

SAINT GEORGE'S, MAGHULL



**CANON DENNETT'S
GOLDEN JUBILEE
1945**

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Greetings

from

St. George's, Maghull

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PROVOST DENNETT,
THE JUBILARIAN,
1945



FATHER DENNETT,
The New Curate, 1898

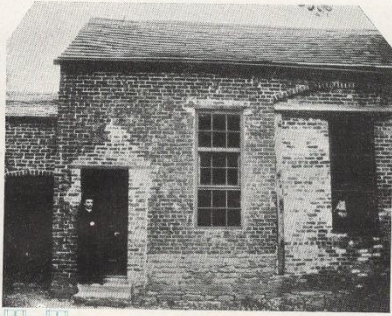


FATHER DENNETT,
The Roman Student, 1896



WILLIAM DENNETT,
The New Student, 1881

THE BIRTH OF THE PARISH



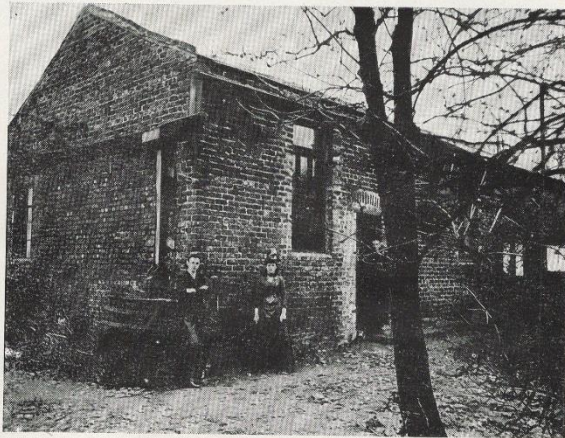
The MASS RETURNS
TO MAGHULL



The first Mass since
the Reformation was
celebrated here in 1887

MASSEY'S BARN

Willing hands
transformed
the interior . .



COLGAN'S BARN, 1888

Within twelve months
a larger building . . .

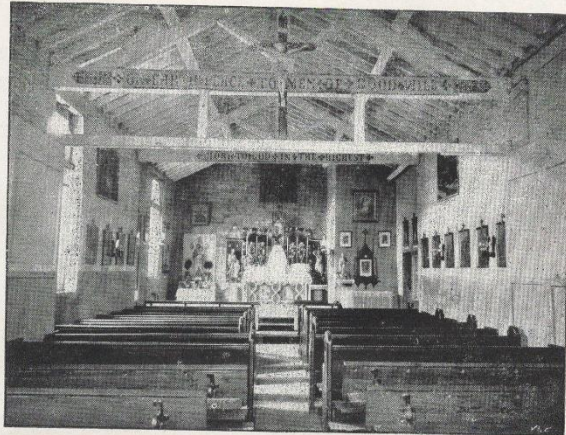
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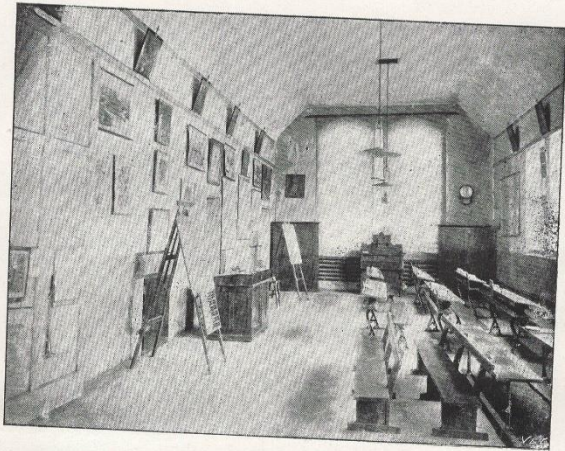
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COLGAN'S BARN—
SCHOOL END

