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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF JOHANNESBURG.

The following letter received from the Bishop of Johannesburg, will,

we know give pleasure to all O.O.P.s, We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming the Bishop to our ranks and of wishing him every blessing on his new work, That he has very much at heart

the welfare of the Bantu has already become evident, and we appreciate the fact that he gave a special "At Home" to African Teachers of his Diocese recently, We are indeed fortunate in the two Patrons of the O.P.A, ?

Bishop's House,
Westcliff,
Johannesburg,

August 22nd, 1934,
Dear Canon Woodfield,

I shall be very pleased to be co-Patron of the

Training College Old Students' Association, Thank
you very much for asking me,

I am much looking forward to paying a visit to
the College when it is possible,

Yours very sincerely,
GEOFFREY Â© JOHA NNESBURG.

THE _WOODCARVING DEPARTMENT.

It may not be generally known that this is now a separate depart-
ment of the College where students may obtain full time practice,
In conjunction with the Carpentry Department all kinds of work are
produced, and the difficulty is to turn out the work Le

enough, We are specially to be congratulated upon having two
such expert artists as Miss G, Anderson and the Rev, E,G. Paterson
to help us with designs and in countless other ways,

The following is a list of some of the Churches supplied with carv-
ing from Grace Dieus

- 1; Huke Memorial Church, Messina, Half-life sized Crucifix,
- 2 ÂSS, Cuthbert's, Church, Pretorfa, Crucifix,
- 3, S, Giles'.Churoh, Shela

- on, Warwickshire, Ornamental Cross,
- 4, Girls' Hostel Chapel, Pretoria, Altar panel,
 - Â\$, Good Shepherd Chapel, East London, " " ;
 - 6, S. Paul's Church, Potgieter's Rust. Altar with panels,
 - 7, Woodville Chapel, Grahamstown, Altar panel,
 - 8, Church of S.â\200\231 Mary & All Angels, Grahamstown, Font cover,
 - ; 9, S. Mary'sMission House Chapel, Salisbury, Missal desk,
 - 10, S. Peter's Church, Witbank, Altar Cross, Candlesticks and
. Processional Cross,
 - 11, S. Matthew's Church, Kalkspruit, Altar and Processional Cross,
 - 12, S. Peter's Church, Mashashaane, Alms Dish,
 - 13, Daspoort Chuch Hall, Pretoria, Gordon Memorial Desk,
 - Â» 14, 5S. Augustine's Church, Belvedere, Kent, Statue of S. Augustine,
 - | 15, S. Mary's Chapel, Grace Dieu, Statue of Our Indy. Tabernacle,
 - F 16, S. Michael's Chapel, " " Choir Stalls, Font cover, Hymn
_ Board, Priest's Desk, Credenceâ\200\231 Table, Notice Board,
 - _ 17, Pastoral Staff for Bishop oF Pretoria, ;
 - ' 18, Prayer Desks for Private Chapel of the Bishop of Pretoria, .
 - . 9, S. Paul's Church, Haenertsburg, Lectern,
 - 2, S&S. Dunstan's Church, Benoni. *

"School Practice" is a very different thing in these days from what {it was a few years ago, With an enrolment of 104 students in the Normal Department instead of the usual 80, and with fifty of these in the Second and Third years it is quite obvious that it is impossible for ell the school practice to be gained in the College Practising School, Ferly this year a branch of the College Practising School was opened et Mobengula - four miles away in the direction of Mashshaanc's Location, It is only for the use of Sub-standards and is under the direct control of Mr, Oliphant who, a8 Head Teacher of the Practising School, was anxious to work up this branch himself, It opened in February of this year with 8 scholars, and on September 30th, there were 92, Two student teachers go there regularly to help with the work, qhe success of this venture is entirely due to "Teacher Fred" end we share with him in his joy at what he has achieved, Two years ago we were given permission to use the Lutheran Mission school at Chebeng as an additional centre for School Practice and two or three times a session Fr, Jones takes the Third year students to Chebeng where they stay from Monday to Friday, They take food, bedding, etc, end camp in â\202 classroom for the week, and during that time they heve to look after themselves entirely, AS school begins at 7,0 the students have to rise about 5,0 in order to get. breakfast cook- and the place tidied before they start work, It is a two-session school and so teaching continues until 4,30 p.m after which there is lesson preparation for the next day, From time to time other mission schools in the district are utilised for the

