

# "OUTBURSTS OF BIGOTRY" DENOUNCED BY DR. DUHIG.

## OPENING OF GLENORE GROVE CHURCH.

### Debt Reduced to Less Than £100.

Thirty-one years ago Archbishop Dunn opened the first Glenore Grove Church; yesterday morning, Dr. J. Duhig (Archbishop of Brisbane) blessed and opened what he described as the "most handsome church made of Queensland wood between Toowoomba and Brisbane." The function was attended by over 700 people from all over the Lockyer, Brisbane, Ipswich, and Toowoomba. Picturesquely situated just off the main road, with a billabong stretching its long line of shady trees 200 yards away, the new church is an imposing structure.

Speaking at the Communion breakfast associated with the opening, his Grace declared that he had never said a word that would give occasion for the outbursts of bigotry that had been heard lately. Not having the people themselves to make it bitter enough, they had even imported a man from overseas to help in the sectarian campaign. Their campaign had made no difference to the elections, however. They had been denounced by the Premier (Mr. W. F. Smith), and others, and even some of their own people.

The old wooden building was built in 1906, when Father Fouhy was Parish Priest at Laidley, and was blessed and opened by Dr. Dunn. The cause even in these days was a strong one, but as the years passed the parishioners realised that either extensive alterations would have to be made to the church, or a new one would have to be built, and they decided on the latter course. They diligently prepared for the task for about three years, and numerous functions were held to provide funds. This week their dream came true. The new building is a very imposing structure, measuring 81ft. by 45ft. It has a front porch constructed of brick, and two side porches. Engraved on the front porch are the words: "Erected in honour of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, 'the Little Flower.'" This church was blessed and opened by Most Rev. J. Duhig, D.D., Archbishop of Brisbane, 14/11/37. Rev. D. J. Cremin, P.P." There are two stained glass windows at the back of the altar, and the remainder are lead-lined. The furniture is in keeping with the beauty of the exterior. Although electric light has not yet been laid on, the fittings have all been placed in ready for the installation. The building cost £1660, but with money in hand and collections taken during the day the debt was reduced to less than £100.

The opening and blessing took place in the morning. Mass was said by Rev. Father Cremin. A solo was sung by Mr. Connors, and Mr. Dale played a violin solo. Miss Cooper was organist.

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His Grace said that it was a great pleasure for him to come among the parishioners that morning, and to find them all within the four walls of the beautiful Glenore Grove Church, closely co-operating and rejoicing with their good Pastor over the completion of the work. The decision to go ahead with the new building was a wise one. Glenore Grove was a most important little centre on the main road and it warranted a church in keeping with its importance. Such a church had been built, and that day the people were worshipping their Lord in the most handsome church of Queensland wood between Toowoomba and Brisbane. "I don't know one that is better," he proceeded. "I can assure you that it is most pleasing to me. The building is roomy, long, wide, and high, and is very ecclesiastic. You cannot go into this church without feeling the religious atmosphere about it. So many churches in the past have been just four walls, and sometimes no sanctuary. Now we are getting away from that sort of thing, however, and our churches are becoming really ecclesiastic. Now the building is completed, however, we have got to pay for it. Nothing is achieved without a measure of sacrifice and I know that you will be prepared to make some sacrifices for the church. You offer your prayers, and they are very acceptable, but they do not represent sacrifice. Your financial support will be greatly appreciated."

#### GREAT PROGRESS.

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Queensland, and he well remembered the old cause in Glenore Grove, his Grace continued. He was pleased to see many of the old families represented in the gathering. Great progress had been made in the intervening years. He congratulated Father Cremin on his courage in undertaking to build the new church to the glory of God. Dr. Duhig also paid a tribute to the architects (Messrs. Cullen and Egan), and the building contractors (Messrs. Taylor Brothers). All had done their work excellently.

