

the first Gospel, the Rev. Father O'Boyle spoke a few words of welcome to the Prelates, after which Bishop O'Dea ascended the pulpit and delivered the following very eloquent sermon :

SERMON.

"Most Reverend Archbishop, Right Rev. Bishops, Reverend Fathers, Respected Sisters, and Dear Brethren,—

"It is not necessary for me to tell you that we have assembled here this morning for no ordinary purpose. Every day, and every Sunday, you, the members of this parish, gather before this altar to assist at the tremendous Sacrifice of the Mass. And every day, and every Sunday, when the words of consecration are pronounced by the priest, the great God of heaven descends upon this same altar. You gather here frequently to pay Him your homage, adoration and thanksgiving; but it is not every day, dear brethren, that you find assembled here such a distinguished gathering of dignitaries of Holy Church, and so many of the reverend clergy, and members of the esteemed Religious Congregations, and brethren from far and near. It is not every day that you celebrate an event of such importance, as the Golden Jubilee, or anniversary of the arrival of the Oblate Fathers upon the Mainland of British Columbia. It is, therefore, an extraordinary day, and one to which all of us may well strive to honor and give earnest consideration.

"In reverting to the history of this young Church of British Columbia, fortunately, we have not to go back into the chaos of impenetrable antiquity, nor have we to trace the