

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' NEW FOUNDATION.—SACRED
HEART HIGH SCHOOL, HIGHGATE HILL, PERTH,
WEST AUSTRALIA.

On September 29th His Grace the Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Prendiville, blessed and laid the foundation stone of a new High School for boys at the corner of Harold and Stirling Streets, Highgate Hill, Perth, West Australia. The new school, which will have accommodation for three hundred boys, will be an extension of work of St. Patrick's School, Wellington Street, which has been overcrowded in recent years. It will be under the control of the Christian Brothers.

A large gathering awaited His Grace, who arrived at three o'clock. A guard of honour lined the approach to the building, while a contingent of Catholic Girl Guides, of the Highgate Parish, took up positions along the route of the procession from the presbytery to the school. The procession was led by the Parish Priest, Rev. Father Crowley, with his pipers' band, while members of the clergy and the Christian Brothers from the various schools, accompanying His Grace, brought up the rear.

After His Grace had blessed the foundation stone he was conducted to a raised platform in front of the building.

Rev. Father Crowley, who extended a hearty welcome to His Grace on this his first official visit to Highgate since his return from abroad, said that it gave the people of Highgate great pleasure to have His Grace amongst them that day. It was His Grace's first foundation laying since his occupation of his new office, and the people of Highgate were pleased that it was their parish that was thus privileged.

The main idea of a function such as that was to set apart and dedicate to the service of the Church a building which would be used for the religious and educational advantages of the children. This was already accomplished by His Grace, and they were grateful to him for performing that portion of the function.

But there was another aspect of a function such as that, and that was to raise a collection. It was a very material consideration, but it was important, for the building was being erected by the people at their own expense, and, of course, the debt would have to be shouldered by them. He had great pleasure in calling on His Grace to address the gathering.

His Grace, who was received with applause, thanked Father Crowley for his words and the people for their kindly welcome.

The building of the school was necessary, said His Grace, because not enough accommodation was available at St. Patrick's School in Wellington Street. There was room for only 250 boys there, whereas the enrolment last year was 500. Rather than make extensions to the Wellington Street School, he had decided to establish a new building in another part of the city.

If Australia were to gain and maintain a higher place amongst the powers of the world, she would do so only as a result of the Christian education of her people, he declared. On the other hand, if Christian education were neglected, the future would be beset with a thousand dangers. For the maintenance of good order amongst men, three elements were necessary—authority, liberty, and religion. These three, each in its own sphere, recognised in its independence and guaranteed in its freedom, and so arranged that all might act harmoniously, constituted the ideal government. The individual had rights which God gave him, and the State had rights which the individual was bound to respect. Side by side with these stood religion, having her own inalienable privileges and her duties to perform towards the State and the individual. The State was prone to arrogate to herself rights which God gave to man to be sacredly his own, and the individual was prone to proclaim to himself rights which belonged to the State. To defeat these two opposite tendencies, and to remind the State and the individual of their reciprocal duties and call them back to their proper spheres, were the duties of religion. Religion, however, could only be founded in the hearts of the children, and only if religious teaching were given to the children when their minds were pliable would model citizens be produced.

Mr. President Dwyer said he was delighted to assist at the inauguration of another educational establishment, which was certain to shed many blessings and benefits on the whole community.

Religion, continued the President, was an essential part of their children's education. The history of every State in the Commonwealth had proved it, and with Catholics it was considered the most essential factor.

Catholics were making immense sacrifices to build and equip their schools—free of cost to the State. In this way the State was being saved nine or ten pounds per head for secular education alone. In addition, the religious training tended to make them

better citizens. Yet the State was paying for one particular sphere of secular education, and its teachers received remuneration accordingly; but the other section received no remuneration whatsoever. Yet each did the same class of work. If there was anything subversive to the State in the Catholic system he could understand the anomaly. But Catholics taught their children to be good citizens—according to the principle, "Render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's." Everything added in religious instruction must of necessity tend to make for better citizenship.

At the close Rev. Father Crowley announced the response to the appeal.

The work on the school building proceeded rapidly, and accordingly all was in order for the blessing and formal opening on January 26th, 1936. The *Perth Catholic Record* gave the following account of the blessing and opening:—

The beautiful and spacious new Intermediate High School and residence, which was recently built for the Christian Brothers at the corner of Stirling Street and Harold Street, was blessed and officially opened by His Grace the Archbishop on Sunday afternoon, January 26th, 1936. A large crowd of parishioners attended, and on the platform with His Grace were the Parish Priest, Very Rev. Father Crowley; the Consultor to the Provincial, Rev. Br. P. A. Conlon; the new Superior of the School, Rev. Br. J. S. Traynor; the Minister for Works, Hon. J. J. Kenneally, M.L.A.; the member for the district, Mr. McCallum Smith, M.L.A.

The new school, which is a long-felt want, will serve as a day school for boys who have completed the second standard. It is divided into two sections—Primary and Secondary. Boys who are admitted to the secondary section will be presented for all examinations up to and including the Junior University. It will thus afford the boys of the Sacred Heart and surrounding parishes a thoroughly religious, secular, and cultural education. It will thus relieve the overcrowding at St. Patrick's Boys' School.

The site for the building was selected by His Grace Dr. Prendiville last year. It is centrally situated for its purpose, and close by is a fine recreation reserve, to which the boys will have access. The edifice is a two-storey tile-roof brick building, with frontages of 160 feet to Stirling Street and 68 feet to Harold Street. The architect was Mr. E. Le B. Henderson, and the contractors were

Messrs. T. Snook and Son, whose tender was £9,229. That portion of the building facing Stirling Street is divided into six large class halls, with accommodation for 300 pupils, and a large science laboratory, furnished and fully equipped.

A wide verandah and balcony protect the class-rooms from the sun, and both floors are provided with spacious cloak-rooms.

