

gation by Mr. F. H. C. Miles. The Reception Committee was composed of Mrs. Katie Ritchie, President, the Misses Katie Lowe, Florence Pyne, Burns, Coady and McPartland. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Katie Ritchie and Mrs. Sarah O'Connor, assisted by Misses Doody, M. Ritchie, Lowe, Spears, Baxter, Mooney, Abbott and Coady.

The principal feature of the evening was the reading of the address by Miss Nellie Ritchie and unveiling of the portrait. The address was :

*To the Very Reverend Monsignor Thomas Connolly, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Saint John :*

VERY REVEREND MONSIGNOR,—

We, the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society, approach you on this auspicious occasion with the tender of our warmest congratulations. The event which you celebrate to-day is, it is needless to say, unique in your life ; and the privilege of celebrating it with you will certainly be singular in ours. During the decade you have spent among us no other opportunity offered so fitting and appropriate to the expression of the sentiments of love and reverence that we entertain for you as this of the Golden Jubilee of your priesthood. The apostolic precept, indeed, prohibits women from raising their voices in the church, but we know of no prohibition against our addressing you within the privacy of our home.

To-day you stand at the apex of a half-century of work for God and society. As you look back over that long term of years and review its labors, its cares, its sacrifices, and its triumphs ; as you recall your experiences among the different congregations over whom in the succession of years you have so efficiently presided, we may be pardoned if we express the hope that we who are last in point of time to come under your ministrations are not the last or the least in your esteem to-day. Indeed we would have the Scriptural adage, "The last shall be first," fulfilled ; and while we freely admit that the memories of early days in other parishes and among other conditions are apt to crowd out the less picturesque thoughts of later times, we would claim, as the spiritual children of your old age, that precedence in your affections which a happy fortune enables us to hold in this day's celebration.

Our Parish and ourselves have been blessed through your ministrations. As belonging to the sex whose special kingdom is the home, we thank you for your untiring advocacy of temperance and sobriety of life ; we acknowledge with grateful hearts the debt we owe you for the many words of wisdom and good advice you have addressed to us from