The Archbishop said we made sacrifices so that we might give back to God some of the things that he had given to us. The Church was God's House, and whatever differences people might have outside, they were all children of God when they came into the building. The church had been dedicated to St. Therese, the "little flower of God," and he commended Father Cremin for his choice of a name. The Archbishop said he had been at the shrine of St. Therese on a couple of occasions, and had been in the French village where she was born. He had also been in the monastery of her sisters, and had said Mass to the sisters. "You will always be proud of this church," he said, "and I know you will beautify the grounds. I feel sure that it always will be a joy and a delight to you. May God bless you all."

#### GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Thanks to Dr. Duhig, Dr. English, and the other clergy for their attendance was expressed by Father Cremin. He thanked the people of the district for the interest they had shown in the project. All had generously contributed to the church fund. Later it was intended to renovate the old building and set it up at Forest Hill. It was due to the co-operation of the contractors that the church was finished in time for the function that day. They had worked so well that they finished the building about three weeks before the contract time expired. The contract price of the building was £1420, extras accounted for £18, electric light fittings for £48, new seats and renovation of seats cost £61/15/, architects' fees amounted to £80, the stations of the cross had cost £21, carpets, mats, &c. had accounted for

£12; or a total of £1660. Against this, they had £1040 in the bank, and the altar society had £70, or a total of £1100. This meant that they had £560 to raise. Already several very nice donations had come to hand, and practically all the church furniture and fittings had been given. The donors of gifts included Messrs. H. Schultz, B. Kluck, Messdames J. Ika, C. Pomerenske, M. J. Luck, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hine, Messrs. A. Kreis, F. P. Breuer, P. Maroney, Tom Maroney, Hans Samuelson, Messdames A. Kreis, Kopelko, Quallschefski, Flanagan (sen.), Mr. Clemens Pomerenko, Children of Mary (Glenore Grove), Children of Mary, Laidley, Mrs. D. C. McSweeney, and Mr. J. Breuer, Jun.

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#### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Communion breakfast was laid out in the old church by the ladies of the Church. The building was crowded to capacity, and the overflow had to be accommodated in a marquee outside. Rev. Father D. Cremin presided. The Archbishop, Dr. English, Dr. Madden, and Rev. Fathers F. Wright, J. Portley, T. Torple, and K. Murphy occupied seats at the head of the table.

Father Cremin welcomed everybody, and called on Mr. W. Ryan to propose a toast to the Archbishop and clergy. Mr. Ryan said that that day had marked the culmination of enthusiastic effort in the parish. It was an assurance of the loyalty, zeal, and enthusiasm from the flock at Glenore Grove. "We find Dr. Duhig full of Christlike qualities," he said. "He makes every effort to assist the Church, his people, and his fellowman generally, and ever seeks to bring about good feeling and harmony. For over 30 years he has laboured amongst us. In 1905 he was appointed Bishop of Rockhampton, in 1912 he was appointed to Brisbane, and in 1917 was made Archbishop of Brisbane. During all these years his vim has not faltered, his zeal has not vanished, and his courage is as great as ever. He is just as enthusiastic to-day as when first appointed to Holy Orders. May God spare him for many years to carry out his great work."

#### SECTARIAN CAMPAIGN.

In his response, Dr. Duhig modestly claimed that he had done a few things in his time, but certainly he had done no more than he should have done. God had blessed him with good health, devoted priests, and generous people, and he was glad of the opportunity to come to Glenore Grove. It always was a pleasure for him to come to the country, and he went there as often as was practicable. He congratulated the people on the fine edifice they had raised, and expressed appreciation of their generosity. It was gratifying to see so many priests present, for it was very difficult for them to get away on a Sunday. Everyone should be very proud of the chapel, and it should stand for generations to come as a mark of the work that Father Cremin had done.

