

of these presents, your Fraternity to have celebrated every year by yourselves, and by the faithful under your jurisdiction, with solemn pomp and devotion, the said feast of St. Anne.

" Given at Rome, near St. Peter's, on the calends of July, the fourth year of Our Pontificate !

—(*From the French of Father Mermillod, S. J.*)

(*To be continued*)

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ST. NICHOLAS, ARCHBISHOP OF MYRA,

(*Feast on December 6*)

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HIS EARLY YOUTH—HIS CHARITY.

Our readers, especially the younger ones, will no doubt be pleased to read a page from the life of one of their dearest friends, the good St. Nicholas, whose generosity to children, especially during Christmas time, is one of their favorite convictions.—The Saint whose life we are going to sketch in a few brief lines is really the *Santa Claus* of juvenile tradition ; and the charity that shines forth in all his actions is the foundation of his proverbial reputation of liberality.

He was born at Patara, in Syria (Asia Minor) towards the close of the third century, under the reign of Constantine the Great. His pious parents had been forewarned by an Angel of his approaching birth. After a brilliant course of studies, during which he preserved untouched the innocence of his soul, he found himself at the head of a rich inheritance. But he used his riches only to relieve the poor, and his liberty to devote himself to the service of God. It was