seme purpose, and so further experience in dealing with actual mission school conditions is gained, At the end of this session a further Â«xpcrimcnt is being carried out, several of the 3rd, Year students live on the Reef and are Xosa speaking, Their opportunities of teaching in that language in this district are small, and_so during the first week of the holidays under the su vision of Fr, Jones these students will do o week's school Practice at S. Alban's School, Benoni, We are exceedingly grateful to those superintendents of schools who have made it possible for us to make this part of our training so very much more practical than it used to be,

In our last issue we noted that some of the work from the Carving Department h-d been sent to an Exhibition at East London, We are glad to report further that one carved stool was deemed good enough to be Sent on to a Missionary Exhibition in Paris,

The only student completing her course in December will be Dorothy Wlonzi who is in the Domestic Science Course,

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We gratefully ecknowledge the gift of an elaborately carved Hymn-Roard for use in the College Chapel from Miss Anderson - a real fricnd of the College, We also have to acknowledge with thanks the sift of some books for the Library from Miss G. Harlock of Lyme Yezis in Devonshire,

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Â® the College has become a member of the South African Institute for } face Relationships,

THE COLLEGE LIBRARY. '

"Reading maketh a full man, conference @ ready man, and writing an exact man; and therefore if a man write little, he had need have a great memory} if he confer little, he had need have a present wit; and if he read little, he had need have much cunning to seem to know

that he doth not,"
(Bacon)

The new College Library was formally opened by the Principal on the seventh of September, A long procession proceeded from the

Chapel to the newly erected building situated opposite the African Staff tennis-court, The hymn "Onward, Christian soldiers" was

sung during the procession and it was folzowed by prayers, more

hymns, and the favourite College Psalm (121). Immediately after â\200\224 the opening, the building was packed with staff and students, many whom were seeing it for the first time, and many were the expressiomme . of pleasure and admiration,

The building is well-lighted and ventilated, On one side are five large bookcases which hold English and Afrikaans literature, The latter was supplied by the Education Department early in the year, â\200\224 It was very kind of the Department, but we shall also welcome a giftÂ of Bantu literature, Despite the fact that the authorities profess â\200\224 to have the development of Bantu languages at heart, we have not yet ge heard that thev have thought of urging the Department to present the Â\$ Treining Institutions with Bantu literature, At one end is the Â\$â\200\224 Carnegie Library of 150 volumes which are changed twice a year, Thie

is made much use of,

On tables down the middle of the room may be found many newspapers â\200\224 and magazines, some of which are written in Bantu languages, On the walls are special pictures of South African life and also illustrat- F ions from famous books, These latter were framed and presented te.

the Library by Fr, Jones,

We much hope that with the present stock of books and papers augmentep by further gifts and purchases the Library will give much valuable â\200\224 help to those who use it,

M.T, Smith, (1925-8, &
Staff from 1930.) F

ALL SAINTS' ORATORY.

It is la:gely owing to the generosity of the Sisters of the Community > of the Resurrection that this long-needed building has come into being . It is entirely the work of College students and does them credit. The building, which is large enough to hold all the girls at once, is made of burnt brick with a cement surface and it makes a handsome addition to the buildings of S. Mary's,

The blessing of the Oratory took place on the Sunday within the All Saints" Octave and was attended by Staff and students who processed round the building singing Saints' Day hymns, afterwards the Princi pal blessed the building and gave it the name of All Saints "Oratory,

It is intended to use the building for morning and evening prayers,

for Bible classes and for private devotions of the students, Many gifts have already been received towards the beautifying of the Oraton and not least is a picture specially painted by Sr, Margaret, Are there not any old girls who would like to make a gift of thanksgiving | Â° for what S. Mary's has been to them ? Sister Faith would be pleased | to make suggestions as to suitable gifts within the compass of the donor's purse, .

S.P.W.