Speaking of the difficulties facing the Churches to-day, Dr. Duhig said that he had never said a word that would give occasion for the outbursts of bigotry that had been received lately. Not having the people themselves to make it bitter enough they had even imported a man from overseas to help in the sectarian campaign. Their campaign, however, had made no difference in the result of the elections. The Premier (Mr. W. Forgan Smith) and others had denounced the campaign, and even some of their own people. "It is for us to go on in the way that we have gone before," he said. "We must continue to adhere devotedly to the religion of the Church of God, be good Christians, and citizens, and help our fellow man, no matter what his creed may be. This is the spirit that animates every

no matter what his creed may be. This is the spirit that animates every Catholic community in this land. Therefore, I am glad to be here to-day and to know that Father Cremin, in building this church, has the sympathy and support of his people and of other creeds. Father Cremin has been an outstanding citizen since he came to Laidley. He has been wonderfully popular with the people, and I am sure he will rise still higher."

Rev. Fathers J. Portley (Toowoomba), K. Murphy (Liverpool Estate, Ipswich), and F. Wright (Hendon) responded.

#### "NOT MERELY A SYMBOL."

"It is always a pleasure to be associated with a function of this kind, because the church which you have raised to-day to the worship of the living God is not merely a symbol," declared Dr. English (Administrator of St. Stephen's Cathedral), in proposing "The new church and the day we celebrate." This church is the visible and extreme counterpart of the true Catholic faith, and that spirit which is vibrant in the Church here is in every man and woman also. The church that has been dedicated to-day will stand for many generations, and when we are dead and gone the residents of Glenore Grove will still be coming here and worshipping within its walls.

For 1600 years, he said, the Roman Catholic faith had been raising shelters to the living God, and never had it faltered in its work. They had ever aided the progress of the cause of Jesus Christ, and had sent missionaries throughout the world to extend God's Kingdom.

Dr. English said it seemed to him that to-day there were two different attitudes towards life, both diametrically opposed to each other. One was a material philosophy—a philosophy designed to smash all things raised to the worship of God. The other atti-

tude was directed towards the extension of the Kingdom of God. To-day, he said, we stood at the head of a stream whose beginning was confused and whose course was undefined and alone. The great clashes of the world war had broken very definitely our connection with the past. Institutions which seemed to be all powerful and everlasting, had been swept away. To-day we beheld a change and upheaval in practically every country in the world; and actually the world was in the throes of rebirth. The two philosophies of which he had spoken were playing their part in the formation of this new world, and on the ultimate success or defeat of either depended the future character of our world. Communism had its apostles on all sides, and against this materialistic aggression there stood alone the permanent resistance of the Catholic Church. There was really no need to be afraid, because the Church had seen persecution, and had suffered criticism and sneers in the past.

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Practically for generations the Roman Catholic Church had been on trial, and to-day she was fought to the death in Spain. Criticism constantly was levelled Catholicism, and there were some cheap spokesmen in our midst in Queensland to-day. They were supposed to be Christians, yet entered into criticism with Communists and everything which would smash Catholicism to pieces. The Church really had no need for fear, for they had the assurance of Jesus Christ, "have confidence; I have overcome the world." That must be the sentiment inspiring us in the present and immediate future.

Mr. F. X. Schlecht who responded, said that it was obvious that Communism was not flourishing at Glenore Grove. The erection of the new church stood exactly where the people stood. Dr. McSweeney (Laidley) supplemented his remarks.

The toast, "The District," was proposed by Mr. D. J. Flannigan (President of the Hibernian Lodge), and responses were made by Mrs. T. C. Hayes (Chairman of the Laidley Shire Council), T. McGrath, L. T. Lester, and F. Harm.

Father Cremin paid a great tribute to the ladies, when he observed that it would scarcely be possible to find a better team of lady workers anywhere in Australia.

Mr. Ryan proposed "The Chairman," a toast that was honoured enthusiastically. Music was provided by one of the sisters from the Laidley Convent and Mr. B. F. Ernst.

Later in the afternoon rhythmic and drill displays were given by pupils from the Laidley Convent.