

their supports, and, at every point, golden palms were waving in a rich profusion. Sweet-faced angels with outspread wings were smiling on the beauteous scene, bearing in their arms various appropriate gifts for Monseigneur.

At the end of the apartment, opposite the audience, around a life-sized picture of the Immaculate Virgin, ethereal clouds were floating, formed of gauzy drapery, rainbow hued, suggesting thoughts of that gorgeous mass of clouds, which as a triumphal car, bore our beloved Queen in her glorious assumption to heaven. Over all was diffused the splendid electric light, beautiful figure of the *Light of Glory* "in which we shall see Him as He is." At every point, was seen the symbolic "50" of the good Bishop's golden years, illuminated in various colored transparencies: as star differeth from star in glory.

THE ENTERTAINMENT.—The "*Noces d'Or*," (Golden Wedding) was chanted with splendid effect by all the Religious, in honor of the esteemed Prelate.

*Overture*.—Instrumental duet, (from Rossini,) entitled "*Allégresse*." (joy) Admirably executed.

The Rev. auditors listened with rapt attention.

The distinguishing feature of the entertainment, however, was the exquisite chanting of an Office, composed by the Sisters expressly for Monseigneur, following exactly the rubrics of the Office of the Church. The Sisters were formed into two choirs, arranged in long rows on either side, the white and scarlet of the religious costume adding much to the brilliant scenic effect.

The Office opened with an Invitatory which had for its refrain; "*Que l'or se change en diamant*." (May the gold be changed into diamonds.)

The *three lessons* detailed all the principal events in the life of the worthy Bishop. A grand *Te Deum* closed the Office of *Compline*, and the office of *Lauds* was terminated by the *Benedictus*, and a prayer imploring celestial favors for the dear *Pastor bonus*.

CHARACTER OF THE ENTERTAINMENT.—It was grave, even solemn. No smiles, or light repartee, no conversation. All was done befittingly, as a religious function, to honor