THE SILVER JUBILER

LORD BISHOP OF ELPHIN.

Weanemay last was a "red letter" day in the to holic annals of Sligo, and one which is likely to be long remembered by both priests and people in this ancient and extensive diocese. The auspicious consecration of the consecration of the Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly, Lord Bishop of Elphin, who has now completed the twenty-lifth year of his of seconary, the finits of which are abundant and en-

It would be a work of supercrogation to attempt to out out, were it possible, the many great works the by ht reverend prelate, as the originator and guiding pirit, has accomplished in his diocese—to the conrents built and peopled with hely inmates, or the charches and glebe houses and schools erected-during the last quarter of a century. We need here only refer to that magnificent Romanesque or Byzantine structure, Sligo Cathedral—if not the largest, certainly the most beautiful and complete in the kingdom-and to the Bishop's Palace and Presbytery on the rising ground facing that noble edifice. For the information ef our numerous readers at a distance it may be stated that the Palace has been satisfactorily completed withthe past twelve months by Mr. Clarence, builder, Palisodate, from designs by Messre. Goldie and Childe. London, architects. It is a massive square tione building of three storeys, containing apartments mamerable, fitted up with all the modern requirements, and rendered in every way worthy the residence of an illustrious prelate. There is a large open space, with walks and lawns in front, facing the south side of the Cathedral, and from its elevated position it commands a fine view of the town and harbour, as well as the country on each side for many miles. On the Bishop's return to Sligo the other day, after a short disease, he had a most agreeable surprise. The ordicary furniture of his parlour, drawingroom, study, bedracm, dressingroom, and bathroom had been removed, and in their place stood suites of furniture of the most costly and elegant description, which his saiship afterwards found to be the gift of the ladies of the diceese, the ladies of the Convent, the Sisters Mercy, and the school children.

en the occasion of his Silver Jubilee Dr. Gillooly is tili diale and vigorous, and, to use the words of a public contemporary, we hope that he will live to see as Golden Jubilee celebrated with double rejoicings. THE CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

it was only natural to suppose that, after his Lordin a swenty-tive years' laborious spiritual governneat, both clergy and laity should vic with each other a Wednesday in showing their appreciation and seem, and in celebrating the Jubilce in a becoming "annel. Accordingly Pontifical High Mass was celerued in the Cathedral at half-past ten. The Most lev. Dr. Woodlock. Bishop of Ardagh, was the celeant; Rev P Hauly, C C, of the Cathedral, assistant dest; Res T Connelan, descon; Rev M O'Beirne, Camb-deacon; and the Rev J.J Lyster, of the Colge and Rev B Smith officiated as wasters of the remonies. At the conclusion there was a Benediction, 10. Gillouly officiating. There were also present the Most Rev Dr Conway, Bishop of Killala, the Most Rev Dr Lynch, Bishop of Kildare, and the Most Rev In Leonard, Bishop of Cape Town. Among the clergy "cre-Very Rev T Nesty, PP; Very Rev M M-Tucker, P.P. V.G.; Very Rev P Kelly, P.P. V.F.; Vary Rev J Healy, Professor Maynooth; Very Rev M Coffey, V.G. P.P.; Revs J Nangle, P.P.; A Quin, P.P.; Islame. M Somers, M Coogan, J Hanley, PP; M Gibeirre, P.P.; J. Kelly, P.P.; P.Nolau, P.P.; A. Momian, PP; M Brennau, PP; A Hopkins, CC; T Medermott, C.C. T. O'Conner, C. O'Malley, P.P.; T. Laige, P.P.; G.Coyle, R. Genrty, H. Nangle, C.C.; W. hennan, M. M. Donagh, CC; H. T. Gateley, CC; L. Tarlos, P.P.; J. Egan, P.P.; J. Casey, P.P.; M. Corcoun, Professor, the College; J Kelly, T O'Boyle, P P: Planch, CC; J Maher, CC; P Filan, PP; J Ma. martin, P. Filan, P.P.; J. Malone, C.C.; J. White, R. Blackstighlin, Adm.; P. Healy, P.P.; P. O'Hara, D. Helio, OP: T Boylan, OP, &c.

there was a large congregation, the Cathedral being impictely filled, and when all were assembled in deout adoration the scene was at once grand, solemn, ad imposing. The internal splendour of the buildis itself, with the softened light which beamed though the numerous stained glass windows; the land array of bishops and priests in their robes; the azling lights on the altar; the strains of heavenly misic from the organ and choir, and the sublimity I the service throughout could not fail to inspire it present with deep religious fervour. The organist nd choir master, Mr. C. Hanrahan, deserves all the there we can give him for the admirable manner in half the whole of the Mass music was executed. THE PRESENTATIONS.

At one o'clock the clergy and laity assembled in the Balace, for the purpose of taking part in or being present at the presentation in n.s Lordship, who received them with that gentle. ness of manner which is one of his chief characteris-

The presents include a bag of Bank of Ireland notes presented by the clergy: a set of rich episcopal robes, from the Ursuline nuns; a suite of oak furniture, thearpet, and rich hangings, in antique style; a Besal set of Breviaries and Pontificale Romanum, exatifully hound, from the students of the College: ad exquisite suite of furniture, black and gold. carover hangings, &c., for his Lordship's drawing-room' com the ladies of the Diocese; a purso of gold, from se lay gentlemen of the diccese; a beautiful suite of oliched oak, carpets, hangings, &c., for the parlour con the Children of Mary; suite of furniture for the ed-room and dressing-room, from the inmates of the Tophanage, and a suite of oak farniture for the hall. he gift of the school children.