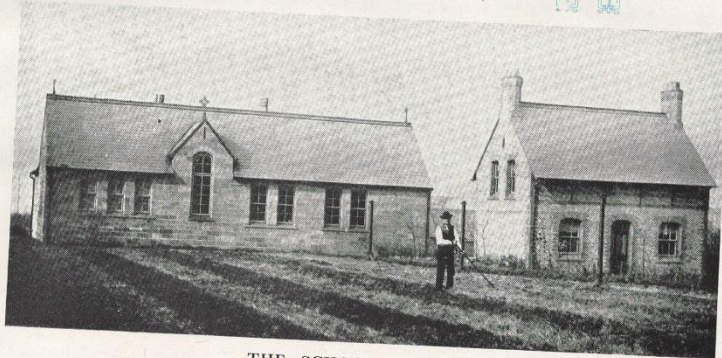
COLGAN'S BARN—
CHAPEL END
1889





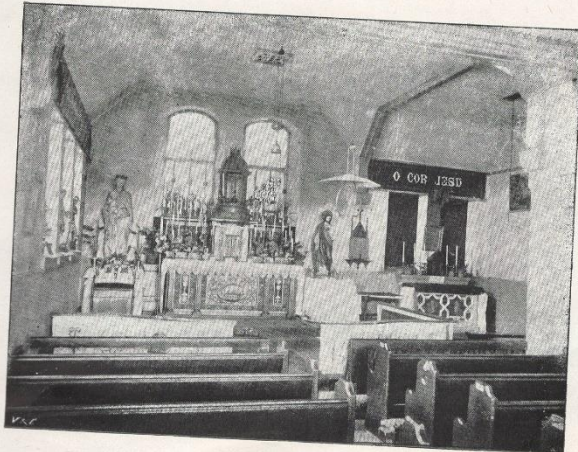
SCHOOL PORTION
OF
SCHOOL CHAPEL

1892



THE SCHOOL CHAPEL AND TEACHER'S HOUSE

In 1892 the Permanent Building, which is now St. George's School, was opened as a School Chapel.



INTERIOR OF
SCHOOL CHAPEL
CHAPEL END

1892





A HAPPY GROUP AT ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL, 1945

Foreword . . .



HE compilation of this souvenir of Canon Dennett's Jubilee would not seem complete without some reference, necessarily brief, to the earlier history of our Faith in Maghull. In pre-Reformation times, Maghull, Melling, and Kirkby had each a Catholic Church of ample dimensions. Came the days of persecution when attempts to root out the old Religion almost succeeded. Here, in Maghull, the remains of the old church are still extant in the Protestant churchyard and consist mainly of the Unsworth Chantry.





CONVENT OF MERCY

The Sisters came to Maghull, May 27th, 1940, and the School opened with forty pupils on September 17th. The First Mass was said in the Convent Chapel on December 7th. The Canon was the Celebrant, assisted by Fr. Harvey. Fr. Ramsbottom, Reverend Mother of the Mother-house (Mount Vernon) and thirty Sisters from the Branch Convents of Mercy were present at the Mass. St. Philomena's (Annexe) was opened May 4th, 1942.

THE large stone forming the doorstep at the entrance is said to have been the altar-stone of the old church. For almost three centuries the hunted, harassed local Catholics had to attend Mass by stealth and often at midnight. When relief came at last with Catholic Emancipation the faithful in Maghull had to go to Lydiate, Aughton, Gillmoss, or Netherton, and such distances naturally led to irregularity in attendance at Mass and a consequent weakening of faith.





THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

Back row (left to right) Canon Turner, Canon Bennett, Canon Cartmell, Canon Dawber, Canon Doyle.
 Front row : Canon Kelly, Mgr. Canon Atkins, V.G., Provost Dennett, Canon Walmsley, Canon Daly.

Since Canon Dennett is Provost of the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter, the Jubilee Celebrations opened on May 23rd when the Canon entertained the Chapter to Lunch.

The Photograph was taken in the Orchard.

ET these conditions prevailed for over half a century before the Holy Sacrifice was offered again in Maghull and it came about as follows. In 1886 a Father Massey, forced into retirement by ill-health, came to live at Maghull with his cousin, Mr. John Massey. Mr. Massey offered to fit up a room in which Father Massey could say Mass when able. Bishop O'Reilly consented and a barn was duly prepared in which some 70 Catholics were present when Fr. Massey offered up the Holy Sacrifice on Sunday, 30th June, 1887, for the first time in Maghull since the so-called Reformation.





THE JUBILEE DAY, FRIDAY, JUNE 8th. AFTER MASS

Front row (left to right) Fr. John Lambert, Mgr. John T. O'Brien, Mgr. Charles Duchemin, Provost Dennett, Mgr. Thomas Adamson, Canon Dawber, Dr. Joseph Morgan.

Second row : Fr. Robert Gilbertson, O.S.B., Fr. John Gardner, Fr. Bernard Harvey, Fr. James Speakman, Fr. Edwin Rogerson, Dean John Francis, Fr. Francis Greer, Fr. Bernard Ramsbottom.

Third row : Fr. John Wilcock, Fr. Robert Baybutt, Fr. John Campbell, Fr. Thomas Winder, Fr. Joseph Wareing, Fr. Francis Turner, Fr. Hugh Fitzpatrick, Fr. Cuthbert Waring.

Back row : Dr. Thomas Marsh, Fr. Thomas J. Byrne, Fr. William O'Kelly, Fr. James Hopkins, Fr. Patrick Mason, Fr. Robert Coupe.