The Harold Street end of the building has been designed as a residence for the Brothers, having ten bedrooms, bathroom accommodation, and a fine chapel, all on the first floor. The ground floor contains a reception room, office, library, recreation room, diningroom, kitchen, scullery, and staff quarters. Large Doric columns flank the entrances at each side. On the whole it is a magnificent building and equal to anything of its kind in Australia.

HIS GRACE WELCOMED.

Rev. Father Crowley, the Parish Priest, in welcoming His Grace to Highgate, said it was a particular pleasure that day, because it meant the beginning of a new era in the parish. They had now two Sacred Heart Schools—one for girls and one for boys—the finest in the State. He trusted that the liquidation of the debt would be seen to by the parishioners, and that their efforts would be as successful as the building was.

He welcomed the Christian Brothers to Highgate, and particularly their new Superior, Br. Traynor, of Clifton Hill. He felt sure they would be of immense benefit to the parish. He had great pleasure in calling on His Grace the Archbishop to address them.

HIS GRACE'S ADDRESS.

His Grace, who was received with applause, said it was an equal pleasure for him to come to Highgate that afternoon. He had the pleasure of opening five schools recently. All of them were necessary—but none more so than that which he had blessed that day. Though Catholics were only in the proportion of one to seven of the population, and though their resources were limited, they had given wonderful proof of their generosity in financing all these buildings in support of their religious convictions. In this he felt sure the people of Highgate would be second to none in generosity, and that they would see to it that the Brothers would soon be relieved of their financial worries.

Ghost. They would endeavour to uphold that glorious tradition and to follow along the lines very definitely laid down by the Church for the education of the whole man—soul, mind, and body.

In conclusion, he wished to seize upon the opportunity of expressing the gratitude of the Brothers to His Grace the Archbishop for his enthusiastic interest in their work—an interest that was both practical and progressive. From the first he had proved a sincere and lasting friend to the Christian Brothers.

In their Parish Priest, Very Rev. Father Crowley, they had an immediate friend, whom they hoped to have often in their midst. Finally, said Br. Traynor, there was the Catholic laity, on whose generous and loyal support the Brothers had learned to rely for years with absolute confidence. Their large attendance that afternoon gave a practical demonstration of their goodwill. The Brothers would begin their work there with a high appreciation of a new and adventurous responsibility, enlivened and enlightened by the clear direction that came from Faith and made hopeful through reliance on the blessing of God and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour—a blessing assured them through the patronage of the Church in whose name they opened their doors.

On February 3rd, 1936, class work was commenced. One hundred and fifty boys were admitted. The number enrolled soon reached 180.

For the purpose of *Registration* and *Recognition* in April, 1936, the Senior Inspector of Schools visited the establishment; the following is his Report:—

22nd April, 1936.

TO THE CHIEF INSPECTOR.

I beg to report having visited the Christian Brothers' Sacred Heart High School, situated at the corner of Stirling and Harold Streets, Highgate. The School came into operation for the first time in February last.

The building and appointments are excellent. The class-rooms are large, airy, and well lighted, and lavatories, etc., ample and well appointed. The grounds are being levelled for the construction of tennis courts. For sport requiring larger area Forest Park will be used.

A full range of Primary and Post-Primary subjects is taught. Included are Science, Chemistry and Physics, with an excellent laboratory; Languages—Latin and French; Music—in a room equipped with singing platform; Physical Training and

Elocution taken by Visiting Masters; Mathematics, including Geometry and Trigonometry; Book-keeping and all other usual subjects. The formation of the library is proceeding.

The roll at present is approximately one hundred and fifty; there is accommodation for three hundred. The boys are in uniform, and gave me the impression of earnestness and good conduct.

The institution appeals to me as having made a very fine beginning in all respects.

(Sgd.) WM. C. S. McLINTOCK,
Senior Inspector of Schools.

The personnel of the Community is Br. Severin Traynor (Superior), Br. Berchmans Tevlin (Sub-Superior), Br. Ignatius Goggins, and Br. Barnabas McBride.

His Grace Archbishop Prendiville consecrated the School to the Sacred Heart and celebrated First Mass in the Community Oratory on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, June 27th, 1936, after which he breakfasted with the Community.

MAGNIFICENT DEMONSTRATIONS OF FAITH IN BRISBANE, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.

Striking demonstrations of Faith were given recently by Old Boys of our Schools in Brisbane and Sydney. In Brisbane 3,800 Christian Brothers' Old Boys received Communion in St. Stephen's Cathedral on Sunday, August 4th, 1935, and afterwards over 2,000 sat down to breakfast in the Brisbane City Hall. It was a triumph of Faith and organisation. "I regard this manifestation of Faith by the very flower of our Catholic manhood as the finest thing of its kind that has ever taken place in the Cathedral," said Archbishop Duhig, himself an Old Boy of our Brisbane Schools.

In preparation for this Annual General Communion the past pupils of the Christian Brothers attended Retreats held on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights of the previous week at five Metropolitan Colleges. These were given by the Rev. Fathers J. Lyons, C.S.S.R. (St. James's), J. Ryan, C.M. (Gregory Terrace), J. Kennedy, C.S.S.R., and J. Sexton, C.S.S.R. (St. Laurence's), W. J. Lockington, S.J. (St. Columban's), and L. Carroll, C.S.S.R. (St. Leo's University College). There were approximately 800 retreatants each night.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL (Left), and BROTHERS' RESIDENCE, HIGHGATE, PERTH, W.A.

Foundation Stone blessed and placed, September 29th, 1935. Formal Opening and Blessing of the Establishment, January 26th, 1936. Consecrated to the Sacred Heart and First Mass said in the Oratory by Archbishop Prendiville on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, 1936.