In addition to these handsome presents, each being recompanied by an elegantly-bound illuminated adiress, the ladies also presented his Lordship with a mantiful album containing photographs of himself, and views of Sligo and the neighbourhood. From the ascuptions on the border of the album we fearn that festive occasion, when the celebration of your Lords episcopacy, when Providence enabled me to supply a 10. Gillooly was born on the 12th May, 1819, ordained rest in 1817, by the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, at Dubin and consecrated Bishop at Cork, on the 7th Sept... " ii. The whole of the illuminated addresses, the manuscrip of the Nuns and Sisters of Mercy, are adustably executed: they are, in fact, perfect chetwhere of art. With regard to the money offering st which amount to a very considerable sum, his Lordcoup, as will be seen on reference to his replies to the additioner on behalf of the subscribers, said, as his and were few, he should devote them to the debts on se schools and building in which they were then as-

or moled ADDRESS OF THE CLERGY. the Very Rev. Mons. M'Tucker, V.G., P.P., Boyle, a presenting on behalf of the clergy a book of Bank

I feelund notes, read as follows: dur noble Cathodral, so admirably designed, and so Christ.

care of all the churches: glory alone all your Lordship's labours are directed. which your prudent foresight had established in every honour and glory. Amen. Parish were distributed those charitable contributions sent during the famine from distant lands in answer to your Lordship's successful and feeling appeal. We are also well aware of the wisdom, zeal, and success with which you have laboured from the very introduction of the Land Bill, which is now the law of the hand, and which it is hoped will bring substantial relief to the tenant farmers—securing to them a large if not adequate share of the fruits of their labour, and so preventing the recurrence of such periods of suffering and distress as then saddened your Lordship's paternal heart.

and thanks, we come on our own behalf and on that of works of zeal and devotedness for a stock, amongst our respective flocks to present your Lordship with whom your Ursulines are proud to rank. On this, our most cordial greetings. We congratulate you on your lordship's silver jubilee day, we would desire to the successful issue of all your Lordships great and give some expression to the sentiments of deep graticuduring works, and we pray your acceptance of this tude we feel to you, my lord, for all your kind and depurse containing our own and the offerings of our voted care of us during those happy twenty-five years; brethern in the Ministry. We sincerely hope that but there are feelings which no words can tell, so we Diocese, that you may yet live to celebrate your ing, which is indeed a very inadequate mark of our faithful, and that we, imitating the bright example of speak to the Sacred Heart, of all we owe to our dear every virtue placed before as by your Lordship's father and bishop, and beg of that Adorable Heart to career, may likewise have a share in those glorious bestow its choicest favours on one who has been more works which we fervently hope shall scenre for us as than a father to us since that happy day, twenty-five well as for your Lordship the rewards of Riernal years ago, when we first welcomed him to St.

their kindly forbearance while he proceeded. He said—— of each one of your Ursulines, including my dear My Very Reverend and Dear Brothers in lord, your lordship's grateful child in Jesus Christ, Christ-Although the recurrence of the 25th Anniver- M. St. Joseph Daliv. eary of my Consecration is well calculated to suggest His Lordship replying said-My Dear Father the bright faces of so many dear and esteemed friends working Sisters of Mercy applies to the fullest extent around me, and listen to their cordial felicitations on to the daughters of St Ursula. They have ever deserthe past, and their hopeful, affectionate wishes for the - ved and enjoyed my reneration and gratitude. They heart with lively pleasure as well as deep heartfelt—female youth of this town and diocese, and of other gratitude. Yes, my very dear friends, your presence—dloceses, by the excellent education, they give in their here to-day makes me very happy indeed—and I feel—schools,—The children brought up by them not only it a duty to proclaim that to you I am chiefly indebted—respect and venerate them as religious; but they love for the peace and happiness I have enjoyed so largely—and trust them as mothers, and what is more valuable, during the twenty-five years of my episcopate. Dur- they do honour to their mothers and educators both ing this long period God has bestowed many blessings in various religious communities, where they are on me, but by none of them has He so effectually pro- always received with welcome, and in the world. vided for my happiness as in giving me a clergy so where they are an honour to religion and a help and detached from the world, so devoted to the welfare of consolation to their pastors. Please assure the good their flocks, and so closely united in mind and heart Ursulines that I am very grateful for their gifts-still affecting proofs. Most truly do the Catholic ladies to each other, and, let me gratefully add, to their more for the prayers and Holy Communions they have bishop. God knew my defects, and He mercifully offered and procured for me. I only regret they have supplied for them by the graces He bestowed upon you and by the kindly feelings with which He inspired

Meeting you here to-day at the close of those 25 years, during which we have lived and labored together, it is my happy privilege to testify, that no one of you ever offended me in word or deed, or ever withheld your co-operation from any work 1 recommended to you -- but that, on the contrary, you have, singly and collectively, from the youngest curate to my reverend and venerable vicar, given me invariably of the Immaculate Conception, come with filial affect. Mr. S. Cullen, J.P., Mr. R. J. Howley (manager of the helpers of the Clergy. I know I have always had the the most cordial assistance and exhibited towards me a truly filial reverence and affection. But when I turn to myself and recall what I have been, what I have done, in return, far from subscribing to the often that we appear beyond the seclusion of our halls. encoulums you have so kindly bestowed on me, I feel but the present is an occasion of no ordinary kind, and thoroughly ashamed of my shortcoming. However let we eagerly embrace the opportunity it affords of giving dec--read the me assure that my heart has never failed to give you a public and solemn expression to the feelings of reits warmest gratitude and confidence, and that my spect and esteem entertained towards you by the sumost carnest desire has ever been to see you faithful, periors and pupils of our College.

