

beyond all praise; while the material buildings—in the shape of school, presbytery, convent, and church—which he has erected in New Plymouth and in other parts of his district, are monuments adding glory to his name and handing down his memory with honor to posterity. May God grant him many more years of usefulness and happiness for the good of his devoted parishioners, the welfare of his fellow-citizens of all classes and denominations, the glory of our holy religion, and the salvation of souls. Such is my ardent wish and fervent prayer.

An address was read by Master McHardy on behalf of the children, who presented a beautiful set of candelabra.

Two sets of Mass vestments were presented, one by the Sisters of the Mission throughout New Zealand, and the other from the local convent. A valuable ciborium was presented on behalf of Fathers O'Beirne and McManus by the latter, who, in a very touching address, referred to the kindly qualities of the Dean and to the fatherly care he had taken of them in the first years of their priesthood in New Zealand.

Mr. W. T. Jennings, M.P., then presented a magnificent gold monstrance on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Jennings said that the duty that the congregation had placed upon him of making the presentation to Dean James McKenna of this monstrance and candelabra was one that he could not do justice to. In regard to the silver jubilee of the Very Rev. Dean James McKenna and his ministrations during the twenty-five years, that labor in Taranaki had borne good fruit. By labor and self-denial he had founded the school in Powderham street, where the little ones were taught; through his zeal the Catholics were now in possession of a fine church building and presbytery, a convent, and the Rolland Hall (called after Father Rolland, so well known in connection with his attachment to the wounded and dying during the last Maori war in Taranaki). When Dean McKenna saw distress he asked not the nation or creed of the sufferer, but did his best to give relief. The diaries of the Dean's twenty-five years' priesthood would be of great interest. They would tell of journeys on foot in all kinds of weather, of privations of various kinds in the hinterlands of Taranaki in the days when material prosperity was not so general in the district as it is to-day. On behalf of the congregation of St. Joseph's, he asked Dean McKenna to accept the offering so freely made. He explained that the Dean would not accept any money offering or anything for himself, but preferred something that would be used in the sacred offices of the Church.

The Dean, in a feeling speech, thanked Almighty God for the graces of the past twenty-five years, the Archbishop for the generous encouragement and fatherly affection he had always lavished upon him, the Vicar-General and the priests present for the honor they had done him; the Sisters of the Mission, for their unvarying kindness to him for

twenty-two years; and to the several generations of children in the parish; and to the parishioners in general who had been such a comfort and joy to him during his pastorate. He appealed for prayers for those who, after fighting the good fight, had gone from amongst them, and, concluding a touching discourse, he appealed for the prayers of all that, during the coming years, he might be found faithful to the duties of his high and holy calling.

The morning celebrations concluded with singing of the 'Te Deum' for the graces of the past twenty-five years.

Necrology of the Missions

The Necrology of the Missions for 1910 forms a notable list of members of Christ's Legion of Honor called to their reward (says the *Sacred Heart Review*): Last year the apostolate of the foreign field lost by death six Bishops and one hundred and eighty-one priests. Of all, twenty-five were of the Paris Society for Foreign Missions, thirty-five Jesuits, twelve Lazarists, five Benedictines, sixteen Franciscans (Friars Minor), ten Capuchins, five Redemptorists, ten Oblates of Mary, five Marists, three Salesians, two Resurrectionists; seventeen belonged to the Congregation of the Holy Ghost, four to the Society of the Divine Word (Steyl), seven to the Society of Belgian Foreign Missionaries, one to the Pallotins, and one to the Fathers of the Sacred Heart; ten were Algerian Missionaries (White Fathers), two English Foreign Missionaries, three Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, of Picpus, six Dominicans, two Carmelites, one belonged to the Company of Mary and five to the Lyons Society for African Missions. The various nationalities were represented as follows:—Among these missionaries were eighty-two French, twenty-one Germans, four Austrians, twenty Italians, eleven Spaniards, fourteen Belgians, four Dutch, six Irish, five Swiss, two Tyroleans, one Polander, one Canadian, one Syrian, one Bulgarian, five East Indians, one Filipino, one American (U.S.), four South Americans, two Anglo-Egyptians.

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