

and attired in white garbs. His Grace himself inside the altar rails, attended by three priests, proceeded to anoint the candidates with chrism. Fifteen in number knelt before him and received the chrism. His Grace then addressed the children on the great importance of the sacrament of confirmation. He showed the proof of the powers conferred upon the recipients by scriptural texts. He dwelt upon the gifts of the soul derived from baptism. It cleanses the soul and makes the path clear for the Christian soldier, but the present sacrament gives the Christian soldier strength and courage to successfully resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil.

A committee then proceeded to the altar with an address, which was read by Mr. John McCarthy. It was as follows:

"We, the Catholics of Regina, comprising representatives of the English, French, Polish, Austrian and German tongues, unite in tendering to Your Grace a most hearty welcome on this, your first archiepiscopal visit to the parish of St. Mary's. Since the All-Wise Providence removed our beloved Archbishop Tache, the appointment of his successor has been to us all a matter of deep concern and interest, and the choice, which has fallen on one so well fitted to continue his life work, has afforded us every joy and confirmed our belief that Providence has a special interest in the Northwest missions.

We rejoice that the cause for which your predecessor suffered a broken heart in his declining years has found in Your Grace an ardent and able champion, and we trust that the somewhat tardy tide of justice which is now moving in behalf of the Catholics of Manitoba may shortly sweep away the fetters which bind the sacred cause of education there.

Our humble parish has always been blessed with the guidance of zealous priests, and we assure Your Grace that we would feel unworthy of our present pastor, were it not that surrounding Catholic settlements give us reason to hope that the seed which is sedulously sown by him does not all fall on rocky soil.

We acknowledge to Your Grace that we have been slow in providing our parish with worthy Catholic institutions; especially have we been deficient in the establishment of a convent. But we trust the present visit of Your Grace will be as a foundation stone on which a worthy community will soon be established.

In renewing our filial greeting to Your Grace, we all join in wishing you many years of life and health, and hope that the present happy occasion may be many times repeated, and our parish honored with Your Grace's presence again at an early date.

Signed on behalf of the congregation,
JOHN MCCARTHY,
A. E. FORGET,
C. J. McCUSKER.

The reply of the archbishop was full of feeling. His especial interest in the future of Regina, his admiration for the progress and prosperity of this fair land and his attachment to its institutions could not but clearly impress his many hearers with a deep sense of sympathy and regard for the welfare of all. He referred to the schools and said that he had every hope that in time the great difficulty would right itself. He spoke of the accusations of disloyalty brought against Catholics, that Catholic schools tended to be disloyal, and, as he has done before, so he reiterated now in tones of eloquence his firm loyalty and that of all Catholics to the flag of England. He referred in very complimentary terms to the success achieved by Catholic schools at the Territorial exhibition, the many prizes which they won; particularly the Indian schools of the Catholic missions, and showed how groundless were the oft-repeated charges of inefficiency. In closing he gave his episcopal blessing to the children and other candidates confirmed, as well as to all those present.

His Grace called upon Lieutenant-Governor Mackintosh and was invited to dinner.

The Indian boys' band played a serenade to the archbishop as the train pulled out.

OUR CORRESPONDENT CONTINUES:
Among the pleasant events of the fair week linking the old times with the new and recalling scenes and circumstances reaching back through the Portage to the Sault, to the old Guelph and Oustic missions, was the presence of Fathers La Rue and Kavanagh with Father Sinnett and the visit of the Misses Howard, of Portage, and Valade, of Virden, who were the guests of old timers from Oustic—the McCartlys.

On Friday evening Father Kavanagh delivered a very instructive and well received lecture on electricity in the town hall and on the same occasion a high class musical entertainment was

provided in which one of the best quartettes ever heard here was executed by Misses Valade and Howard and Messrs. Brotherton and Phillion. The two ladies also sang a charming duet "Life's Dream is o'er" with graceful guitar accompaniment by Miss Valade. Miss Elaine Simpson gave in faultless style that pathetic juvenile plaint, "You Can't Play in Our Yard." The ever ready Mr. G. A. Bournay presided at the piano, with all the ease and ability which belongs to a master in music. At the close Father Sinnett in a few happy phrases thanked those who had assisted in making the evening pleasant; a kindly mention of his old friends not being omitted. Afterwards a pleasant hour was spent in the hospitable parlor at the presbytery.

Misses Howard and Valade returned on Saturday to their schools in Manitoba.

On Sunday Father Sinnett said Mass at the new church in St. Peter's German settlement, whilst Father Kavanagh conducted services here and on Tuesday these two Reverend Fathers will visit Qu'Appelle Industrial school, from which the latter will continue his journey to the Portage and St. Boniface. Father Kavanagh acted as judge in one of the exhibition departments.

Mrs. F. J. Bennett returned last week from a visit to her brother at Banff.

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