in our diocese within my episcopate, let us acknow- von have been rendered conspicuous among the Episledge with liveliest gratitude to God, that much has copate, not alone by your spirit of self-sacrifice and been done during these 25 years in every parish of our solicitude for your flock, and by your untiring zeal for Diocese for the advancement of religion, of education the glory of God's house, but, more than all, by your and of charitable institutions; butwhen I take from deep, lasting, laborious auxiety for the education tof those works that which belongs to you and to your the young. Under your Lordship's auspices, and noble hearted flock, the balance remaining to my credit your Lordship's aid, schools have been established, and is very sma'l indeed; and that balance quite vanishes every educational requirement supplied. Even lately into a negative quantity, less than nothing, when I we hailed with gladness the opening of a home for consider as I cannot help doing, what glorious work our poorer brothers, who would otherwise be cast might have been done within my time, for God and friendless and uncared for-waifs and stravs-on the for souls, by a bishop, a truly apostolic spirit, with a waves of the world. people and clergy, such as this diocese is blessed with. Pray carnestly for me, my dear friends, that in my and kind attention towards ourselves. You removed progress towards the Golden Jubilee you so kindly our College from the distant end of your diocese, where wish me. I may not find in old age and its infirmities a you could not come to gladden as, with the frequency further excuse for neglect and inactivity; but that I which you and we would desire. You have re-estamay honestly try to redeem lost time, and, through the blished it within the shadow of your own Cathedral, Divine Mercy, to merit that happiness, here and here- where we daily feel your kindness and are made happy after, which you so sincerely wish me.

can only say—that I set a very high value on it, not by that care, our young College promises to prosper for its amount, however munificent, but because I know and to be made fully worthy of your Lordship's patronit is a heart offering and that it is taken from your age, and of this aucient See of "the rock by the limown reasonable in many cases, urgent wants. You pid stream. wish me to employ this money for my own personal use; but let me remind you that I want but little for upon ourselves, we cannot forbear attending to the deep myself, whilst the wants of our charitable institutions interest you have always taken in those of our brethren are, in those bad times, both numerous and heavy, who have left our College-halls and gone into the to the Industrial School at Summer Hill, towards the counsel, they turned for it to your Lordship's lips t payment of debts contracted for our dear orphan boys. whenever they looked for a needed friend, they found I assure you that no other employment of your gift could possibly give me so much relief and comfort.

Again I thank you for your congratulations, good wishes and presents—and still more for the many years of peaceful labour you have enabled me to enjoy. I assure you of any devoted attachment and most earnestly do I beg of God to keep you in His holy love and to bestow on you and every priest of our beloved diocese His choicest blessings.

The Rev. Dr. Coffey. V.G., P.O., Athlone, in presenting on the part of the donors a suite of oak lurni. ture, with carpets, haugings. &c, read

SMALL TRIBUTE OF CONGRATULATION the Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly, Lord Bishop of Elphiu, on the occasion of his Episcopal Silver Jubilce. 7th of September, from his gratefully

devoted children in Christ, the Sisters of Mercy. MOST REVEREND LORD AND FATHER-On this Bhip's Episcopal Silver Jubilee fills the hearts of your great educational want by the establishment of a Dioentire flock with joy, we feel that the Religious Com- cesan College at Summerhill, until the present mo- ness to me, and it is certainly is, to be able to bear the helpless. Bishops should be the depositories not of the firm link which binds together the priesthood munities of our Lady of Mercy throughout the dio ment, when I have the happiness to see it flourishing witness on this auspicions occasion to the close bro- only of the authority of their Divine Master, but of and the people. cese may, in spirit, leave their wonted seclusion to beneath the shadow of our Cathedral as the crowning therly union that has reigned unbroken for the last. His tender mercy and love. What I have done for Soon after the presentations the clergy and laity, offer you their united tribute of filial affection and centre of the numerous educational institutions of our quarter of a century between me and the clergy of my you, my dearest children, is little compared with what including a goodly number of ladies, the assemblage

ingly experienced at your Lordship's hands a father's ious care and many heavy sacrifiess. But it well de- own parish, but in every portion of our Diocese; and so much consolation as the Orphanages and Industrial ship's large-hearted administrator, Father M'Loughliu tenderest care, a pastor's watchful solicitude, and the served all the care, affection, and sacrifices, bestowed that to maintain and stronghten this union has been. Schools, which you so feelingly represent here to-day. kindest paternal sympathy under every trial and diffi- upon it. It was not only the high school for the su- I beg to assure you, one of the dearest objects of my. They have already done much permanent good not culty, whether general or individual, whilst your price- perior education of the middle and upper classes of Episcopacy. As I have just observed to your beloved only to the children who have found in them a reluge less spiritual instructions so constantly imparted have our beloved laity; it was, in addition, the nursery of pastors, we are blessed, I would say beyond most other and a home, but to the public, who are largely benefitever touded to increase in our inmost hearts the love our priests, where they received the first deep impres- Dioceses, with a noble-hearted people, who judge us ted by the excellent education and training given in of the sublime virtues of our holy state, and of the slous of piety and virtue, and acquired that varied kindly, who love us sincerely, who trust us undoubt- these schools to teachers, governesses, servants, and exalted works of mercy entrusted to our care.

