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HAMILTON LETTER.

GRAND ORGAN RECITAL AND SACRED CONCERT.

Friday, January 11th, will be a red letter day in the annals of St. Patrick's Church, the occasion being the opening of the new organ, accompanied with a sacred concert in the evening. The organ was manufactured by Mitchell & Sons, Montreal, at a cost of about \$4,000. It is one of the most magnificent instruments of its size in Canada, it is 3 pedal, 22 double open diapason, 16 foot wood, 20 notes, 23 bor-don. It has two rows of keys and one pedal board, the metal being Liege Zinc for all pipes below 4 feet, and a mixture of 3 to 1 lead for all pipes from 4 feet above for the flue stops; the reed stops all metal, of the same mixture. The wood used for the 16 and 18 feet stops is yellow pine, and for treble, cherry and button tree wood. All pipes from 4 feet above shell-lacked. There are 4 combination pedals attached to the great organ, with an expression pedal to suit. The small box is laid inside with pasteboard; the bellows is 11 feet. The rollers and roller boards, squares, knees, levers and all such parts of the action are of hard wood. All the cast work is malleable metal. The case is according to the plan of the Newport organ, having 29 pipes in the front. The pipes are illuminated and gilt. The case is decorated with colors in gilt carvings.

The concert commenced at 8 o'clock, the beautiful church being well filled. Most of the distinguished musical portion of the community, irrespective of creed, were present, as also the following priests: Very Rev. Vicar General Dowling, Administrator of the diocese; Very Rev. Chancellor Keough, Rev. Fathers Fleck, (Gaulthier), Lennon, Branford; Fenzy, Dumais; Lillis and Cleary, St. Mary's; Bergman, St. Joseph's; and Craven, St. Patrick's.

The concert opened with an organ improvisation by Mr. S. Mitchell, the builder, in which he showed his skill as a genuine musician, the lighter selections afterwards played by him displayed to advantage the organ's sweetness and variety of tone. His imitation of a storm and of various musical instruments was something grand. Mr. Kemp, the organist of the Central Presbyterian Church, proved himself a master of his profession. The Bach-fugue; Tocatta; and Batshe's Offertoire in D, were played in masterly style, bringing forth the full powers of the organ. The vocal part of the concert was eagerly looked for and the vast numbers which then filled the church were not disappointed. The two choruses "The heavens are telling," and "Gloria," (Mozart's 12 Mass), were sung by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. Filgiano, with great precision. Although the choir is a young one, they have few to equal them. Mrs. Martin Murnk, who has been long a favorite in Hamilton, was in splendid voice, she sang an "Ave Maria," and "The Better Land," in English, with true artistic taste. Miss Marie C. Strong, late pupil of Professor Farini, of Boston, sang two solos in Stearns' "90 Salutaris" and Dana's "Ave Maria," her full rich contralto voice reverberating through the church with grand effect, every note and vibration being clear and distinct. Miss Strong has already made her mark in Hamilton and Toronto. If she perseveres she will yet rank as one of the leading vocalists on the continent. Canada can now boast of having a prima donna of her own in the person of Miss Marie C. Strong.

Between the parts of the programme Very Rev. Vicar-General Dowling delivered a short address, congratulating the congregation of St. Patrick's on their beautiful organ, which was an additional embellishment to their magnificent church; the splendid sculptured pillars, richly frescoed ceilings, and superb altar and decorations, could scarcely be excelled. The spirit displayed by the Catholics of St. Patrick's and the city of Hamilton generally, was in accord with the spirit which animated the Catholics of the universe in all ages, in erecting magnificent cathedrals and churches to the honor and glory of God.

There was a large collection taken up towards defraying the expenses of the organ. The concert was brought to a close by the playing of "La Militaire Marche," by Mr. Mitchell, his own composition.

The entertainment was one of the most enjoyable ever witnessed in the city. Miss M. C. Strong and Mrs. Hamilton, took part at veppers on Sunday evening. By special request they sang a duet "Quia Est Homo," in a manner which has seldom been excelled. Mrs. Hamilton's sweet soprano voice blending most harmoniously with Miss Strong's rich full contralto. If Very Rev. Chancellor Keough persists in having such celebrated artists take part in the services of his church he will require to have it enlarged, judging from the large numbers who attended on Friday and Sunday evenings.

