of the College), and his staff, and a guard of honor, consisting of the students. Among those present were the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Neill, V.G., of Glenelg (who attended in a motor), the Right Rev. Mgrs. Hurley, V.G., and Hourigan, Rev. Fr. Considine, of Glenelg, Rev. M. Horgan (Chaplain of the College), Hon. P. McM. Glynn, Mr. P. Reidy, M.P., the Mayor of Glenelg (Mr. W. Patterson), the Mayor of Brighton (Mr. J. C. Comley), Messrs. John McGee, Mr. J. L. Travers, and J. J. Davoren (representing the Old Scholars), and the following members of the building committee:—Messrs. J. H. Flanagan, J. J. Terry, J. Murphy, T. Horgan, M. E. Redden, H. H. Tandy, and M. A. Dwyer.

The Archbishop first blessed the extensions at the rear of the College, assisted by Rev. Frs. Gatzemeyer and Considine, and attended by cross-bearer and acolytes. He then blessed the ground on which the memorial chapel is being erected on the eastern

side of the College, and blessed and laid the foundation-stone. For this purpose he was presented by Bro. Joseph with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, the gift of the architects (Messrs. Garlick and Jackman).

After the ceremony his Grace and the clergy and prominent laymen present took their seats on the platform adjoining the foundation-stone.

Bro. Joseph said it was his pleasant duty to introduce his Grace the Archbishop, who had kindly come down to perform the ceremony. As a Catholic educational establishment the College already owed the Archbishop a deep debt of gratitude, and once again his Grace had placed them under an additional obligation by his further act of encouragement in being present. It was only eight years ago that the college was established there, with 25 boarders and an equal number of day boys, and to-day they had 80 boarders and between 30 and 40 day boys. The building which the Archbishop opened eight years ago had become too small for the requirements, and it had become imperative to concentrate on extensions and the building just blessed had been the result. He was pleased to put before his Grace the progress made in eight years, of which the extension was evidence. When the matter of the extension was put in hand some of their friends were anxious to do something in connection with the jubilee of the work of the order in Australia. Fifty years ago four Marist Brothers arrived in Sydney to take up the work at St. Patrick's School in that city. They began with 117 scholars. Since then they had extended their operations from New Norcia, in the West, to Sydney, in the East, throughout the Commonwealth, in the Dominion of New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific, and had nearly 200 bro-

of New Zealand, and the islands of the Pacific, and had nearly 300 brothers engaged in scholastic work, and something like 9000 scholars. (Applause.) In order to signalise this jubilee a committee was formed. They were anxious to mark the occasion by some permanent memorial. The Marist Brothers had never made an appeal to the public for help during their 50 years' existence in Australia, and he thought that was a record for any of the Orders in Australia. The committee also desired to erect a memorial to the ex-students of the College who had fallen in the war, and it had been decided that the two objects could best be combined in the erection of a college chapel. The debt on the college buildings was still between £4000 and £5000, but the Brothers were prepared to face that themselves, and the one concern of the appeal committee was the erection of the chapel, which would cost between £9000 and £10,000, and which they all knew would be an architectural

ornament, not only to the college, but to the district. The committee was not merely an ornamental body. It had done a large amount of work in the 12 months since its formation with his Grace's consent, and deserved their best thanks. It had £3300 in hand, of which the members had contributed £1200, over a third, out of their own pockets. They had shown themselves willing to back their enthusiasm with their cash. (Applause.) In addition to being a memorial of the jubilee, the building would serve another purpose, rather by coincidence than by set design. His Grace would remember that he was present five years ago, when Sir Henry Galway unveiled a roll of honor to over 300 of their students who had enlisted. Some 70 or 80 went to the front afterwards, bringing the total up to nearly 400. Between 60 and 70 of these had made the supreme sacrifice. It was thought fitting to commemorate them by a jubilee and memorial chapel. The fact that so many Marist Brothers boys had enlisted showed that they had done their duty at their country's call; and if that call came again the boys of their colleges would not be found wanting. (Applause.)

