

who will aid and encourage virtue, since they have learned to practice it in the school of the monastery.

Let us, then, rejoice and be glad that from the mustard seed such a magnificent tree has grown, spreading its branches throughout this vast diocese, gladdening our good bishop and promising to make many rejoice in the day that the sons of St. Benedict first came into these desert wilds.

At the offertory the orchestra composed of the religious of the Abbey rendered very select music, the composition of Dom Gregory Gerer, O.S.B., a young and promising cleric; assisted by the pupils of St. Mary's Academy. When the newly blessed Abbot was conducted by the Bishop to his throne and seated thereon, the vast assemblage was moved by a spectacle most touching.

As the Rt. Rev. orator had stated, the new Abbot is dearly beloved by all. France, his native sky, could not hold him longer, hence to these distant parts he came to teach men the way of truth.

How well the Rt. Rev. Thomas Duperon had succeeded was now fully seen. Each religious approached and received the kiss of peace from his new chief. Many were moved to tears for the scene was deeply affecting. Well could they exclaim "*O quam jucundum est habitare fratres in unum.*" That the good fathers and brothers truly experience such sweetness is evident from their calm and serene lives so full of good deed's for their neighbor's welfare, material and spiritual, added to which, the crowning joy that he, who has so long and worthily filled the place of superior should now be called Abba—Father—and thus blessed and sanctioned by Holy Church.

At 2 P.M. a sumptuous feast had been prepared by the Father Cellarer, Rev. Louis Choron, O.S.B., who assuredly laid out more than the ordinary diet of

a monk; for, said he, not for us, but for our guests. The reverend clergy and specially invited gentlemen to the number of forty had covers at table. In response to the toasts, several pleasant addresses were made by the Rt. Rev. Theo. Meerschaert, Rt. Rev. E. J. Dunne, also others of the clergy and laity, to which the Rt. Rev. Abbot, Thomas Duperon, very feelingly responded, thanking his visitors for their kindness and interest in himself and the work of the Benedictine order.

At 7:30 that evening the students of the college gave an entertainment which was a literary treat. Addresses were delivered in the following languages: English, German, French, Greek, Latin, Spanish, Italian, Basque, Pottawattomie and Choctaw; the last two Indian languages.

Thus closed the ceremonies and festivities in honor of the first Abbot of Sacred Heart with hearty wishes *Ad Multos Annos.*

The following were the visiting prelates and clergy:

Rt. Rev. Theophile Meerschaert, D.D., Vicar Apostolic of Oklahoma and Indian Territories.

Rt. Rev. Edward Joseph Dunne, D.D., Bishop of Dallas, Texas.

Rt. Rev. Frowanus Conrad, O.S.B., of Conception, Mo.

Rt. Rev. Ignatius Conrad, O.S.B., of Spieler-ville, Ark.

Very Rev. Andrew Green, O.S.B., Prior, Atchison, Kan.

Rev. Bede Durham, O.S.B., Creston, Ia.

Very Rev. J. H. Tihen, Rector Pro-Cathedral, Wichita, Kan.

Revs. T. K. Crowley, Denison, Tex.; A. Heuchemer, Gainesville, Tex.; Wm. H. Ketcham, Muskogee, Ind. Ter.; Frk. Hall, Chickasha; Germanus, O.S.B., El Reno; Isidore, O.S.B., Anadarko; I. Lanslots, Oklahoma; William, O.S.B., Purcell; Felix DeGrasse, O.S.B., Shawnee; B. Murphy, O.S.B., Krebs; Hypolite, Lehigh, etc.