RECOVERED.—It is common with his many friends in this city, who were very much pleased to greet J. J. Blake, Esq., barrister, the other day on the street, having just recovered from a severe fit of illness.

MGR. SMEULDERS AND THE POOR.

Grand Charitable Festival at the Cabinet Parlour—A Sumptuous Luncheon—Presents Given—Address by His Excellency.

The annual fete tendered to the poor of the city by "Les Petites Servantes des Pauvres," took place this morning at the Cabinet parlour. The presence of His Excellency the Apostolic Commissioner lent special importance to the proceedings.

At 8 o'clock between two and three hundred poor persons, representing some five or six hundred destitute families supported by the congregation, attended mass in the Church of Notre Dame. Divine service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Picard, Superior of the congregation, and the Rev. Mr. Giband preached an appropriate sermon, calling the attention of his hearers to the fact that they could benefit greatly from the inferior position in which Divine Providence had placed them, if they only submitted with patience to their lot.

At 10 o'clock all these poor assembled in the large hall of the Cabinet de Lecture, where a sumptuous luncheon had been prepared and numerous presents were awaiting them. A few minutes later Mgr. Smeulders, who had been especially invited for the occasion, entered the hall, escorted by his secretaries and a number of prominent clergymen and other citizens. Among those present we noticed the Rev. Mr. Colin, Superior of the Seminary; Rev. Cure Sentenne; Rev. Father Turgeon, rector of St. Mary's College; Rev. Father Bernard, O. M. I., His Worship Mayor Beaudry, Mr. S. Rivard and Mr. J. Sheridan.

After the singing of a splendid "over-ture" by the choir of Notre Dame, under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Duracher, His Excellency addressed the meeting in the following terms:—"I must express my entire satisfaction with the kind reception tendered me here. In the name of the Holy See, of the Church and of all Christians, I must thank the founder of this institution, Rev. Mr. Picard, for the excellent idea he had to thus gather together the poor of the city at a grand festival. This is a true Christian idea, by which the poor receive the consolations provided by the whole city. I see here the clerical and lay elements united in one same thought of charity. The clergy is represented by a good number of members, and all the lay portion of the community is represented by the Mayor and a number of influential citizens. Faith, Hope and Charity, says the Apostle Paul, are the three great Christian graces, but of these, Charity is the greatest. Faith ensures that we shall see God, Hope guarantees the possession of heavenly blessings, but Charity, which is love, will give to us his own self. The poor and destitute must certainly feel grateful upon the occasion, for the benefits bestowed upon them, but how much more so must those who tender to their wants, for if the poor receive what they give back, in their turn, is a hundredfold more precious. In fact, the rich can give their money, but the poor, as a reward, can offer their prayers, which will ensure everlasting life to their benefactors. That both benefactors and their proteges may be favored with heavenly blessings, I will now give to all the Apostolic benediction."

After blessing the numerous audience, Dom Smeulders proceeded, with the several clergymen and citizens present, to distribute to the poor the good things laid upon the table. The report being over, Rev. Mr. Colin thanked the Apostolic Commissioner for his kindness in presiding at the festival. Mgr. Smeulders responded in a few words, thanking Rev. Mr. Picard for his kind invitation, and remarking that this was the most pleasing event since his arrival here, as it concerned the poor, for whom he always felt a deep sympathy.

After an excellent musical programme had been gone through with, short addresses were delivered by His Worship the Mayor and other persons present, after which some \$400 or \$500 worth of clothing was distributed among the poor.

The gathering then dispersed.—Mon-trial Star, Jan. 10.

FROM QUEBEC.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—The Basilica was crowded this morning with the elite of Quebec society on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Thos. Chapais, son of Senator Chapais and private Secretary to His Honor Lieut-Governor Robitaille, to Miss Hectorine Langevin, daughter of Sir Hector Langevin, Bishop Langevin, of Rimouski, uncle of the bride, performed the marriage rites of the Church, assisted by his brother, Grand Vicar Langevin, also of Rimouski, and by Rev. Abbe F. H. Delanger, of the Basilica. As usual when a wedding in the Catholic Church is performed by a prelate, the nuptial benediction was given within the sanctuary railing, the young couple standing at the very foot of the grand altar. His Lordship delivered a really remarkably clever address on matrimonial duties to the bride and groom, both before and after the wedding. The church was brilliantly decorated for the occasion, and the bells rang out merry peals both before and after the ceremony. The bride was dressed in a rich costume of cream satin, ornamented with Valenciennes lace. She wore on her head a veil ornamented with orange blossoms. A chorus of young girls belonging to the society of the Children of Marie of the Ursulines, sang some pretty chants during the ceremony.