NO Sacraments were available but this Sunday Mass was continued by Fr. Massey until August the same year, when his doctor ordered him away to a more bracing climate. To preserve the continuity of these Masses the Bishop asked his secretary, Fr. C. V. Green, to supply for a "Sunday or two," a period which grew into fourteen years.





THE CANON'S ASSISTANTS OVER MANY YEARS

"SHOULD AULD AQAUINANCE BE FORGOT"

Fr. Bernard Ramsbottom Feb., 1932—Sept., 1938	Dr. Joseph Morgan Aug., 1922—July, 1925	Fr. Robert Coups July, 1925—Dec., 1927	Fr. Bernard Harvey Sept. 1938—
Fr. John Lambert Nov., 1908—Aug., 1922	THE CANON	Fr. James Speakman Dec., 1927—Feb., 1932	

UNDER Fr. Green, the barn, which still exists in Station Road, just past the parochial hall, became a quasi-parish church where Mass was said, the Sacraments administered, and the Gospel preached, from 4th September, 1887, which dates as the foundation of St. George's, Maghull.

Soon the barn-chapel was not big enough and a larger barn and out-buildings were lent by Mr. Thos. Colgan. They were transformed into one building (now disappeared) which served as both chapel and school for a couple of years.





SUNDAY, JUNE 10th. CANON DENNETT SANG SOLEMN HIGH MASS.
HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP ASSISTED AT THE THRONE.

DURING this period land had been secured and plans prepared for a School-Chapel and Teacher's House. On Rosary Sunday, 1889, Bishop O'Reilly laid the foundation stone and the school was opened the following May. In another month the First Mass was celebrated in the new building. The next item on Fr. Green's programme was to erect a Presbytery. He blessed its foundations in 1891 and on its completion took up his residence on 8th June, 1892, another red-letter day for the Catholics of Maghull, because from that date daily Mass commenced for them.





SUNDAY, JUNE 10th, THE CONSECRATION

THIS year also saw Father Green's elevation to a stall in the Liverpool Cathedral Chapter, an honour deserved, for he had successfully coped with various diocesan duties. These latter made it necessary for him to have an assistant and the first one appointed arrived in 1894. Ill-health, death, and changes had accounted for four curates in four years when, in August, 1898, the Rev. Wm. Dennett came to Maghull.





AFTER MASS, SUNDAY, JUNE 10th

- Back row (left to right) Very Rev. Dean Norris, Gerald FitzGibbon, George Smith, Raymond O'Connell, Rev. B. Harvey, Albert Smith, Bryan Topping, Robert Swift, Rev. J. I. Dickinson.
- Second from back : Rita Vickers, Irene Swift, Winifred Tallant, Frances Macqueen, Marie Duncan, Winifred Alcock, Peter McCavish, Teresa Rigby, Dorothy Reynolds, Beryl James, Marion Owens, Patricia Moran.
- Third from back : Mary Swift, Betty Rawlinson, Patricia Hankin, Kathleen Crean, Maureen Byrne, Mary Mechan, Teresa Rawlinson, Margaret FitzGibbon, Joan Whalley.
- Front row : Rev. J. Whiteley, Very Rev. Joseph H. Canon Kelly, Rt. Rev. Mgr. James Redmond, Very Rev. W. Canon Dennett, His Grace The Archbishop, Rt. Rev. Mgr. O'Brien, Very Rev. John Canon Bennett, Very Rev. Thomas A. Canon Turner, Rev. C. Taylor.
- In front : James FitzGibbon, Joseph FitzGibbon, Anthony Wade.

CANON WILLIAM DENNETT



ANON DENNETT was born in Appleton, near Widnes, on 23rd March, 1868, and was baptised in St. Bede's Church, Appleton. After being educated at the Catholic Institute, Liverpool, and at St. Edward's College, he was retained as a Minor Professor at St. Edward's for five years. He was questioned as to his inclination to remain a sixth year. But as the decision was left to himself, he preferred to proceed with his studies for the priesthood.





WITH THE CHOIR, AFTER MASS, JUNE 10th

Back row (left to right) Rosaleen Faulkner, Brenda Faulkner, Nancy McKee, Peter McCavish, Maureen Faulkner, Philomena Faulkner, Miss C. Hodson, (Organist).
 Middle row : Audrey Massam, Winifred Brown, Marie O'Connell, Irene Brown, Marjorie Willcock, Irene McCavish, Peggy Tallant, Dorothy Kelly.
 Front row : Very Rev. W. Canon Dennett, His Grace The Archbishop, Rev. B. Harvey, Joseph FitzGibbon.

THE President of St. Edward's promised to get him released from one year's Philosophy. But on entering Upholland College, he was placed with all the other students just beginning Philosophy. As the promise did not seem to be materializing he wrote to remind the President of St. Edward's about it after the first term.

