

of the great concourse of people gathered under the massive arches of the vast building ; the impressiveness of a musical service rendered from the works of some of the master composers of the world, whose best efforts have been expended in contributing to the services of the Church ; the rarity and richness of the vestments of the Archbishop and the Bishops, whose presence marked the importance of the occasion ; the grouping of the throng of ecclesiastical dignitaries and priests and monks on the floor and before the steps of the sanctuary, with the beautiful white High Altar as a background, and the whole lighted up with a flood of golden light from the great northern window, formed a scene, and marked an event, the beauty and grandeur and solemnity of which will long linger as a sweet memory in the minds of those who attended the ceremony.

At nine o'clock the Cathedral was blessed by the Ven. Archpriest Sheehy. The opening ceremony did not commence until eleven o'clock, but long before that hour there were gathered outside the enclosure groups of people awaiting admission. At ten o'clock a steady tide of visitors began to flow into the building. The entrance for the general public to the enclosure was at the corner of College street and St. Mary's road. The number of country people was noticeable, the special arrangements made for their convenience with the railway department no doubt accounting in part for the fact.