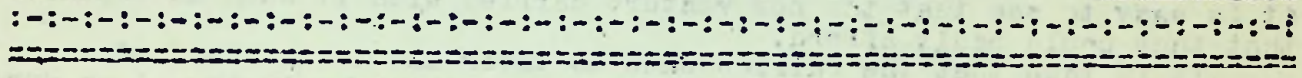


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OPENING OF THE HODSON GYMNASIUM AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

His Excellency the Governor opened in a simple ceremony on Friday the 24th of May, the new Hodson Gymnasium which has been erected at St. Mary's Roman Catholic School for the use of the children.

His Excellency arrived at the building shortly before 3.0 p.m. and was received by the Reverend Father Migone, the Sister Superior and Sister Rodas.

The building which was well filled was tastefully decorated with flags. The school children were assembled at one end of the hall, the smallest child in the school holding a Union Jack in its hand. A short programme was then performed by the pupils with pleasing effect and without hitch in execution. At the conclusion of the second item an Address was read with evident feeling by Miss Irene Biggs and then presented to His Excellency. We give below verbatim the contents of the Address :

"EXCELLENCY - LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, This day is a day of joy and gratitude for both the Superiors and pupils of St. Mary's School. It is a day of joy because with the opening of this new Hall we see realized at last one of our most cherished hopes; and it is a day of gratitude, because those cherished hopes could never have been achieved in the splendid form this building testifies, without the sympathy and wholehearted co-operation of a distinguished friend and benefactor who puts us under a heavy obligation.

My last words need of an explanation. A new building, as you all see has sprung into existence. New buildings have, as everything else, a more or less interesting story to tell. This Hall in which we are assembled does not make an exception. It has indeed a little story of its own, simple and short, it is true, but nevertheless, worthy to be made known in order that the generous deed of the person who most contributed to the erection of this building may be thoroughly appreciated.

The story runs like this :-
Once upon a time the children of St. Mary's School manifested a wish of having a larger play-ground. Without a large play-ground we can study but little, they said. The story goes on that time after time they were allured not only with the enticing promise of a larger play-ground but also of a covered one in which during the winter months, in case/

case of bad weather, they could spend their recreation hours. But as time went on and the new play-ground did not appear, many of the children began to class the promise as one of those made to naughty boys by anxious parents, to induce them to be good.

Days rolled on in the usual way increasing our disappointment. Then, lo! all at once the unexpected happened. The vanishing promise was changed into a magnificent reality. The most incredulous amongst us were at last convinced. The spacious, neat, cheerful building in which we are assembled obliges me to make amends for my old and new companions and to publicly confess, as a sort of compensation, that the Sisters word is as good as gold. Without subtracting to their merit, it is easy to see that the new venture carried with it such an expense that they could badly afford.

It is then that the fairies came to their aid in the form of a most generous benefactor: I scarcely need mention who it is. I am sure you already guess and can tell with certainty.

As soon as His Excellency the Governor saw the plans of the new building and was acquainted with its object, he took a great interest in it. This interest was so earnest and so practical that the new building rose up in no time as by magic. The fact is easily explained. It is well known the sympathy that His Excellency has for children. All of us are witnesses of the great interest he has always taken in them, and how even at the present moment he is not sparing efforts to bring a little more comfort and sunshine in their ordinary lives.

Now after giving these facts due consideration you shall better understand the reason why the Superiors of St. Mary's School thought it a duty to perpetuate the generous deed by christening this Hall with the name of, "Hodson Gymnasium". This much for the Sisters. With regard to the pupils, I can assure Your Excellency that they will by no means be satisfied with seeing your name in the new Gymnasium, they will hold it dear and give it a place of honour in their hearts."