Bishop O'Reilly was consulted, with the result that he said "Put him in *Theology*." Omitting the study of Philosophy was not altogether to the liking of Dr. Whiteside, at that time President of Upholland.





OBVIOUS INTEREST—A STUDY AT THE JUBILEE CONCERT



O AFTER ordination to the Priesthood in June, 1895, he sent Canon Dennett (then Father Dennett), to the College of the Venerable in Rome to attend the Gregorian University for the Study of Philosophy: slyly remarking "You see, you did not get off your Philosophy."

The privilege, however, was highly appreciated by Father Dennett who remained at Rome for nearly three years, obtaining the Licentiate in his second year.





THE YOUNG ARTISTES

CHILDREN OF ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL GAVE THE PLAY,
"THE OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE."

Back row (left to right) Peter Wilson, Maureen Cummins, Imelda Rimmer, Maureen Reynolds, Frances Macqueen, Frances Thompson, Mary Meehan, Cella Reynolds, Kathleen Deery.

Front row : Sheila O'Brien, Winefride Thomson, Hugh Mount, Irene Alcock, Shelagh McKenna, Judith Scott, Elleen Reynolds.



ACCOMPANYING the study of Philosophy a rapid course of Mathematics had to be taken. In the resulting examination Canon Dennett took first place among the students of various nationalities and was awarded the coveted distinction of the Silver Medal.

At the oral part of the mathematical examination he was asked to demonstrate a theorem in the third book of Euclid. Taking a piece of chalk he drew a perfect circle, free-hand, on the black-board, which caused the professor, priest though he was, to throw out his arms and exclaim "Per Bacco! un Giotto" (By Bacchus, a Giotto).



CONVENT CHILDREN IN THE OPERETTA "THE MADCAP MONTHS."

Back row (left to right) Patricia O'Hara, Agnes Whalley, Jill Park, Angela Downing, Rita Vicars, Sheila Kelly, Jennifer Park, Monica McGee, Pauline Skyner, Veronica Tighe, Joyce Appleton.

Middle row Valerie Arbis, Judy Simister, Irene Swift, Maureen Bell, Beryl Puddifer, Winifred Tallant, Stella Hepburn, Betty Stringer, Betty Rawlinson, Margaret Rice, Shirley Kelly, Mary Swift.

Front row Maureen Owens, Shirley Taylor, Maureen Wade, Joseph FitzGibbon, Julie Pimlett, Joseph Morrissy, Denise Pritchard, Maureen O'Hara.

WHILST Father Dennett was at the Venerable, the Beda College was formed, and when he and two other students shook hands—the Beda was in being, although it was sometime before it was housed in its own building. However the strain of study and the climate compelled him to leave Rome in 1898.

Returning to England, he was appointed assistant to Canon Green at Maghull in August, 1898. Not only was he to help in the Parochial work but he was to be Assistant Diocesan Treasurer. His mathematical ability may have been the deciding factor in his being appointed to Maghull in the first instance, but it is a fact that his genius for figures has been put to good use by the diocese, for he eventually became Diocesan Treasurer, a post he retained until 1933.





THE CONVENT CHILDREN'S SHARE IN THE CELEBRATIONS WAS A VERY CHARMING OPERETTA "THE MADCAP MONTHS"

Left to right: Stella Hepburn, Joseph FitzGibbon, Julie Pimlett, Joseph Morrissy, Winifred Tallant, Beryl Puddifer.

WHEN Canon Green died in 1901, Father Dennett succeeded him as Parish Priest of Maghull. As such he has remained to this day. With quiet unostentation he carried out his duties towards his flock and their needs, besides continuing his Diocesan work. Preparations for building a church steadily progressed all the time until in 1927 the Canon, who had been installed in the Liverpool Cathedral Chapter in 1922, had the satisfaction of seeing the foundation-stone laid by Archbishop Keating. The architects were Messrs. Pugin & Pugin, famous





“ . . . HE WAS MADE DEAN OF THE LARGE RURAL DISTRICT . . . ”

Back row : Fr. B. Teeley, O.S.B., Fr. F. Greer, Fr. B. Ramsbottom, Fr. G. Stirzaker, Fr. C. Connolly, O.S.B., Fr. A. Cunningham, O.S.B.
 Ormskirk. Aughton. Melling. Burscough. Ormskirk. Ormskirk.

Front row : Fr. J. Murphy, Fr. J. Speakman, Fr. J. Lambert, The Canon, Fr. E. Rogerson, Fr. B. Harvey, Fr. R. V. Gilbertson, O.S.B.,
 Skeimersdale. Lydiate. Aughton. Mawdsley. Maghull. Netherton.

designers of so many Catholic churches in this country, and the cost was round about £12,000. Its opening in 1929 was another red-letter day in the Catholic life of Maghull and the Canon's crowning achievement.