titude we owe, and most heartily desire to acknow- minister. The College, blessed as it has been from abundant graces they drew from us; they follow us. ters of Mercy, your religious teachers and mothers, ledge, for the work of uniting and consolidating our its infancy, with prudent, devoted superiors and pro- or rather they lead us, in every holy and useful under- that you are chiefly indebted for the blessings, for several convents in your Lordship's diocese under a fessors, has done much in the past both for our clergy taking; in a word, they are our joy and our crown; which you return thanks to me. It is especially for central government—a union which has been blessed and our laity. It has more than realised my highest they are to us all that the best of spiritual children them your grateful prayers ought to be constantly May it Please York Lordshir-We, the clergy with the happiest results in the development of the expectations. It is my fond hope that in the future could be to the pastors of their souls. Need I then offered to God. In them you have always found the the lordship's Diocese, present ourselves on this spirit and works of our institute and in the constant it will extend its services and diffuse learning and assure you, my very dear friends, you, who so worthily tender affection and care of the best of mothers. suspecious day to congratulate your Lordship on the increase of its members. As a small testimony of our plety not only from end to end of our diocese, but far represent on this occasion the faithful, generous laity can only promise you to try to fulfil the less tender relation of your Silver Jubilee. We most cordial- feelings, we beg the honour and privilege of offering beyond its limits. To your zeal and learning and of our Diocese, that it gives me great joy and encour- offices of a father, and to assist them in their watchful telicitate your Lordship on having completed your our Jubileo tribute, requesting your Lordship's kind that of your esteemed co-operators the college, my agement to see you here around me here to-day. I solicitude for your interests, not only during your in-

marvellous success. We have but to look around tercession with our Divine Master and Spouse, that plished it. The students of the college have at all stantly given me since my first coming amongst you; ful, devoted children—few whose care and affection through the Diocese and everywhere lasting monu- the richest benedictions of Heaven may be continually times enjoyed a well-merited reputation for industry, and I beg you will believe that what little I have done are so gratefully returned. You have tender, generous ments of what your Lordship has effected meet the showered on our beloved and revered Bishop, and that regularity, and piety. The present students, externs for your spiritual and temporals interests, has been hearts, my dear children, and they give me every hope To a stranger we might say, "Si monumentum his Lordship's Golden Jubilee may yet be joyfully as well as boarders, will, I am confident, support and done with a cheerful heart. In labouring for you my that each of you will try in after life to be a mother

from the wiles and snares of proselytism and corrup- ever given me by their prayers and their services; and benefactors, and pray Cod to make it ever richer future we will not be less diligent or devoted; and ADDRESS FROM THE PUPILS OF THE Lion. But why confine our cives to the consideration that the blessings so abundantly bestowed by God on in fruits of learning and piety. solely of these schools? Have we not Convents and their works during the time of my episcopate Mis. Kelly, of Ballytivnan, who was accompanied co-operation shall be regulated solely with a view to colleges—schools for every rank in society in which has ever been to me a source of singular joy and hap- by Mrs. Wm. E. Harkan, Mrs. B. Collery, Mrs. Peter your real, permanent, interests, and those of our be-Christian youth may receive a sound education guarded piness; that I congratulate them on the many and O'Connor, Mrs. Councily, Mrs. Councily

against the insidious dangers of the day? Neither very great advantages they have derived from the Mrs. Dr. M.Tucker, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. M. Hugh, Mrs. can we overlook the Glebes and Glebes Houses provided union, to which they so gratefully refer, of the several Flannery (Roscommon), Miss. Conry, the Misses for the clergy in connexion with the churches, so ne- Convents of Meroy in this diocese; that I feel confi- Powell, the Misses J. O'Connor, Miss Clifford, Miss cessary for the proper fulfilment of the duties of the dept the fruits of this happy union will be, for the Walker, &c., read the clergy and for the couvenience of the people. Looking sisters individually as well as for the communities and with wonder and delight at these great works so suc- their works, more evident and abundant in the course cessfully accomplished, these beneficent institutions so of years. Assure them that in the future as in the permanently established, we are apt to forget the past I shall ever regard it as one of the first of my years of toil both of mind and body which they have duties to assist them to the best of my humble abilities cost your Lordship, on whom pressed at all times the to attain the perfection and happiness of their holy state; and that the useful and beautiful things they The material building of the temples of God is but have placed around me in my study and oratory shall the exterior symbol of the building up of the spiritual be prized as so many souvenirs of their valued and deedifice of holiness in the souls of the faithful: hence voted services to God and to me, They are in truth. we find your Lordship's zealous efforts to procure and it is only just to proclaim it here to-day—they are attainment of your Silver Jubilee; to thank the Giver Missione, Retreats, and religious confraternities that our best auxiliaries in all the duties of our encred have continually stirred up and preserved the spirit of ministry. Indeed, without their assistance many of piety everywhere throughout the Diocese. These in- my duties and of those of the clergy would be very terior fruits are to a great extent hidden from the imperfectly discharged, sometimes entirely omitted. eyes of men; but they are seen by Him to whose Perhaps the best way to appreciate the greatness and extent of the works of religion and charity accomp-Your Lordship's sympathy with the sufferings of lished by our religious communities is to imagine, if filial love, admiration, and esteem. the poor, your cagerness to co-operate in every well- we can, what Catholic Ireland would be without our considered movement for the welfare of our beloved convent institutions. (led alone knows what good country, are perfectly known to us. We, with whom they are every day accomplishing—by their prayers, parishioners. Through the parochial committees under their care, and multiply them for His greater

ADDRESS FROM THE URSULINE NUNS, who also offered for his Lordship's acceptance a set of episcopul robes and sandals ornamented with gold. The Rev. R. M'Loughlin said he had been honoured by being asked to read the the following ictter-Ursuline Convent. Sept 7th.

My Dear Lord-Most cordially and heartily do your Ursulines unite with all your lordship's children in offering you warmest congratulations on this glorious day, which crowns the 25th year of an Epis-Animated with the liveliest sentiments of gratitude—copate blessed—beyond the power of words to tell, in your Lordship may long continue to preside over the must content ourselves with the accompanying offer-Jolden Jubilee, still to edify your clergy and the gratitude, while from the depths of loving hearts we Joseph's. That your lordship may be spared to The Bishop, while replying was at intervals almost—celebrate your golden jubilee in the midst of devoted ercome with emotion, and on that account he asked—and loving children is the earnest and fervent prayer

erious and even anxious reflexions, yet, when I see MLaughlin-What I have just said of our holy, hardfuture. I cannot help receiving those offerings of the have rendered and are readering great services to the not in me a father worthy of them. ADDRESS FROM THE DIOCESAN COLLEGE.

