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To aid me in erecting a building for the purpose I am indebted to the liberality of a pious and charitable lady—but for the conducting of it, I am obliged to appeal to the benevolent generosity of the public. Any donation, however small, whether in *money, books, or old clothes*, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied to this pious purpose.

As a remuneration on my part, I engage to say one mass every month for the benefactors in general—an anniversary mass over and above for the principal contributors, the names of whom shall be printed and read over every year on the anniversary day. And if any benefaction be bequeathed to this institution, at the death of such person, masses shall be offered for the repose of his soul porportionate to the sum bequeathed.

By this means the benefactors of the Stourbridge Charity School will serve Jesus Christ in his suffering members, promote the glory of God, the salvation of innumerable souls, add to the welfare of society and the moral order of the nation, and thousands now will lift up their hands in holy prayers to the God of heaven for a blessing on their benefactors, and thousands yet unborn will rise up to call them blessed, and to implore a benediction on their families for ever. J. A. MASON.

Benefactions will be gratefully received by the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Giffard House, Wolverhampton; or by the Rev. J. A. Mason, Chapel House, Stourbridge.

OPENING OF NEW CATHOLIC CHAPELS.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

On Friday the 6th instant, being the Octave day of the holy Apostles, St. Peter and Paul, the new Catholic Chapel at Thetford was opened with much solemnity and devotion, in the presence of a congregation composed of persons of respectable rank, and of all denominations. In the morning High Mass was celebrated by the amiable Vicar Apostolic of the Midland District, the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, assisted by the Rev. H. Wright as his Deacon, and the Rev. J. Leadbetter as Subdeacon, accompanied with a fine full toned organ, and a select choir from Norwich, &c. After the Gospel, the venerable Prelate with his Deacon and Subdeacon, having taken their seats between the magnificent columns on the Gospel side of the altar, the Rev. Henry Weedall, the learned and respected President of Oscott College, assended the pulpit, and in an humble and unassuming manner commenced a discourse, replete with eloquence peculiar to himself, on the most calumniated of Catholic doctrines, the sacrifice of the Mass and the Real Presence.

The effect of this masterpiece of learning and pulpit oratory may be easily conceived, when we state that several Protestants of the first respectability, whose previous prejudices against this doctrine were, in their own opinion, immoveable, have since declared their conviction of the divine institution of the Mass and the real Presence, and have requested the Rev. Mr. Holden, the indefatigable and zealous Pastor, to solicit the Rev. Preacher to allow his discourse to be printed. In the evening, after Vespers, which were chanted in an admirable manner by the choir of St. John's Chapel, Norwich, the venerable Bishop expatiated in a familiar and clear manner on the words of St. Peter (1st epis. ii.) "I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims to refrain yourselves from carnal desires, which war against the soul; having your conversation good among the Gentiles, that whereas they speak of you as evil doers, they may, by the good works which they shall behold in you, glorify God in the day of visitation." This discourse, which made a visible, and, we trust, a lasting impression on the assembled auditory, will be followed, with the blessing of God, with an abundant harvest of souls. It will be gratifying to the benefactors of this mission, and to the Catholics in general, to learn that the good effects of their charity have already begun to shew themselves in the edifying conduct of the Catholics, and in numerous conversions from the ways of error.—Though incessantly engaged for the last twelve months in collecting the scattered flock, and directing the workmen on the Chapel, the truly active Pastor informs us that he has instructed and taken into the church thirty converts, not, he says, like the Cavan converts, for they have not cost him a farthing, and are too well satisfied with their chance ever to abandon the treasure of the true faith.

The Chapel is of the Corinthian order, and magnificent structure; 67 feet by 27, and 24 feet high.—The Rev. Projector and Incumbent thus writes,—“I feel grateful for the liberal donations of the friends of religion, who have already paid in their subscriptions, and trust that those who have not yet paid, will not involve me in difficulties by delaying much longer. The arrears when paid, will leave a debt of about 60*l.* towards the liquidation of which, I shall feel grateful to any friend who may think proper to contribute a trifle. A house for the Priest has just been covered in, but must, I fear, now be shut up, for want of means to complete it—for what has been already done towards the house, I am indebted to the loan of a kind friend.”