

## ARCHBISHOP REYNOLDS' MEMORIAL.

### Dedication of the Orphanage Chapel.

#### ADDRESS BY THE ARCHBISHOP.

THE presence of the visiting prelates in Adelaide was made the opportunity of formally opening and dedicating the memorial chapel erected at the Goodwood Orphanage to the late Archbishop Reynolds. The deceased prelate in his last testament expressed a desire that should his flock desire to perpetuate his memory that it might take the form of erecting a building at "Holyrood." The amount raised by subscription was not, however, sufficient for that purpose, but Dr. Byrne generously supplemented the amount by a donation of £450, so that the work was at once put in hand. The building, which is designed with the object of still further additions, took many months to complete, and the ceremony of dedicating the chapel took place on Monday afternoon in the presence of a large number of the clergy and laity. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Sale (Right Rev. Dr. Corbett), among those assisting being His Grace the Archbishop, the Very Revs. J. H. Norton, V.G., Port Augusta, Father Vincent, C.P. (provincial of the Passionist Order in Australia), Dr. Byrne, V.G., Father Milz, S.J., Rev. Fathers McEvoy, O'Dowling, S.J., Healy, Cornes, Davis, Enright, and Collier.

THE MOST REV. DR. O'REILY then delivered an address. He said he was deeply pleased to find the building nearly completed, and he was gratified to know that its dedication had been performed by the Bishop of Sale. The church, which was dedicated to the greater glory of God, and was under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, was intended as a memorial to the late Archbishop Reynolds. It had been built by the contributions of sympathisers throughout the colony as an acknowledg-

ment by the contributions of sympathisers throughout the colony as an acknowledgment of the care which Dr. Reynolds manifested in connection with the orphans of his flock during his lifetime. The present orphanage was originally a private residence, and this kind of building very rarely proved more than temporarily adequate for the requirements of a public institution. When the children were removed from their previous location in Goodwood to the present building the change was a marked improvement, and was heartily welcomed by the little ones, and by the Sisters of St. Joseph, who were then in charge. Good works in the hands of Sisters of religion always prospered and grew to larger proportions, and in each of the years during which the children had resided in Goodwood the numbers had increased. For the first two years or so the number averaged about 100. There were 104 in the institution at the end of March last. Of late the buildings had been found to be insufficient for the accommodation of the orphans, and some years before Dr. Reynolds died it was felt that the erection of an orphanage on a larger scale was imperative. During the many months that he lay on his bed of sickness his thoughts were with the helpless little orphans, and thinking, not unnaturally, that his people would be erecting a memorial to him, it was his request that should such a project be entertained it should take the form of more spacious accommodation for the little ones in Goodwood. He (Dr. O'Reily) would have preferred, and so would the committee and the Sisters, that with the money that had been subscribed a beginning should have been made with the erection of the main portion of the big building intended for the

orphans, but unfortunately the donations were not sufficient for that purpose. The total subscriptions amounted to £850, of which amount Dr. Byrne had contributed £450, the remaining £400 having been donated by the general public. He said "general public" advisedly, because, while the bulk of them were Catholics, several non-Catholics had also subscribed. Mr. R. Barr Smith, whose name was a household word in South Australia, and whose generosity was a matter of common information, had given £50. Up to the present £1,140 had been expended, and while the building was almost complete the furnishing of it was very incomplete. Debts were things to be avoided, and Catholics of the archdiocese had special reasons for

the archdiocese had special reasons for being careful in contracting new liabilities. The Sisters looked forward to the future, when they hoped kind friends would assist them in furnishing the chapel. In the number and variety of its institutions Adelaide held high rank, and as Catholics they were bearing their fair share. He hoped that before many years went by that they would be assisting in the completion of the first wing of the big building, which it was contemplated would be erected. (Applause.)

The Bishop of Sale gave Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the music being provided by a number of ladies and gentlemen from the city. The organ was presided over by Miss O'Sullivan, and Miss Gertrude Conrad sang the "Ave Maria" with expression and devotion. The Sisters of Mercy, who have charge of the institution, entertained those who had participated in the ceremony to afternoon tea, and returned their sincere thanks to all those who had assisted them.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

When the funds were in hand for the building of the new Orphanage Chapel, it was unanimously agreed upon by the Archbishop and the Lands and Building Commission "That a design be submitted and agreed upon for a new orphanage, which should be planned on modern principles, and give accommodation for 150 children." The memorial chapel will form the first portion of the new institution, and whatever extension or addition is made it will help towards the completion of the entire block. The building is now completed, and although comprising only a small portion of the complete institution, a good idea may be gained of the general character of the work. The chapel is 60 ft. x 26 ft., and approached through a spacious tiled outer vestibule relieved with arches and pierced with ornamental window lights. The choir gallery, which is placed over vestibule and chapel, is lit with pairs of circular-headed windows. On either side of the altar large recessed arches are formed, to be broken through at some future time for the Sisters' chapel and sacristy. The work viewed from the exterior is bold and imposing, and is designed in the Romanesque style of architecture. The base is executed in coursed freestone, pitched on face, the superstructure being built in hardstone specially picked, in variegated colors, relieved with moulded terra-cotta strings, bands, and cornices, and finished in pressed

relieved with moulded terra-cotta strings, bands, and cornices, and finished in pressed brick blockings. The work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner by the contractors, Messrs. John Wark and D. J. Hewitt, Mr. Albert S. Conrad, F.S.A.I.A., architect, having prepared the plans and superintended the erection of the chapel.

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