



St. John the Baptist Memorial School, Thebarton

THE erection of a memorial to the late Mgr. Healy and Bro. Jerome should be of interest to a wide circle of Catholics and others. Apart from his ordinary duties as a Priest; the name of Father Healy is well known on account of his untiring and successful efforts for the cause of total abstinence. His wise methods in this matter commanded respect because they were based on sound principles and were spiritualised by practical Catholicity—the regular reception of the Sacraments and prayer.

His works of charity on behalf of boys and poor homeless men are equally well known. His zeal for the welfare of youth induced him more than forty years ago to establish the present Boys' Home at Brooklyn Park, and his practical sympathy for the

needy brought into existence 33 years ago the Home for Poor Men at Garfield, adjacent to Brooklyn Park. Both these institutions are open to men and boys from all parts of the State.

In all these works, Father Healy was ably and loyally assisted by the Brothers of St. John the Baptist, of whom Bro. Jerome was one of the foundation members and first Superior; hence the appropriateness of the joint memorial.

The new school, which is to be solidly constructed of brick, dressed with cement, measures 121 feet, facing George Street, and the two wings extend in a northerly direction to a distance of 58 feet. It is divided into five

tance of 58 feet. It is divided into five large classrooms, teachers' room, book-room, lobby, and a wide corridor, which runs through the centre of the building. Entrance is made through an

ornately designed porch, and the quadrangle formed on the northern side is provided with a 12-ft. return verandah. Latest methods of lighting, ventilation, etc., are installed throughout.

Plans for the new school were prepared by Mr. H. H. Jory, architect, Eagle Chambers, Pirie Street, City, and the contractors are Messrs. F. Fricker, Ltd., of Queenstown.

As advertised in another column, the foundation-stone will be blessed and laid by His Grace the Archbishop on Sunday, August 27, and a memorial tablet will be blessed on the same occasion by His Grace the Coadjutor Archbishop (Dr. Killian). The Priests and people of Thebarton hope to see many wellwishers of Catholic education and many admirers of Father Healy's work present at the ceremony.