

RECEPTION AT MT. ST. BERNARD'S.

The natal day of our venerable Bishop, Right Rev. Dr. Cameron, has always been an occasion for great rejoicing on the part of the pupils and Sisters of St. Bernard's, but this year, on account of his Lordship's great generosity and kindness during the last season, a special effort was made to perform a dual purpose: to thank his Lordship for benefits bestowed, and to celebrate his birthday. Besides the Rev. faculty of the College, through the kindness of the Mother Superior, the students of the senior and junior years were present at the reception.

The performance was most pleasing to all, and showed to what great perfection in musical art the Sisters have brought their pupils. Miss Pauline McDonnell read the address of welcome, joy and gratitude to his Lordship, in such a manner as to draw forth encomiums from the audience for her elocutionary abilities. In reply to this address his Lordship spoke most touchingly. He assured them that the little he had done would be amply rewarded by the prayers which they promised to offer for him. He warned all to attend to the direction of intentions, to do everything with a pure, unsullied motive, otherwise all the works they did would come to naught. The imparting of the Episcopal blessing brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. We wish his Lordship many happy returns of his natal day, and pray that he may be spared *ad multos annos* to perform the functions of his sacred office.

Should this number of Excelsior reach any person who is not desirous of continuing as a subscriber, he would greatly oblige us by instructing us accordingly. In the course of a few days bills may be sent to those in arrears for last as well as the present year. Should no bill reach you, kindly favor us with your subscription fee.