The Rev. J. J. Lyster, with whom were the professors and some of the pupils, read the address of the day gratefully remembered in my prayers, you and President, professors, and students of the College of all associated with you in your filial tribute, and every the Immaculate Conception, Sligo, with gift of Missal Breviaries, and Pontificale Romanum:--

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP-We, the President, professors, masters and students of the College tion to your lordship's teet to tender our beartfelt congratulations on your having attained the 25th auniversary of your episcopal consceration. It is not

happy and respected in your holy and sublime voca- Nor is it without strong reason that we, amongst others, are here to-day, for through the five-and-twenty As to the works of religion and charity accomplished—years that you have held the pastoral staff of Ascius

Nor can we let pass from memory your constant by your affectionate watchfulness and more than Of the large money offering you present to me I fatherly care. Guided by that watchfulness, fostered

While keeping in mind the auxious care bestowed I must therefore by your permission to give this money battle of life. Whenever they wanted a word of that friend in you.

The truly paternal solicitude which you have ever evinced for our welfare, cells for some evidence of gratitude on our part. This gratitude is, we fear, inalequately expressed by the accompanying present of which we ask your Lordship's acceptance.

We rejoice on this festive day to see you still vigorous and active after the toils of a laborious life, and we earnestly pray our Almighty Father, that you be spared for many a year to encourage us by your presence, to edify us by your example, and to direct us by your fatherly advice.

John Lyster, president; John Kelly, John Corcoran, Patrick M'Hugh, professors; Michael Monaghau, prefect: Joseph Campbell, Humanity Class; John Fraucis Howley, 1st Grammar Class: Edward Padden, Civil

Service class. His Lordship, in reply, said-

My VERY DEAR FRIENDS-From the first year of my Diocese. That College, with its professors and pupils, Diocese, I feel almost equally happy in testifying to I should have wished to do-little in comparison to numbering in all over 180, sat down to a sumptuous A special debt of love and reverence is justly due and all its varied interests, has been the object of my the intimate, cordial, uninterrupted union that binds what I might and should have done. However, there luncheon in the dining-hall of the Palace, where their from us, your devoted children, who have so unceas- special affection, and I admit it has cost me much anx- me and my priests to our flocks, not only here in my are few works founded in our diocese which give me corporest wants were well provided for by his Lordknowledge which for the last twenty-five years has so ingly, who obey us with child-like docility. They are mechanics, And deeper still, Most Rev, Lord, is the debt of gra- admirably prepared them for the work of the sacred grateful ministrations; they gladden our labors by the But, let me remind you, that it is to the good Sis-In enty-lifth year amongst us. The retrospect must acceptance of our humble gift commemorative of this dear Father Lyster, is now greatly indebted for its thank you from my inmost heart for the loyal, affect nocent, happy years in the orphanages, but when you us with joy and satisfaction in witnessing the re- In the fulness of our hearts we kneel to-day around good work, but on you staff devolves the selves and for the laity of our Diocese. I am truly may be an humble—livelihood in the world. Indeed, "alls of your Lordships labours crowned with such the feet of our Immaculate Mother, invoking her in- labour, and most devotedly have you hitherto accom- grateful for the help and comfort you have so gon- there are few fathers or mothers who have such duti-" ratio circumspice." Here in Sligo he can admire celebrated by his ever gratefully devoted children in raise still higher the character of their school. Let me so much gratification or which will give them so long or short, which God may give me, my only desire ful, appropriate return to God for the blessings be-His Lordship replied as follows-My dear Dr. strong a claim to my friendship, present and future. shall be, through God's grace, to spend my time in stowed on your young, helpless years. Your offering, where required in the Diocese and schools erected. Coffey—The sentiments expressed in the address you We more especially refer to the male and female lu- have read are what we might expect from religious me are a welcome and valued pledge both of your dedistrial Schools—those lives of Industrial training—ladies devoted heart and soul, as are, the Sisters of votion to the college and of your filial attachment to fraught with lasting benefit to the youth of the Mercy, to the service of God and His Church. I beg myself. As such I gratefully accept them, and will you have watched and served ing attachment. May God ever bless and protect you humbler classes; for here they can learn those trades you will assure them on my part that I am grateful hold them in special value all my life. From my inby which they can earn an honest livelihood, freed beyond expression for the help and comfort they have most heart I bless the college, its professors, pupils, for that, the least earnestly, and effectively. In the wherever you go (applause).—Benedictio, &c.

LADIES' ADDRESS,

with which was presented an elegant suite of furniture, with magnificent mirror, carpet to match, and appro-To the Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly on the occasion of his

Lordship's Silver Juibilee, 7th Sept., 1881. MAY IT PLEASE TOUR LORDSHIP-We, your spiritual daughters, begwith flowing hearts and filial reverence to approach you, and to congratulate you on the of all good gifts for the health and strength you enjoy, after twenty-five years of unfailing, indefatigable toil and ceaseless solicitude for the glory of God, the good of religion, and the spiritual and temporal welfare of the favoured flock confided to your care, and to beg your acceptance of a slight evidence of our While leaving to abler pens to dilate upon the