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Mr. John McGee, speaking on behalf of the elder generation of students, said he felt it a great privilege to be permitted to join with Bro. Joseph in extending a welcome to his Grace the Archbishop of Adelaide. This was a proud day for the Old Boys of the Marist Brothers' schools. They felt proud when they saw the fine college which is the headquarters in South Australia, and when they imagined what the college would be like when the chapel was completed, they felt their pride was justified, because the college would be the finest in South Australia, and would hold its own with any in the Commonwealth. (Applause.) This great throng reminded them of another gathering which the college grounds beheld just five years ago that day, when a roll of honor was unveiled. Then they came to do honor to the men of the Marist Brothers' schools who, seeing the rugged path of duty before them, trod it, as they would expect men of the Marist Brothers' schools to tread it—simply and nobly. (Cheers.) And to-day they again commemorated those men. But there was a difference between that last function and the present one. Then they honored the brave, and mourned their dead, in their capacity of citizens of the State; then they paid their tribute in a secular war, and their tribute—noble though the roll of honor be—was one destined for time. However Time with reverent finger may lighten its touch, the polished oak and burnished brass of the roll of honor must obey the immutable law of decay. Not so the memorial of to-day. To-day their tribute was a Catholic one, a spiritual one. For though the fane to be erected would also pass away, the holy and adorable sacrifice of the Mass which would be offered in this shrine would last through eternity. When time is no more, the sublime offering to be made daily on this altar would be as sublime, as holy and as adorable forever as at the moment it was offered. And the prayers of pure, unsullied boyish hearts would go up daily in that chapel as a sweet incense before the Adorable Sacrifice; and that incense, too, would retain its

and that incense, too, would retain its fragrance, and would be associated with each Holy Mass forever. Those Masses and those boyish prayers would smooth the path of the warriors who are gone, and would keep the feet of those who had returned; and when they in turn should cross the divide those Masses and those prayers would serve them still. And they who had helped would share with the men we commemorate; they, too, who had added stone to stone in this chapel, would feel the joy and happiness of Catholics in their hearts when they thought that they had made possible another temple for God; that they had reared up a temple wherein would be re-enacted, in beauty and in dignity, the sublime, the majestic, the terrifying, and yet the most tender and loving sacrifice of the Cross. This chapel would commemorate another event—the jubilee of the Marist Brothers in Australia. A Catholic Church, and a Catholic college—the union seemed a natural one. Superficially it was. But it had a deeper significance, too. The Catholic Church and learning—that is a natural union. The Church had at all times been the protector and ally of learning. Throughout the long dark ages of ignorance the Catholic was

the one beacon light of knowledge. The Church rejoiced in the widest systems of intellectual education from an ultimate conviction that Truth was its real ally, as it was its profession; and that knowledge and reason were the sure ministers of Faith. There was the true significance of their Catholic college and Catholic chapel. (Applause.) Time would weave its stories and traditions around these college halls; hosts of young men would pass through the old college, and would go out into the world sanctified and strengthened and ennobled by their sojourn there; but the memory of the beautiful, ivy covered chapel would linger as a sweet and tender memory; and perhaps they would think of those who now, on a day befitting their task, partook in the noble work of opening the Memorial Chapel of the Sacred Heart College. (Applause.)

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Mr. J. L. Travers, on behalf of the younger generation of ex-students, also joined in the welcome to the Archbishop. To judge by the numbers present, his Grace was most popular; but neither numbers nor eloquence could express their welcome to him and appreciation of the Brothers. (Applause.) He regarded this dual celebration with special interest as one who had recently been under the superintendance and guidance of the Brothers. They had adopted as their motto "Progress," not in the school alone, but for life. Their main desire was not to gain this prize or that, or to concentrate on brilliant pupils, but to turn out their pupils fitted for life. (Applause.) The chapel would be a memorial of their efforts for their pupils and also of the ex-students who had answered the call of duty. What better memorial could they have? It was a tribute unequalled and unsurpassable. (Cheers.)

The Archbishop, who was received with cheers, first acknowledged the warm welcome extended to him. Nothing, he said, came home so much to the heart of a priest or bishop as to be well housed in the hearts of the subjects God had committed to his care. There were a great many Glenelg people present, and also many from other parishes. But he was sure that they and the Brothers were all delighted to see the parish priest (Mgr. O'Neill) there in a motor car. (Cheers.) The Monsignor had been laid up for a long time, but had made a great effort to be present to show his appreciation of the work being carried on by the Brothers. They were all heartily glad to see him there, and he was sure he would have their prayers for a further improvement of his health. His Grace went on to point out that his own presence was a necessity, since no chapel or school could be opened, or the foundation stone laid, except by the Bishop or someone appointed by him. He was delighted to have laid the foundation stone. They could picture in their minds how, in the years to come, when all those present would have gone the way of all flesh, without having their names on any honor roll, the college and chapel would live, and

