

the altar ; for the sympathy which you extended to us when affliction came to our homes ; and for the constant example of high Christian life which you have ever given us. May you be long spared to us.

As a mark, therefore, of our affectionate gratitude, we present to you this portrait of yourself. It is indeed but a counterfeit presentation of your kindly face and personality ; yet we trust it will be to you a constant reminder of our unflinching regard. Place it, then, we pray you, in your home where your eye can often rest upon it and your gaze be carried beyond canvas and paint to the daughterly affections which prompted this presentation.

Signed on behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Church of Saint John the Baptist,

NELLIE RITCHIE,

MRS. KATIE RITCHIE,

MRS. SARAH O'CONNOR,

MRS. R. MILLS,

FLORENCE E. McMANUS,

TERESA DOODY,

MINNIE SMYTH.

Monsignor Connolly replied at length. He would regard the portrait as a souvenir of the esteem of the ladies of the parish. He gave a brief history of St. John the Baptist Church, and showed how the ladies had assisted in the work of construction of the edifice. The address referred to his interest in temperance. In this he did always take a lively interest, and he took occasion to speak briefly on this point. He spoke of the efficacy of prayer, and said he would remember the ladies in his prayers, and hoped they would pray for him.

