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The chorus, which was conducted by Mr D.A. Bindley, was prettily rendered. At the conclusion of the chorus, the children went through a graceful floral march to an accompaniment of appropriate music. Master Vin Hayes then recited the following lines which had been arranged for the occasion by one of the sisters:

*"We welcome thee, Lord Cardinal,
Oh! so gladly here today;
And our thanks for this great honour,
We can find no words to say.*

*So a simple gift we offer,
That your Eminence may know
Of the grateful and the loyal hearts
In far-famed Bendigo.*

*Now, my Lord, two things we ask you,
Ere you go so far away,
That your Eminence will bless us,
And give us a holiday.*

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The Cardinal in a brief address, thanked the children for their present, and the nuns for their cordial reception. He congratulated them all upon the splendid school and college in which they

were permitted to spend their scholastic period. He would have much pleasure in complying with their request for his blessing and he would take the liberty, on behalf of His Lordship Reville, of giving them a holiday. He was highly pleased with their singing and now felt assured that the complimentary references, which he had frequently heard in regard to Bendigo talent, were fully deserved. His Eminence then presented Master Vin Hayes with a small gold medal, fastened with a Cardinal ribbon. The visitors then withdrew, the Misses Mamie Donnellan, Eileen O'Keefe and Alice Kirby played the music for the nation songs and marches very creditably.

During the day the Cardinal, Archbishop and Bishops visited St Kilian's Boys' and Girls' School and the Marist Brothers' School. Later in the day, they paid an unofficial visit to the Art Gallery and, under the guidance of Father Rooney, spent a pleasant half hour amongst the paintings. Father Rooney expressed his regret that time would not allow him to advise the president of the Art Gallery of the contemplated visit as he felt sure that Mr Jacob Cohn would have been delighted to receive the visitors. Cardinal Moran also regretted that this hurried visit precluded him from meeting Mr Cohn but he expressed himself as highly delighted with the collection of paintings.

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