

“If the sainted Mothers who planted the precious seedlet half a century ago, can behold its growth into this stately tree, producing abundant fruit, and affording grateful shade—what a reward for all their labor and fatigue! We cannot clasp their hands 'tis true, but they are in our midst; we hear them whisper: Give not to us the honor of this day, but render the glory thereof to Him who exalteth the lowly.

“Most Reverend Archbishops, Right Reverend Bishops, and Reverend Members of the Clergy, your presence adds new lustre to our celebration; it is a convincing proof that you appreciate the good that has been done in the past, and that you are willing to further the development of the Congregation by all the means at your disposal.

“And you, dear Friends, you who ‘once filled the places we now fill,’ the readiness with which you have responded to our call, assures us that time has but riveted the golden chain which binds you to the home of your childhood. The thought of re-tasting the purest happiness earth can offer has lent you wings, and from the North