splendid monuments of your Lordship's untiring zeal -from the magnificent Cathedral, which is an honor you have been in constant communication on these their labours, and their sacrifices—in reclaiming sin- to our diocese, to the last new church, presbytery, or subjects, have had opportunities beyond others of ners, consoling the sick and affilicted, instructing the schoolhouse, the wonder and boast of some rural knowing your unceasing care to relieve distress, and to Ignorant of every age and sex. forming youth to parish—we content ourselves with saying that we rereplace by effective legislation the unjust laws which habits of industry and virtue—in a word, winning cognise in your Lordship a prelate filled with the spirit have for ages been the chief cause of the poverty and souls from the world to God by the attraction of their of your great patron, St. Vincent de Paul—a prelate misery of our people. We have been sharers in your holy and happy lives. Next to the clergy, they deserve whose greatest solicitude has been regarding the Lordship's anxiety during the late lamentable famine—to be, and they are, the dearest objects—of my care,—widow and the orphan, the forlorn, the destitute, who, to keep hunger from the homes of our impoverished esteem, and gratitude. May God bless them and all even more than the beauty of God's house, seem uppermost in your thoughts. We behold in your Lordship the model bishop and true disciple, in whom are verified the words of our Lord: "I have chosen you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15). We already see the fruit: the growing piety of your large diocese; and when we consider the spirit of enlightened zeal and devotion that animates your truly zealous and exemplary priests and devoted Religious, who so largely share your spirit, we have reason to hope that the fruits of your Lordsinp's carnest zeal shall remain long ages after the present generation shall have passed away.

We beg in conclusion to renew our joyous felicits. tions, to wish you many years, and to ask your Lordship's blessing on ourselves and our families. The Bishop said in reply—

My Very Dear Daughters in Christ-On Saturday evening last, when I returned home from Visitation tour, I entered my study, but imagine, if on can, my surprise; the old familiar things I left there a fortnight before had disappeared, and things new and beautiful had taken their place. went to another room, and yet another and another, in search of my old companious, but wherever I went the same transformation had been effected. At last, in my bewilderment, I made inquiry of a reverend gentleman with whom you are all acquainted, and who is supposed to know all that passes in and about St Mary's; and he, after some attempts at mystification, et out the secret, and told of the busy Marthas who had visited and trausformed the episcopal quarters

My very dear friends, what shall I say of the many rich and beautiful things you have placed in my room. Well, at the risk of being unamiable—for once in my life, and on the occasion which of all others should eroke all the lateut amiability of my character—I cannot help saying that this furniture, and these hangings and ornameuts, are far too rich and beautiful for me, and that in my old age I could well dispense with those mirrors which present my picture to me-without flattery-which side soever I turn to. This much being said to satisfy my conscience, let me now assure you that in any other house but my own should immensely admire the elegance and suitability of each one of the many beautiful things with which you have furnished and embellished this apartment. accept those valued gifts for myself and my successors. I am truly grateful for them; and they will constantly remind me of that thoughtful affection and generous devotedness of which the ladies of my diocese have given me during these twenty-five years so many other of Elphin justify the title given by Holy Church to their sex: they are devout, most sincerely and practically devout—full of zeal for the beauty of God's house, exemplary in their conduct, and ready to assist in every good work. Be assured you shall be every member of your families (applanse.) Benedictio, &c. the tepid and the sinful. In the instruction of the Mr. Martin W. Phillips, T.C.—who was accompanied by Alderman E. J. Tighe, Mr. J. Walsh (ex- dving, in a word, in every corporal and spiritual work Mayor), Mr. M. Conry, J.P., Mr. Peter O'Connor, J.P., of mercy, they are the humble but active, untiring tocal branch of the Bank of Ircland), Mr. Michael assistance of your prayers, and I am sure I am indebted Tasffe. Mr. Harkan (solicitor), Alderman D. MacGill. to them for many of the blessings I have received from Dr. Cox, Dr. Martyn, Mr. B. Collery, Mr. John Con- God. I most earnestly request a continuance of them. nolly, Mr. Thomas Connolly, Mr. Francis Higgins, Mr. It is, and it shall be, my fervent and constant prayer James Clements, Mr. P. N. White, Mr. Pat Brennan, to the Immaculate Mother of God, to obtain for you

ADDRESS OF THE CATHOLIC LAITY.

The offering in this instance was a bag of gold. MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP -In the name of the Catholic Laity of the Diocese, we approach your Lordship to offer our heartfelt congratulation on the completion of the 25th year of your spiritual minis-

The people of this Diocese are second to none in the warmth of those feelings of hereditary devotion which bind them to their beloved clergy, and those feelings are naturally intensified in regard to your Lordship, the head and centre of both clergy and

But we offer more than the homage due to your sacred office and the esteem that follows exalted virtue; we tender you, moreover, as to our father and friend, the grateful love of obedient children and the unswerving tidelity of Irish hearts.

We are deeply sensible of the zeal with which you lahoured for us, the prudence with which you ruled us, and the unselfish love for your Master and your flock which prompted every act of those twenty-five taborious years, so fruitful of blessings for us and for

There is not a parish in this extensive Diocese in which there are not cuduring memorials of your labours and of your love. Schools and convents for our children, houses for our clergy, churches for the worship and glory of God, and the noblest work of all —for others it would have been the labour of a life that glorious edifice in which the thanks of a grateful people were this day tittingly offered to Providence for the years and blessings so bountifully bestowed on your Lordship, and, through you, on your spiritual

It may be said with perfect truth that the history of the long line of prelates who ruled this ancient Diocese contains no such record of the labours of a single

Noither are we insensible of the wise counsels and cordial help which your Lordship always gave us even ju our temporal affairs, especially whenever there was question of relieving distress or resisting oppression; and we deem it a significant concurrence that the celebrating of your Silver Jubilce syncronises so closely with the passing of the Lund Act for the redress of those wrongs which your Lordship so often fearlessly and eloquently denounced.

In conclusion we beg to renew the expression of our thanksgiving for the past, and our joy and congratution for the present health and happiness of your Lordship. We hope and pray that Providence will preserve you in the same vigorous health to rule us for many a year to come, and we humbly beg your blessings for ourselves, our families, and our homes.