Meanwhile the Canon had been made Dean of a large rural district. In Maghull, the Catholic population increased so rapidly that it became necessary to increase the number of Masses on the Sunday. A hall for Catholic social events was erected but soon





"LINKS WITH THE THE PAST"

They are the only people still in the Parish who were present at the First Mass in Maghull.

Back row : Mr. Thomas Leatherbarrow, Mr. Henry Foster, Mr. John Rimmer.
Front row : Mrs. Joseph Pope, THE CANON, Mrs. Leatherbarrow.

was inadequate and just before the war a larger one displaced it at a cost of about £3,000.

Came the war, putting a stop to all progress, but still one event has to be recorded for those unhappy years. The Convent of Mercy was established almost opposite the Church in Station Road. Its school filled a long-felt want and it played an important part in the Canon's Golden Jubilee celebrations.

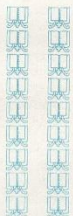




Standing (left to right)—
Teresa Rigby, Winifred Alcock,
Dorothy Reynolds.

Seated—
Frances Macqueen, Patricia Moran.

"COULD WE BUT RULE"
and
"SMILE, SMILE, SMILE"



PHILIP MOUNT. BETTY MORAN.

"O SOLDIER, SOLDIER,
WON'T YOU MARRY ME?"



Names of the Priests
who offered the Holy Sacrifice for Very Rev. Provost Dennett
on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee.



Rgt. Rev. Mgr. ALBAN ATKINS, V.G.	Rev. V. GASKELL.	Rev. J. MOORE.
Rgt. Rev. Mgr. JAMES REDMOND, D.D.	Rev. J. I. DICKINSON.	Rev. J. CARTER.
Rgt. Rev. Mgr. JOSEPH F. TURNER, M.A.	Rev. J. J. COYNE.	Rev. G. L. ALSTON.
Rgt. Rev. Mgr. JOSEPH DEAN, D.D.	Rev. T. P. MARSH, Ph. D.	Rev. J. LAMBERT.
Rgt. Rev. Mgr. JOHN MACMILLAN,	Rev. E. L. McNAMEE.	Rev. B. PATTEN, D.D., L.S.S., B.A.
D.D., P.H.D.	Rev. G. J. RICHMOND.	Rev. E. TOWERS, D.D.
Rgt. Rev. Mgr. CHARLES L. DUCHEMIN,	Rev. E. STEPHENS.	Rev. P. WALSH.
M.A.	Rev. E. ROGERSON.	Rev. C. HIGHAM.
Rgt. Rev. J. O'BRIEN, D.C.L.	Rev. W. RYLAND.	Rev. J. P. HOLLAND.
Very Rev. Mgr. THOMAS ADAMSON.	Rev. J. MURRAY.	Rev. J. G. ROSKELL.
Very Rev. Mgr. LAURENCE CURRY.	Rev. T. CARNEY.	Rev. J. ROCHE.
Very Rev. WILLIAM J. CANON DALY.	Rev. C. L. WARING, M.A.	Rev. V. NICKSON.
Very Rev. JOHN CANON MYLER, V.F.	Rev. W. WESTHEAD.	Rev. D. G. BULLEN.
Very Rev. HENRY CANON BLANCHARD.	Rev. F. CLAYTON.	Rev. F. HARVEY.
Very Rev. JAMES CANON O'MEARA.	Rev. K. A. YOUNG.	Rev. W. M. MALONE.
Very Rev. THOMAS CANON TURNER, V.F.	Rev. G. KIERAN.	Rev. J. J. BARRY.
Very Rev. ALFRED CANON WALMSLEY.	Rev. C. TAYLOR.	Rev. H. GILDEA.
Very Rev. JOHN CANON TURNER.	Rev. M. T. SMITH.	Rev. C. McGLADE.
Very Rev. JOHN CANON KELLY, V.F.	Rev. P. DORAN.	Rev. B. RAMSBOTTOM.
Very Rev. H. CANON DAWBER.	Rev. F. J. GREER.	Rev. B. B. HARVEY.
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Very Rev. G. CANON DOYLE, V.F.	Rev. W. P. SKEHAN.	Rev. D. McGRATH.
Very Rev. CHRISTOPHER CAMPION, V.F.,	Rev. J. KIERAN.	Rev. R. COUPE.
D.D.	Rev. M. WALSH.	Rev. C. KANE.
Very Rev. CHARLES GELDERD, V.F., D. Sc.	Rev. A. G. MAGUIRE.	Rev. T. CLARKSON.
Very Rev. J. CARTMELL,	Rev. L. COUPE.	Rev. J. MORGAN, D.D., Ph. D., L.S.S.
V.F., D.D., Ph.D., M.A.	Rev. A. S. V. HUXTABLE.	Rev. T. HOLDEN.
Very Rev. W. GREENE, V.F.	Rev. R. B. TEELEY, O.S.B.	Rev. C. CONNOLLY, O.S.B.
Very Rev. J. MORRIS, V.F.	Rev. R. BAYBUTT.	Rev. B. FLYNN.
Very Rev. J. FRANCIS, V.F.	Rev. P. MONTGOMERY.	Rev. R. C. MURRAY.
Rev. C. V. REILLY.	Rev. F. REILLY.	Rev. R. KNIGHT.
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Rev. J. A. WAREING.	Rev. P. HEFFERNAN.	Rev. J. J. ATKIN.
Rev. M. TWOMEY.	Rev. J. C. GORE.	Rev. H. FITZPATRICK.
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Rev. E. P. HOTHERSALL.	Rev. J. BARROW.	Rev. T. J. BYRNE.
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Rev. P. MURPHY.	Rev. W. DEMPSEY.	Rev. W. REILLY.
Rev. J. WILCOCK.	Rev. E. O'LAVERY.	Rev. J. M. COGLEY.
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Rev. J. CALLAGHAN.	Rev. J. HAMPSON.	Rev. C. THOMAS.
Rev. S. COWELL.	Rev. J. DAWSON.	Rev. J. E. HOPKINS.
Rev. F. J. MORRISSEY.	Rev. P. KEATING.	Rev. F. NUNAN.
Rev. F. TURNER.	Rev. A. DOYLE.	Rev. Father MATTHEW.
Rev. L. J. BALL.	Rev. T. DUNNE.	Rev. J. GARDNER.
Rev. R. HOLDEN.	Rev. J. MURPHY.	Rev. J. McGRATH.