After the singing of the "Empire Song" by Misses E. Smith and M. Reive His Excellency in a humorous speech in which crocodiles and lions made an appearance, much to the delight of the children, said that no matter when or where he tried to address them by themselves 'grown-ups' would always insist on creeping in whether they were wanted or not (loud laughter). Then adopting a more serious tone the Governor told the children that although they might think themselves small and insignificant and of no importance, this was not the case. He then gave them as an example their own Cathedral. He pointed out that it was built of many thousands of very small bricks yet it one was to knock out a few of the bottom bricks the whole Cathedral would come tumbling down. So in the same way if these small children did not do their duty to this Colony when they grew up it might have the effect of harming the country they love so much. Therefore they must always remember to do their best to follow in the footsteps their fathers and mothers who had made the Colony what it was. Before concluding His Excellency explained/

explained to the children the different conditions that existed in other parts of the Great British Empire.

At the end of his speech His Excellency thanked the Reverend Father Migone, the Sisters and the Performers for the enjoyable programme and then declared the building to be open.

The Gymnasium we understand is handsome and well constructed and Father Migone deserves the greatest credit for the public spirit shewn by him in the erection of such a beautiful hall for the children. It is perhaps unnecessary for us to mention the noble and devoted work which is constantly being done in our midst by Father Migone and the Roman Catholic Sisters.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday the 26th of May, the Service at Christ Church Cathedral was attended by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief who was accompanied by the Honourable G. R. L. Brown, Acting Colonial Secretary and Private Secretary, the Honourable and Mrs. G. Roberts, the members of the Falkland Islands Defence Force under the Command of Captain D. R. Watson and Lieutenant J. M. Coutts, M. M., the Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster the Revd. S. E. E. Aylward, and the Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. D. Richardson, the Girl Guides with their Guide-Captain Miss Alice Tolton, the Wolf-Cubs, under Miss Mary O'Sullivan, and the Brownies under the Acting Brown-Owl, Mrs. G. R. L. Brown, and members of the General Public.

The service was conducted by the Revd. S. E. E. Aylward, the Assistant Chaplain, and His Excellency read the Lessons. Unfortunately due to the serious illness of his mother Mr. T. Binnie, the Honorary Diocesan Lay Reader, was unable to attend. His presence was very much missed. The hymns chosen were appropriate for the occasion. The text of the inspiring sermon preached by the Revd. S. E. E. Aylward was taken from the 10th verse of the Third Chapter of the Book of Genesis "I heard Thy voice in the Garden and I was afraid". The service concluded with the singing of The National Anthem.

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The troops, Scouts, Guides, Wolf-Cubs and Brownies then followed the band to the Town Hall where, owing to the inclemency of the weather, His Excellency inspected them, and made a short speech in which he congratulated Captain Watson, Lieutenant Coutts, and Sergeant Major Allan on the smart appearance of the men, and also remarked on the pleasing appearance of the Scouts, Guides Wolf-Cubs and Brownies, and expressed his pleasure at seeing them all on parade.

We understand that the Service was broadcast from the Cathedral, and His Excellency's speech from the Town Hall.

The following article which is reprinted from the "Times" is published as being of local interest :

NEW STAMPS FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

PENGUINS AND A WHALE.

The latest British Colony to abandon the stereotyped head of the Sovereign in favour of a quasi-pictorial design for its postage stamps is that of the Falkland Islands. A new series now in course of preparation by the Government contractors in London incorporates, in addition to an ornamental vignette of the King, characteristic representations of penguins and a whale, the Colony being an important centre for the whaling industry. The inscriptions read: "Falkland Islands" at the top and "Postage and Revenue" at the foot, with the value on either side, directly below the Royal Portrait.

The design, which will be reproduced by the artistic copper-plate process, is the work of Captain Ince, harbour master at Port Stanley, the capital settlement; and the denominations and colours of the 10 stamps comprising the series are ½d green, 1d red, 2d grey, 2½d blue, 6d purple, 1s black on emerald, 2/6 red on blue, 5s green on yellow, 10s red on emerald, and £1 black on red. All except the highest value will have the script C.A. watermark, but the latter is to be printed in the first instance on the old red multiple crown, C.A. paper, of which a considerable stock still remains to be used up. It will be noted that a 2/6d. stamp replaces the 3s. denomination now current, and that the colours of the 2d., 6d., and 5s. stamps are to be brought into line with the Colonial colour scheme. The new stamps will probably be taken into use this year, but no definite date has yet been appointed for their issue."

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