The Bishop feelingly replied. He said-

and good wishes, so beautifully expressed in your address, you bring me a money offering of large amount. For this, too, I am heartily thankful, my dear kieads; flewers. It is no new thing with you to supply the Episcopal treasury. Never yet did I appeal to you for any work of religion or charity that you did not respond with free and generous hearts. You knew the wants of our Diocese, and you felt confident, I believe, that your contributions would be wisely and economically employed. At the present time, you see heavy works still going on, and you have a suspicion that after those late had years, the reserve funds of the Bishop. if ever he had such a thing, must be exhausted. Well. my dear friends, although not inclined to plead noverty, I must confess my etreasury has been for some time empty, and, I acknowledge that your offering is a most timely and welcome one. I accept it with the warmest gratitude, but with the understanding that you will kindly allow me to use it towards the payment of a debt still due to the worthy builder of this house where we have the happiness to meet. My personal wants are few and trifling, and I can easily provide for them, I assure you, without the help of your present offerings. In conclusion, I offer you my most cordial acknowledgments, and pray to God to bestow on you and your families his choicest blessings spiritual and temporal. Mrs. Gallagher, Ratcliffe-street, with whom were

Mrs. Cuulisk (Knox's-street), Mrs. Hargadon, Mrs. Crunny, Miss Mullame, Miss Gray, Miss Parks, &c. as the deputation, read the ADDRESS FROM THE CHILDREN OF MARY.

With this address was presented a handsome suite of parlour furniture, with hangings, &c., to match. To the Most Rev. Dr Gillooly, on the occasion of His Lordship's Silver Jubilec. Most Rev. Lord, -Amongst all Who claim the honour of joining in the celebration of your Lordship's

Silver Jubilee, and of offering their united expressions

bute of gratitude more deservedly due than from the

f congratulation, we feel that from none is this tri-

members belonging to the several branches of the Association of the "Children of Mary," throughout the Diocese of Elphin. The paternal interest and zeal you have ever shown in our general and individual welfare, the honor fraquently conferred on us, by your officiating at our ceremonies, and the valuable instructions then given, are all powerful claims on our gratitude. This, we know can be best proved, by the edification of our future lives, and the fruits of virtue we shall bring forth. But as a momento of our abiding veneration for, and affectionate attachment to, your Lordship, a small offering on behalf of the Children of Mary of the

Lordship's kind acceptance by the past and present members of our Association. Many of our fellow-members, now widely scattered in distant lands, but who once enjoyed privileges similar to those we now possess, have begged of us to convey to your Lordship their sentiments of filial reverence and devotion, and to asure you that neither time nor distance shall ever cause them to forget the blessings you procured for them in their youth.

Diocese of Elphin, is now humbly presented for your

As your Lordship's Silver Jubilee occurs on the Vigil of our Lady's Nativity, we, her special children, are reminded of our duty of uniting in imploring our Immaculate Mother on the occasion of this holy Festival to shower down her choicest gifts on him, who has done so much in her honour and for our That many succeeding years may bring new graces

and more special blessings to our revered and beloved Bishop, is, and shall be, the prayer of the 1 CHILDREN OF MARY.

Of the Diocese of Elphin. His Lordship, in acknowledgment, said-My DEAR CHILDREN IN CHRIST—For your felicitations and good wishes and the valuable presents that accompany them, I feel deeply indebted to you. The Religious Association of the Diocese which you represent on this occasion, and which every where exercise so salutary an influence, are specially entitled to my esteem and gratitude. It has been at all times a most pleasing duty to me to encourage and extend them. The members of those zodalities are, in an eminent degree the support and ornaments of religion. By their humility, meckness, and charity, they spread every where around them alsweet odour of edification. They are foremost in every good and noble work; their every day life is a living lesson to all who know them; it is an encouragement as well as a rebuke, to the idle, ignorant, in the care of the sick, in the help of the and your fellow-associates, and all that are dear to you, every best grace and blessing from her Devine Son. The beautiful furniture you have placed in my breakfast parlour, will frequently remind me of your pious generosity and of your dutiful attachment to your Bishop. (Applause). Benedictia, &c. A little girl named Mary Venle next read a

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS FROM THE PUPILS OF THE TRAINING SCHOOLS

AND ORPHANAGES. To the Most Reverend Dr. Gillooly, on the occasion of his Lordship's Silver Jubilee, 7th September,

Most Rev. Lord and Father-On this day of general rejoicing throughout the Diocese, whilst all your faithful flock are celebrating your Lordship's Silver Jubilee, we, the little ones of your several orphanages and training schools, come with joyful, grateful hearts, to offer our warmest congratulations, feeling assured that, amongst all, not the least welcome will be the affectionate good wishes of your cherished orphan children.

Where shall we find, Most Reverend Lord, words to express the peculiar claims you have on our young hearts, we who, but for your parental solicitude, should have been thrown on a cold, unfeeling world, homeless, friendless, and destitute. As the outstretched hands and yearning hearts of the little children of Erin once drew to our beloved country our ever blessed patron, St. Patrick, bringing to us the superabundant graces of God, with the gift of undying Faith, so did the uplifted hands of the bereaved little orphans of your Diocese touch your Lordship's inmost heart with tender compassion, and you came to us from (fod, bringing blessings, protection, and help, which, otherwise, we never could have hoped for, and, more than all, the preservation of the priceless gift of

Many and touching are the messages of gratitude and affection we have received, and have been requested to convey to your Lordship from the former pupils of our orphanages and training schools; they cordially unite with us, in begging your Lordship's kind acceptance of our humble Inbilee offering, which we present as a tribute from our grateful hearts.