A Spiritual Bouquet

OFFERED BY A LOVING PEOPLE TO

The Very Reverend Canon Dennett

on the Occasion of his

Golden Jubilee

June 8th, 1945



Holy Masses	-	-	-	-	-	3,580
Holy Communions	-	-	-	-	-	1,845
Benedictions	-	-	-	-	-	945
Rosaries	-	-	-	-	-	4,439
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	-	-	-	-	-	1,963
Aspirations	-	-	-	-	-	41,583
Acts of Mortification	-	-	-	-	-	1,563
Ways of the Cross	-	-	-	-	-	384

To Our Dear Canon

ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF YOUR

Golden Jubilee

FROM YOUR GRATEFUL AND AFFECTIONATE

CHILDREN

+

Holy Masses	-	-	-	-	-	2,429
Holy Communions	-	-	-	-	-	889
Benedictions	-	-	-	-	-	650
Rosaries	-	-	-	-	-	11,544
Visits to the Blessed Sacrament	-	-	-	-	-	10,804
Aspirations	-	-	-	-	-	126,034
Acts of Mortification	-	-	-	-	-	2,987
Ways of the Cross	-	-	-	-	-	602

We breathe this prayer with our bouquet,
That when long years have flown,
'Twill bloom for you eternally
Beside the Master's Throne.



To the Very Reverend

William Canon Dennett, D.F.

*Provost of the Liverpool Cathedral Chapter,
Dean of St. George's Deanery and
Parish priest of St. George's, Maghull, Lancashire*

ON THE OCCASION OF

The Golden Jubilee

OF HIS

Priesthood

JUNE 8th, 1945. *Feast of the Sacred Heart.*



VERY REVEREND AND DEAR CANON,

WE, the Parishioners of St. George's, Maghull, whose signatures are attached hereto, wish to express, with joy, our sincere congratulations to you on attaining your GOLDEN JUBILEE as a Priest of God, but much more are we glad of the "golden" opportunity of demonstrating to you the love, affection and admiration we entertain for you as our beloved Pastor.

We feel it is a pleasure and a privilege to be able to place on record our appreciation of your spiritual guidance, devoted ministrations, and lovable disposition extended to all during the FORTY-SEVEN years you have spent at Maghull.

Few priests have ruled the one flock for so long, so wisely and so well as you have done. Seldom has a flock been so blessed with such a genial pastor, so content with his leadership, respondent to his call, and unanimous in assessing him a most worthy priest and themselves as most fortunate people to be under his care. We indeed deem it a great honour to be associated with you on this happy occasion.

We further congratulate you on being one of those rarities, a Priest celebrating his Golden Jubilee while still in active service of Christ the King. Such a record as yours calls for more than verbal appreciation and we can assure you it has given us wonderful satisfaction to be able to contribute to providing tangible evidence of our esteem for you.