Immediately after the service a splendid dinner was served at the residence of the bride's father, where speeches were made by Sir Hector and Bishop Langevin, the Once of Quebec, Mr. Thos. Chapais and Grand Vicar Langevin. The happy couple left by the Quebec Central for Sherbrooke, en route for Boston and New York, to spend the honeymoon. The presents numbered 250, and are exceedingly rich and handsome.

LETTER FROM WILLIAMSTOWN.

On the evening of Thursday, 13th December, the concert hall of the Williamstown convent was the scene of a pleasant assembly, the happy remembrance of which will long live in the memories of those who had the privilege and the pleasure of being present. The occasion was a meeting of the representatives of the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Margaret's, (Williamstown and Glennevis) for the purpose of presenting the Reverend Father Twomey with an address and a valuable gold watch, (an address and a well filled purse having been presented to him on a former occasion) by the people of Williamstown in recognition of his services to them and as an expression of their respect and esteem for him.

Shortly after five o'clock the Reverend Fathers Gauthier and Twomey, Mr. A. E. McRae, of Glennevis, and a number of ladies and gentlemen of Williamstown arrived at the convent, when those who were to assist in the presentation were conducted to the carpeted platform of the assembly room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. When the gentlemen were to take part in these interesting proceedings were seated the young ladies of the convent sang a song and chorus of welcome, with accompaniment, composed for the occasion, in a most pleasing and beautiful manner. Father Gauthier then briefly announced the object for which they were assembled and called upon Mr. Galbois to read the following address:

To the Reverend D. Twomey.—We, representing and on behalf of the people of the parishes of St. Mary's and St. Margaret's, present ourselves before you to tender our joint expressions of good will. Some of us had the pleasure, on the day of your parting address in St. Mary's Church, to be the medium through which the parish of St. Mary's expressed to you the expressions of their good will.

But the people of St. Margaret's, whose affairs you have assisted in administering with such success, no sooner learned of your intended departure than they too at once proceeded to show in some tangible way their affection and esteem for you and their appreciation of your services to them.

This duty is all the more pleasing to us since it meets the hearty approval of our esteemed and revered pastor. Indeed if you have borne testimony to his excellencies and superior qualities of mind and heart, you have not been without your due meed of praise from him, and if these testimonies were unsought they are not the less meritorious.

When your many excellent qualities receive such high recognition it is no wonder that we have been inspired by sentiments the warmest and best for you, and in presenting you with this watch we are but responding to the motives that have their origin in your priestly character and gentlemanly worth.

At the conclusion of the address Mr. McRae stepped forward and presented Father Twomey with the watch, when the Reverend gentleman replied by saying: "The wealth of compliment which he had just received called forth that bashfulness which is innate in the race from which he sprung, and therefore he could not clothe his thanks in fitting words. Although it was customary to express surprise on such occasions, he must depart from the prescribed form, for knowing them as he did, even during his short residence among them, he took their beautiful address and its accompanying testimonial as a matter of course, and as the natural outcome of that simple, earnest, God-given faith which they possess. That grand old Catholic faith which came down to them all as a common inheritance, taught them that, whether the priest raises his hands in holy benediction over their heads, or calls them the Word Incarnate upon their altars, he is always the minister and ambassador of Jesus Christ. And as such he accepted their address and testimonial, for he knew they had gathered round him to their inward reverence for the priestly character. He thought no man would accuse him of exaggerated praise when he said that no people in the world knew better how to appreciate the dignity of that character than the members of the two parishes whose representatives were beside him that night. He referred to his associations with Father Gauthier and to the many kindnesses he had received at his hands in the warmest terms, saying, in a word, that he had made his home a sunshine. After expressing himself deeply grateful to the pupils of the convent for their charming entertainment, and hoping that, in their journey through life, there would be a divine music in their hearts sweeter than the melodious strains with which they had greeted him, he closed by eloquently thanking the people of Williamstown and Glennevis for their feelings of good will towards him, and for the substantial manner in which they had given expression to them.