The remembrance of your Lordship's kindly visits to our orphanages, and your fatherly condescension on such occasions, together with the paternal interest ever manifested in our welfare, shall be so many sunbeams through life to cheer us through many a trial and affliction; and our constant prayer shall be that many happy years and a Golden Jubilee may crown him whom the orphans shall over gratefully claim as their Bishop, Father, and Friend. (Applause). The gift in this case was complete suites of intui-

ture for hed and dressing rooms.

His Lordship, in thanking the children said-My Dear Children-I should be indeed very much wanting, in the spirit of a Catholic bishop, if I did not

This address was, like the preceding, excellently

hearts belong of right to our country and our races dressed in white, each having a wreath of white how-Not content with offering me the filial congratulation. ers on her head. Accompanying it was a suite of oak furniture for the hall. In both instances his Lordship was presented by one of the children with a basket of To the Most Rev. Dr. Gillooly, on the occasion of kis

Lordship's Silver Jubilee, 7th September, 1881. MOST REVEREND LORD-We, the children educated in the several schools under the patronage of our Lagy of Mercy throughout your Lordship's Diocese, at Sligo, Roscommon, Athlone. Elphin, and Boyle, beg most sincerely to tender to you our united tribute of filial reverence and heartfelt congratulations on this joyful occasion—the twenty-fifth anniversary of your Lordship's consecration as Bishop of the ancient Die.

While in point of years and merits we account ourselves the least amongst those who this day join in the celebration of so memorable an event: yet, we feel assured that in our venerable father's heart he finds a special place, like his Divine Master, for the little ones of his flock, and never ceases to evince a lively interest in all that concerns their growth in virtue and learning. Your Lordship's frequent and ever welcome visits to

our several schools have always been regarded as marks of your special paternal care for our welfare: and the kind and encouraging words then spoken to us have always been treasured in our heart of hearts, never, we hope, to be forgotten by us. In future years we hope to show forth still more the fruits of the good education so abundantly sup-

plied to us through your Lordship's exertions; and whether our lot be cast at home or far away, we shall always retain those sentiments of filial reverence and sincere gratitude which now fill our youthful We gladly avail ourselves of the occasion to beg your Lordship's kind acceptance of our small and in-

adequate offering. Our minority in age gives us at least this one advantage—that we may hope to live for the celebration of your Lordship's Golden Jubi-Begging of God to spare you thus long to the Dio-

cese, we hope, till then and ever, to claim the honour of being the humble, grateful children of our remerated Bishop and Father (applause), His Lordship replied as follows:— My Very Dear Children-You are not mistaken

in believing that I have always felt a deep interest in

your welfare. It could not be otherwise, for one of the most sacred duties of a bishop is the Christian education of the youth of his flock. For what I have done for your instruction and education I have been, I thank God, well sepaid by the very good use you have made of the educational advantages provided for you. Every parish of our diocese is well provided with schools; the clergy are every where most attentive to the improvenient of the children; the teachers, male and female—especially the latter, who have been trained by our nuns—are zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; our Convent schools are amongst the best conducted schools of Ireland: and the children who, have been educated in them are an honour to their sex and to our Holy Faith. I can assure you, therefore, my dear children, that if the improvement and extension of education in our diocese have been to me and the clergy a source of much labour and solicitude, our labour has been a labour of love, and we are very grateful to God for the abundant fruits with which He has blessed it. The youth of our diocese, especially those educated by our holy nuns, are, with rare exceptions, remarkable for their intelligence and love of learning—and still more so, I am happy to say, for their gentleness, docility, and piety. They show forth in their innocent, happy lives the blessings of Catholic education, and promise to be the joy of their pastors as well as of their parents and families. That you may grow in grace and virtue as you advance in years, and fully realise the fond expectations of your parents and pastors, is my very earnest prayer; and your dear gifts will often remind me of renewing that prayer for you (applause.)

The following Jubilee song, written by Rev. James Casey, P.P., Athleague, vory nicely sung by the children of the Convent Schools, as a fitting conclusion to this part of the day's proceedings:---

Happy, happy children we. Who around our father's knee Sing his Silver Jubilee On to-day.

May be live, and may be reign, For the Church's greater gain, Till his "Golden" he attain.

And although he values nought Human praise. Yet our father and our friend Will on this day condescend .

While God's glory he has sought,

In the wonders he has wrought,

To our lays. While able pens reveal All the wonders of his zeal.

An indulgent ear to lend

Which no effort can conceal They abound. To all who here to-day Come their homage due to pay,

From our fervent hearts we say Look around! On schools and churches multiplied, While the widow's tears are dried.

And his flock is sanctified By his zeal. See our orphans—pleasing sight. And their bappy faces bright, All expressing the delight

Which they feel The Cathedral near at hand Is so beautiful and grand, Tis the wonder of our land And the boast.

While the music of its bells Every gloomy thought dispels From the verdant fairy dells

May kind Heaven ever spare The good Shepherd through whose care We, his flock, such blessings share

Who await The eternal Jubilee. Where our souls shall happy be. When St. Peter's golden key

Opes the gate. The episcopal robes presented to his Lordship, it may be well to mention, were of Iriel manufactured poplin, and are excellent examples of native skill

The furniture, too, supplied by a firm in Cork, is all Irish work, and reflects credit upon what the country can do in this direction. There were in all nine addresses, clequent and touching as our readers will perceive, laid at the feet of his Lordship; but even these, accompanied as they were by valuable tokens of practical goodwill, were

but a small indication of the strong sense of gratitude felt in the diocese towards one who has done so much for the well-being and happiness of the people. These jubilée celebrations are essentially Catholic, and the cordiality and sincerity with which they are

In the evening his Lordship was entertained at a private banquet in the Assembly-room of the Town

Hall. The company numbered 110. It is, we think. almost needless to say that the viands were of the most recherche description, and that the gathering was fittingly in harmony with the day's celebration.