We think a Church Bell a most fitting medium to commemorate your life's work in this Parish and we pray that you will be spared many years to hear its resounding peals calling your flock to worship and Sacrifice. Each time we hear it we will be reminded of your own clear, resonant voice, and we hope it will resemble you in serving this Parish for a good long period.

We assure you that we have offered, and will continue to offer Masses, Holy Communion and Prayers for your spiritual and temporal welfare, and we are united in praying that God may bless you with health, peace and happiness for the rest of your days.

AD MULTOS ANNOS.

SIGNATORIES TO THE TESTIMONIAL

Bernard B. Harvey.
Sister Mary Agatha.
Sister Mary Joseph.
Sister Mary Conception.
Sister Mary Aidan.
Sister Mary Bernadette.
Sister Mary Liguori.
Sister Winefride.
John Rothwell.
Theresa Howard.
Joseph Pope.
Elsie Pope.
Tony Pope
Annie Hurst.
Stephen Hurst.
Anne Clack.
Eleanor Hickey.
John Hickey.
Louis Hickey.
Edward Hickey.
Charles Hickey.
William Hickey.
Francis Hickey.
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M. Cawley.
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Kathleen McAsey.
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Helen McKenna.
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John Mallon.
William Wrigley.
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Catherine Dougherty.
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Prudence Lawton.
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Nora O'Hara.
Joan Farrell.
Winifrede T. Carden.
Lillian M. Terry.
William Terry.

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V. James.
G. McCavish.
J. Fay.
M. Hankin.
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P. Hankin.
E. Fay.
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E. Heyes.
M. Sloan.
B. Farrell.

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George Crompton.
Frances Sparks.
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E. Halford.
Thomas Halford.
W. McLinden.
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G. McDonald.
Mrs. McDonald.
C. Thomson.
Monica McGee.

J. O'Dowd.
K. O'Dowd.
B. O'Dowd.
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Joseph Fellows.
A. Grady.
Mary Fortune.
Charlotte Stacey.
Elizabeth Stacey.
Mr. Ennis.
Mrs. Ennis.
George Alcock.
M. Hitman.
W. Hitman.
C. Collins.
M. Fenner.
N. Crompton.
A. Whalley.
P. McCavish.
M. Whalley.
M. Lovelady.
A. Josephine Foster.
Joseph Foster.
E. Hill.
E. Goddard.
Phillip Mount.
E. Owens.
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Jane Keating.
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F. Pope.
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Pearl Herra.
George Taylor.
Frances Taylor.
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AUDIERITIS, VENITE
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"Presented by his grateful people to the
Very Rev. Canon Dennett, celebrating
the Fiftieth Year of his Priesthood,
8th June, 1945."

"To-day, if you should hear my voice,
come and rejoice before the Lord."

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S. A. Quick.
T. Mallon.
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C. S. Caush.
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Joseph FitzGibbon.
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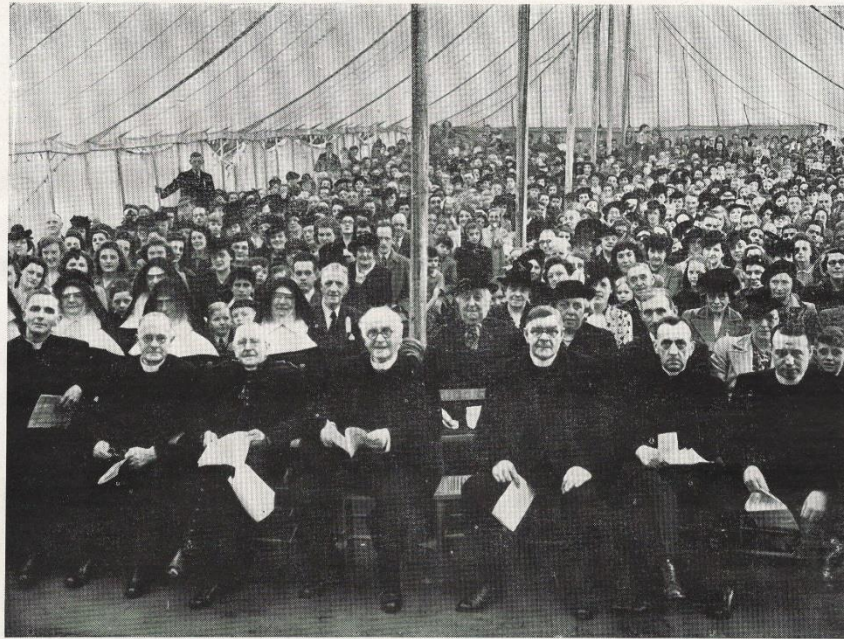
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THE FRUITS OF FORTY-SEVEN YEARS LABOUR



Over 1,000 people took part at the Presentation on June 10th
A marquee, 150 ft. long and 40 ft. wide had to be erected in the grounds to accommodate the large assembly



JUBILEE CHORUS

Specially composed for the Jubilee Concert

WE'LL sing in praise of our father in Christ,
 Our own dear Parish Priest,
 Who fifty long years has laboured for souls
 With love that ever increased.
 So let us give thanks with true grateful hearts,
 It's time for great jollity ;
 Let's hail now the one we greatly esteem,
 'Tis his Golden Jubilee !