Then followed a most beautiful solo and chorus "Pensez a moi, mon cher ami," by Miss Aggie McDonald and her companions of the convent. This was beautifully rendered and must be heard to be appreciated, for no words of mine can convey an adequate idea of the pathos and sentiment that found expression in the rendering of the words and music. An encore being demanded some instrumental

music was given, after which Miss Clara Mulhern sang a solo in a very creditable manner.

Father Gauthier then took occasion to make a few general remarks in his usual happy manner, and among other things he paid a high tribute to the guest of the evening. He referred to Father Twomey's remark "that he had made his home a sunshine," saying that it not only gave him a great deal of pleasure to know it, but also to tell him and those present that if his home had been one of sunshine for Father Twomey no less had it been one for himself since he came to live amongst them.

Everything passed off in the most pleasant manner, to which happy result a great deal of praise is due the nuns for the admirable way in which they received and entertained their guests. As to their school a few words here may not be inappropriate. An observer could not fail to notice the care that is bestowed on the education of the pupils here; a glance around the room where hung maps, blackboards and other concomitants, was sufficient to suggest that the elementary branches are carefully taught and explained. The higher branches too are in charge of excellent and accomplished teachers and I feel justified in saying that no where in the Province can a young lady receive a better or a more thorough training to prepare her for the worthy fulfillment of those duties that may be hers in later life.

Thanking you for the space accorded this article in your esteemed journal, I remain, Williamstown, 7th January, 1884. G.

DONATIONS TO THE ORPHANS.

The Sisters of St. Joseph beg to return sincere thanks to their numerous kind benefactors, for their generous Christmas offerings to the orphans under their care. The names and donations are as follows: His Lordship Rt. Rev. J. Walsh, two quarters of beef; Rev. M. J. Tiernan, three turkeys; Mr. O'Byrne, ton of coal; Mr. Adams, 2 boxes raisins, 1 box tea; Mr. Alley, a number of nice toys; Mr. McGlade, the same; Mrs. Ellen O'Brien, \$2.00; Mrs. Gould, pair ducks, 1 turkey and box biscuits; Mr. J. P. O'Higgins, a large lot of groceries; Mr. Regan, quarter of beef; Mr. Adcock, 5 pickled tongues; Mrs. Durkin, turkey; Mrs. McCarthy, (market) Mr. Gore, a cake; Mrs. McCarthy, (Grey street) turkey; Miss Burns (country) a goose; Mr. Masure, a valuable lot of groceries; Mrs. Logue, \$5.00; Mrs. Hollingsworth, cake and oranges; Mrs. Wright, \$3.00; Mrs. Hobin \$1.00; Mr. Twomey, of Amherstburg, \$20.00. The pupils of the Sacred Heart Convent, quantity of candy and a number of pairs of hose for the orphans, besides toys for their Christmas tree, all very much prized by the little ones.

THE HUBBER ACCIDENT.

At St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, on last Sunday Grand Veppers were sung for the repose of the souls of the victims who lost their lives at the late Hubber catastrophe. The vast cathedral was crowded to the doors, every available seat being occupied long before the hour for the commencement of the service. The altar was draped in black, and a beautiful catafalque was erected in the sanctuary. Very Rev. Vicar-General LaFont and Rooney, His Lordship Bishop O'Mahony, with Rev. Fathers McCann and Sheehan, assisted in the sanctuary, together with the following:—Rev. Fathers O'Hagarty, Hand, Kenny, Tedy, Guinane, and other priests. As the clergy entered the sanctuary from the vestry, the organ pealed forth and the choir sang the hymn "Vital Spark." Then followed the vesper of the dead with a part of "Stabat Mater." His Grace then entered the pulpit, accompanied by the two vicars-general. The large audience knelt while a passage from St. Mark was read. He dwelt for some time on the suddenness of death. During their life they were on trial to keep the commandments of God, who would reward them. Good men, good women, and good children knowing of the uncertainty of this were always prepared for death. He thanked God that none of the Catholics who met their death in the sad disaster had done so unprovoked for. One of them, Macdonald, a young man nineteen years of age was killed outright, but he received the Holy Communion on Christmas morning. He was a young man attentive to his religious duties, obedient to his parents, and one who never missed his morning or evening prayers, or mass on Sundays. Thomas Byrne, another who lived a very short time after the accident, was a good and obedient boy. He went to his work on the 2nd January with a joyous heart. In the collision he was wounded in the throat and tried to staunch the flow of blood with his hands, but could not succeed. When he was brought to a place of safety, he knelt down in the snow and gave up his soul to God. He turned to a gentleman who was in the present writing. The dying voice he said, "Tell my mother to let me, I am dying a happy death." Then, falling on his face, he asked God for mercy on his soul and expired. His Grace said he thanked God that there lived in Toronto—where there were so many bad boys—some whom they could hold up as models of piety. God frequently took young men to Him, lest growing older they might fall into sin. His soul was pleasing to God, and on that account He hastened to bring him away from the midst of iniquity. He regretted that some people spent so large an amount of money on the dead body, and did not pay sufficient attention to the soul. They got a magnificent coffin, and spent a large amount on a funeral, but they should