the college and chapel would live, and the younger generation would offer their prayers there for him and all who stood around him. The chapel would serve a double purpose in which all could unite. It would be a memorial to those brave men who had gone from the college to fight for their country. Those men who had gone forward, whether they were Catholics or not, deserved praise and the thanks of the country for which they had fought. He was afraid some of them got little thanks when they returned. No matter who they were, and no matter to what faith they belonged, they deserved their thanks and praise, and more, if they were able to bestow it upon them. He was glad that the boys from that college had done their share, and perhaps more than their share, in the war. He was proud of the record of names from the Marist schools. (Cheers.) The other object of the memorial chapel was the commemoration of the jubilee of the Marist Brothers in Australia. He hoped that jubilee had also been celebrated in other parts of Australia. In fact, it took a little urging on his part to induce the Marist Brothers to accept something as the result of a public appeal, because they were unaccustomed to make any such appeals. They had not only his sympathy and counsel, but his urging. The committee formed did not simply talk, they put their hands in their own pockets and acted in a generous way; but it would all come back to them from Almighty God. They were all of one mind in this dual celebration, and desired to act in as generous a way as possible. The Brothers had not appealed for subscriptions at any previous functions. There was only another instance of the kind that he knew of. The Sisters of Mercy, who were opening their new convent at Parkside on Sunday next, would not ask for any subscriptions, as it was built from

money left to a Sister in the Argentine. In conclusion his Grace said they were there to help all they could, and appealed to all to give generously and show how much they appreciated the Marist Brothers by helping to build this memorial. (Applause.)

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Bro. Joseph then read a long list of subscriptions received, which included £10 10/ each from the Archbishop and Mgr. O'Neill, in addition to £50 each which they had previously given. Mr. T. S. Ryder, Kingston, gave £500; Dr. McM. Glynn, Riverton, £100; and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Tennant, Glenelg, 100 guineas. Further subscriptions amounting to about £400 were then handed in. Bro. Joseph mentioned that Mr. and Mrs. J. McGuire (who had three sons killed at the front) had written to say they would commemorate them by presenting some article of furniture for the chapel.

Mr. M. A. Dwyer proposed a vote of thanks to the Archbishop on behalf of the committee. His Grace had shown the kindest interest in the Marist Brothers ever since they had purchased that beautiful place, and the appeal committee were grateful to him for it. Bro. Joseph, with characteristic modesty, had refrained from letting him know the great work which he had done himself. Bro. Emilian had also traversed the State for subscriptions, and the committee congratulated him on having proved an excellent money extractor. (Cheers and laughter.) They would shortly send him out again to parts not yet visited, and hoped that when his task terminated the amount required would be nearly raised. (Applause.)

Mr. Davoren seconded the motion. He said that in his student days he remembered that they looked forward to visits from the Archbishop chiefly as the occasion for a half-holiday, and suggested that his Grace should exercise his powers and bestow a half-holiday on the boys. (Laughter and applause.)

The Archbishop, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, promised to exercise his powers on Bro. Joseph as regarded a half-holiday. He hoped the collection would be a big one, and would thus lift a burden from the shoulders of Bro. Joseph and the committee and save them anxiety. (Applause.)

The visitors then inspected the building and extensions, and afternoon tea was served.

The style adopted for the new chapel is that known as the Romanesque,

pel is that known as the Romanesque, and the materials to be used, bluestone with cement dressings, will harmonize with the architectural treatment of the existing buildings. The foundations are of specially designed reinforced cement concrete. The walls will be built of Tapley's Hill bluestone, with cement quoins and dressings to all door and window openings. The trustees have obtained a lease of a quarry at Tapley's Hill, and only specially selected stone will be used. All the window frames will be of steel, with subdued color-stained glass leaded lights of simple design. The joinery will be of blackwood, specially chosen for beauty of grain, and polished. The whole of the walls internally will be finished in cement and brown sand, thus giving a permanent buff shade effect, and they will be jointed to represent stone. The ceiling will be panelled in wood, and stained to harmonize with the cement-finish of the walls. The roof is to be covered with Roman-pattern terra cotta tiles. The width of the chapel will be 28 feet, and the length 66 feet, with aisles on each side six feet wide. Seating accommodation for 200 persons will be provided. The sanctuary at the eastern end will be 18 feet wide and 21 feet long, semi-circular and lighted by three stained-glass windows placed above the altar. The entrance porch will be 14 feet by 10 feet, with white Angaston marble steps leading from the carriage drive. At each side of the entrance porch will be a tower 12 feet square carried up to a height of 60 feet, the upper portion of which will be octagonal and surmounted with a copper dome and cross. Provision will be made over the entrance porch for an organ chamber, and curved and panelled wooden gallery for the organ-passage ways leading from the sanctuary. The whole of the floors will be of reinforced cement concrete, covered with wood parquetry flooring of specially selected blackwood and oak. Messrs. Garlick and Jackman are the architects, and Messrs. Dwyer and Warner the contractors.

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Captain Dowman, of Falmouth, England, has purchased from her Portuguese owners the old sailing clipper Cutty Sark, once famous for her fast passages to Australia. He desires to prevent her being broken up. He will convert her into a training ship for boys.