Refrain :

*His Golden Jubilee, his Golden Jubilee,
 We hail the dear Father we greatly esteem,
 On his Golden Jubilee.*

He built us our church to our patron, St. George,
 Where dwells Our Dearest Lord,
 His Model Divine of true priestly life
 And later his final reward ;
 So let us his zeal and wisdom proclaim,
 And sing out so merrily ;
 We hail now the one we greatly esteem,
 On his Golden Jubilee.

He's loved by the young and he's loved by the old,
 A friend, they know, sincere ;
 His kind word for all and his cheerful smile
 Seem always to appear.
 With hearts full of love, our voices will sing,
 Despite his humility,
 And hail now the one we greatly esteem,
 On his Golden Jubilee.

And here in Maghull he has spent all his life ;
 His task, our souls to guide ;
 Though farther afield his labours extend
 Beyond our own countryside ;
 His name is revered through the whole diocese,
 And famed for his charity ;
 Let's hail now the one we greatly esteem,
 On his Golden Jubilee.

Then let us thank God for the favours bestowed
 On our dear Parish Priest,
 " Ad Multos Annos," we say in our hearts
 Whilst keeping this joyful feast ;
 So banish all thoughts of worry or care
 And sing with great jollity
 To hail now the one we greatly esteem,
 On his Golden Jubilee.

Programme

- 1.—SONG " The Chinaman " INFANT CLASS
- 2.—HUMOROUS SONG " Could We But Rule " .. W. ALCOCK, P. MORAN, T. RIGBY,
F. MACQUEEN, D. REYNOLDS
- 3.—SONG " Smile, Smile, Smile " .. W. ALCOCK, P. MORAN, T. RIGBY,
F. MACQUEEN, D. REYNOLDS.
- 4.—DUET " O Soldier, Soldier " .. PHILIP MOUNT, BETTY MORAN.
- 5.—" THE OLD WOMAN WHO LIVED IN A SHOE " .. ST. GEORGES SCHOOL CHILDREN.

CHARACTERS.

Dame Durden M. REYNOLDS
(an old woman)

Queen of Hearts I. ALCOCK

King of Hearts H. MOUNT

Old King Cole F. MACQUEEN

Maid of Hearts S. O'BRIEN

CHILDREN OF DAME DURDEN.

Mary Contrary F. THOMPSON

Margery Daw E. REYNOLDS

Miss Muffet J. SCOTT

Red Riding Hood M. CUMMINS

Tom, the Piper's Son M. MEEHAN

Boy Blue C. REYNOLDS

Handy Spandy P. WILSON

Simple Simon I. RIMMER

Jack Horner K. DEERY

BABES IN THE WOOD.

Edward S. MCKENNA

Norah W. THOMSON

- 6.—" THE MADCAP MONTHS " THE CONVENT CHILDREN.

SEASONS.

Spring ANGELA DOWNING

Summer JENNIFER PARK

Autumn SHEILA KELLY

Winter RITA VICARS

March VALERIE ARBIS

April JUDITH SIMISTER

May DENISE DENNEHY

June IRENE SWIFT

July MAUREEN BELL

August BETTY STRINGER

September ANNE O'HALLORAN

October MARY SWIFT

November MARGARET RICE

December PATRICIA DENNEHY

MONTHS.

January SHIRLEY KELLY

February BETTY RAWLINSON

HARVESTERS.

PAULINE SKYNER. MONICA MCGEE. JILL PARK.

PATRICIA O'HARA. VERONICA TYGHE. JOYCE APPLETON.

AGNES WHALLEY. DOREEN NEWNES.

CHRISTMAS FAIRIES

SHIRLEY TAYLOR. PATRICIA BUTLER. MAUREEN WADE.

MAUREEN OWENS. MAUREEN O'HARA. DENISE PRITCHARD.

NATALIE MCCARTHY. SYLVIA LOWE.

MAY QUEEN: WINIFRED TALLANT.

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PAGES: JOSEPH FITZGIBBON, JOSEPH MORRISSY.

CLERK OF THE WEATHER: KATHLEEN CREAM.

- 7.—SPEECHES PRESENTATIONS.

