

down to the present day. Institutions are spread over the face of the earth in which pious women who have left home and friends and all that is dear to them spend their lives in tending to the poor and needy, to the aged and infirm. In the various reports of your own society read for you this evening the name of one lady such as these was repeatedly mentioned. Examples of the most wonderful sanctity are legion from the days of Our Blessed Lady down to the Little Flower. In the arts and in literature she stands for all that is pure, noble, and beautiful.

Woman's Place in Religion.

Her wonderful progress in virtue may be due to the fact that it was upon womanly virtues that Our Lord seemed to lay particular stress; and in the propagating of which His religion has been most successful.

Love, chastity, enthusiasm, devotion, self-surrender—these are woman's glory, and in the exercise of these virtues she is superior to man. Our Divine Lord appeals rather to the heart than the head, and to such an appeal woman yields assent more readily than man. What He asks is that we be drawn to Him with a personal love that overcomes all worldly ties, and of such a love woman is more capable than man. Whatever the explanation, Almighty God has worked this great change in the lot of woman-kind, for her own glory and for His. For such a change every Christian's fervent prayer should be: Thanks be to God. And let us ever remember, but let Christian women especially remember, that if they hold an exalted and respected position in the world to-day, it comes from the respect which Christians had for the Immaculate Mother of God and which has passed to women generally. Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother are the ones they must thank for it.

COLDS AND COUGHS

HOW TO AVOID THEM.

A well-known public man, who is constantly on the move throughout the Dominion, was recently asked by a friend on the Main Trunk Sleeper why it was that he always seemed to dodge coughs and colds. "Well, you know," he said, "I attribute my immunity largely to the fact that I always carry a bottle of Baxter's Lung Preserver along with me. Take to-night, for instance, when there is quite a 'nip' in the air, I would not dream of turning in without a dose of 'Baxter's.' It seems to keep 'old man cold' at bay. Although I am constantly travelling under all sorts of conditions, coughs and colds have no terrors for me when I have the reliable 'Baxter's.'"

Like this man you, too, can be free of all these disagreeable complaints if you will take a dose of Baxter's Lung Preserver in time. Be prepared and get a bottle without delay. Besides being a wonderful cough and cold remedy that is pleasant to take and does you good from the first dose, "Baxter's" possesses wonderful tonic properties that help to build you up. You can obtain a generous-sized bottle from any chemist or store for 2s 6d; or, better still, get the family size at 4s 6d.

Bishop O'Connor's Sacerdotal Jubilee

ENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRATIONS AT ARMIDALE.



His Lordship the Bishop of Armidale (the Right Rev. Dr. P. J. O'Connor), who on Tuesday celebrated his Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee, was honored by a series of celebrations (says the *Catholic Press* for September 17). Armidale was *en fete*, and distinguished visitors from all parts of the State flocked to the Cathedral city to join in appreciation of a life of indefatigable effort for the Church, charity, and Catholic education.

The visitors included his Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, and a great many members of the Hierarchy.

Festivities started on Monday with a procession, and the presentation of addresses to the Apostolic Delegate and the Hierarchy. This was followed by a banquet in honor of the jubilarian at the Ursuline Convent. On Tuesday, High Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral, and a civic reception was extended the visitors at the Town Hall. A conversation was held at the Town Hall at night, when a series of presentations was made to his Lordship Dr. O'Connor. Yesterday the Bishops and clergy were entertained at a banquet at 12.30, after which they attended a garden party. Last night the celebrations concluded with a dinner and concert at De La Salle College.

Dr. O'Connor's Career.

Born in Clonlea, Co. Waterford, Father O'Connor, as he was then, was 28 years old when he arrived at Armidale. He had received his earlier education from the Christian Brothers. It was intended that he should enter commercial life, but his early indications of the vocation he possessed were quickly responsible for a change of plans. He entered the Collegiate Seminary at Dungarvan, where he studied the classics, and from which he transferred to All Hallows, Dublin, where he pursued with brilliance his ecclesiastical studies, in company with Father Doyle and many others who later came to Australia. He was ordained by the Right Rev. Dr. McDevitt, Bishop of Raphoe, in 1875, and did mission work for a few months

in the Salford Diocese, England, under Bishop (afterwards Cardinal) Vaughan. In the following year the two friends left for Australia. Immediately Fathers O'Connor and Doyle entered their new arena they threw their heart and soul into the pioneering work, for which they seemed particularly suited. Long, tedious rides and drives, sick calls into the wilderness, under the most uninviting winter conditions, appeared to be, to them, a special attraction; a wonderful privilege. Their work was not without appreciation, and some reward. After six years' service, the second Bishop, Dr. Torreggiani elevated Father O'Connor to the dignity of Dean of Armidale, his friend obtaining a similar appointment at Lismore. In 1886 Dr. O'Connor was further honored by his appointment as Vicar-General of the Diocese. When, in the following year, the old diocese was divided into the Dioceses of Armidale and Lismore, Dr. Doyle became Bishop of Lismore. But before this development took place tremendous work was to be done under the first existing order. Dr. O'Connor's duties as Vicar-General were telling, and he entered upon a well-deserved holiday in 1888. He spent most of his time in the land of his birth, happy in the knowledge that he had behind him the very best wishes of the Diocese, and of his own Armidale in particular. The people of Armidale had demonstrated this by a presentation to the Vicar-General of a cheque for £350. They were never slow to express, outwardly, their love of their pastor. Two years later, when Dr. O'Connor celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination, he was again showered with messages of goodwill, and again presented with a well-filled purse of sovereigns. The greatest compliment Dr. O'Connor received on that occasion was the dignity of Domestic Prelate, conferred upon him by his Holiness, on the recommendation of Dr. Torreggiani. More honors were to come. In the following year, Dr. O'Connor received from his Holiness the gold cross of the first class, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice." In 1903 Dr. O'Connor was still further elevated, being consecrated Coadjutor-Bishop to the venerable Dr. Torreggiani, to whom he had been such a worthy lieutenant and friend.

MONDAY'S EVENTS.

THE ARRIVAL OF THE GUESTS.

Armidale was rejoicing in the complete glory of an Australian spring day when a very distinguished band of prelates and members of the clergy arrived there on Monday morning to pay a tribute of their esteem to the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, the third Bishop of a progressive diocese. The scene at the station will be a memorable one in the history of Armidale—a profusion of motor cars, a gathering of people, a hustling and a bustling that might have been an excerpt from the "Pied Piper." When prelates, priests, and other visitors were seated in the vehicles, an inspiring procession wended its way through the quiet streets

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