

St. Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton.

THE GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES.

On their way to participate in the consecration and opening of the Rockhampton Cathedral, his Eminence the Cardinal (accompanied by Very Rev. Dr. O'Haran), their Lordships Dr. Corbett (Bishop of Sale), Dr. Murray (Bishop of Maitland), Dr. Byrne (Bishop of Bathurst), Dr. Reville (Coadjutor-Bishop of Bendigo), Dr. Gallagher (Coadjutor-Bishop of Goulburn), Very Rev. Dean Slattery, all spent a little time in Brisbane, and were the guest of his Grace Dr. Dunne (Archbishop of Brisbane). His Grace Dr. Carr (Archbishop of Melbourne) was unfortunately seized with illness in the Queensland capital, and was unable to go on to Rockhampton. Cardinal Moran and party were met at Broadford by the Right Rev. Dr. Higgins, Bishop of Rockhampton, and several other prelates. On arriving at North Rockhampton the party were met by Rev. Father Belton and other clergy and members of the Reception Committee, and also a large gathering of members of the Hibernian Society in regalia. A torchlight procession to the new Cathedral then took place, and crowds of sightseers lined the route. On arriving at the Cathedral his Eminence was presented with an address of welcome, to which he made a suitable reply. Over 4,000 people were present.

On Sunday, the day of the long-looked-for ceremony, a large crowd gathered in the vicinity of the Cathedral at an early hour to witness the procession. Fully 5000 were present at 11 o'clock, when a procession of Hibernians, headed by a band, marched from the Hibernian Hall and formed a guard of honour for the Cardinal and the prelates. An imposing scene took place in the Cathedral. His Eminence the Cardinal preached the fine sermon on the text, "I believe in the Catholic Church." A full report of this will be found in another portion of our issue. The collection taken up realised something like £3000, which, seeing that a debt of £7000 is on the building, will be a substantial reduction. His Lordship Bishop Higgins returned thanks. Bishop Gallagher preached on Sunday

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On Monday his Eminence the Cardinal, accompanied by the visiting prelates, paid a visit to the famous Mount Morgan Mine. The guests will be probably present in Rockhampton on Sunday, and his Eminence is expected back to Sydney early next week.

There were visiting priests from all parts of Australia present during the celebrations. The Very Rev. Dean Healy and the Very Rev. Vincent Grogan, C.P., were among the visitors from Sydney.

