

## THE REV. BROTHER CUTHBERT.

We imagine—nay, we are sure—that nothing has appeared in the "Xaverian" more generally and extremely interesting than the presentment we give of the well-known features of Brother Cuthbert. Full forty years has he, as a member—a highly valued member—of the Xaverian Congregation, taught in various Schools. The number of his Old Boys is legion and every one counts a friend, for the kindness, the openness of mind, the "bonhomie," and the unfailing good humour of Brother Cuthbert enthral his pupils and acquaintances in the golden bonds of respect and affection.

He is fifty-six years of age and is a native of Manchester, or, as he more generally terms it, "Cottonopolis." As a little boy he entered the School of the Xaverian Brothers, the time-honoured Collegiate. Very early he resolved to join the ranks of his teachers, and, in due course, went through his pedagogic training at Hammersmith, passing his Examinations with brilliant success. He first taught at Manchester, then for eleven years at Preston, where his memory is still green amongst his former pupils, many of whom hold honoured positions in the civic world.

In 1887 he went to Mayfield, and accomplished there marvellous work. His success, or rather that of his pupils, in the Public Examinations was unprecedented. Concurrently with his School duties he was Novice Master, and many of the English Brothers have been trained by him and are glad to testify to their deep debt of gratitude to him.

Amongst them are the Brother Provincial and the Superiors of the Mayfield and Manchester Colleges.

An outstanding feature of Brother Cuthbert's sojourn at Mayfield was his choir work. The good Brother is a most enthusiastic musician, and in those palmy days the choir reached a high level of excellence, rendering Masses by Haydn, Mozart, Weber, De la Hache and Farmer. The concerts were marked by high-class choruses and operettas, beautifully rendered.

In 1897 Brother Cuthbert went to the newly-founded College at Clapham, where he was Prefect of Studies till 1905, when he became Superior. His zealous industry and many talents have been productive of great success. At the present moment the College numbers 70 boarders and 130 day pupils. Of Brother Cuthbert's right royal hospitalities the members of the Xaverian have had repeated proof.

His presence and speeches are always amongst the chief assets of an Association Dinner. One cannot but think in this connection of Goldsmith's delightful Village Schoolmaster:—

"While words of leamed length and thundering sound,

Amazed the gazing rustics ranged around;  
And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,  
That one small head could carry all he knew."

In conclusion we know that we do but voice the unanimous prayer of our readers when we wish the Rev. Brother length of days to continue the grand work he is doing for the congregation he loves so truly and for the Catholic youth of this country  
*Ad Multos Annos.* XAVERRUS.