help the poor soul which had passed out of the world. He had heard of the great charity of our good people of Toronto, who were always ready and willing to lavish their charity, and he knew that these people were pleasing to God. He hoped God would have mercy on their souls, and they would all meet together in glory.

At an interval in the sermon parts of "Stabat Mater" were sung. After the sermon "Dies Ire" was sung by the full choir, with one verse as a solo. The collection taken up is to be applied for the relief of the souls in purgatory.

OBITUARY NOTICES.

REV. FATHER WALSH.

The Connecticut Catholic thus refers to the unexpected death and career of a revered gentleman who visited Ottawa a few months ago, and where during his brief visits he gained the warm friendship of many Ottawa Catholics:

"The telegraph on Thursday brought to us the sad account of the death of Father Lawrence Walsh in Boston, at the Commonwealth Hotel. His taking off was sudden, and was caused by apoplexy. Father Walsh was born in Providence, R. I., forty-three years ago. He was in his early days of a bright temperament, and while yet young displayed great promises of a brilliant and vigorous intellect. He was educated in the common schools, and after devoting all the intellectual lore that could be acquired in the schools of his native town, he was sent by the saintly Bishop McFarland to St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md., to begin the study for the priesthood. From this noted house of learning he went to Terre Bonne College, in Canada, where his classical course was completed.

His theological studies were made at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, where he was ordained priest, eighteen years ago. His first missionary labors were at Pawtucket, R. I.; next he was assistant to Very Rev. Father, Hughes, of St. Patrick's, Ottawa. He was for nine months here, when upon the removal of Father John Fagan, of Collinsville, to Stanford, he was appointed pastor of Collinsville, which then included the missions of New Hartford and Torrville, since created into parishes. In 1879 he was made pastor of St. Peter's, Hartford, by Very Rev. Father Hughes, who was administrator of the diocese during the absence of Bishop McFarland while in Rome attending the Plenary Council, and in 1876 he was given charge of the Immaculate Conception, Torrville, where he labored zealously until a few months ago, when he was removed to Westley by Bishop McMahon.

"Father Walsh's death will be regretted by all who knew him, and these can be counted by the thousands. His reputation as an orator and an able preacher was very extended. A few years ago he was prominent in this state in advocating total abstinence. His energy and perseverance won many into the ranks of temperance. Father Walsh was a warm hearted man of a most generous and kind disposition, and freely gave to those in want about him. His kindly offices gladdened the hearts and homes of many of the poor people over whom he was pastor or assistant priest.

"At the time of the threatened famine in Ireland, three years ago, Father Walsh was one of the first to become aroused and take immediate steps to alleviate the sufferings of his countrymen. Although not an Irishman by birth, he was one of the most patriotic in sympathies and spirit. He was instrumental in collecting large sums of money that relieved the immediate wants of the famine stricken people. Later on, when the Land League was organized, he was elected treasurer, which office he held with ability and to the entire satisfaction of all for two years. While holding this office of trust and responsibility thousands of dollars passed through his hands. By the prominent part he took in Irish national affairs, his reputation has become world-wide, and wherever there are Irishmen his sudden and early death will be sincerely regretted.

"In every place where duty required the deceased priest and where he was sent by his bishop he attended faithfully to the charges entrusted to him. Many improvements were introduced by him in each of the parishes he had charge of. Among them we may hurriedly mention the building of St. Lawrence O'Toole church, in this city, the erection of an addition to the parochial free school at St. Peter's, which gave twice the former capacity to the accommodations. In Waterville he purchased some very valuable property and made many necessary improvements around the possessions of the church.

"We are unable to give a more extended account of the life of Father Walsh, owing to the lateness of the hour in receiving the dispatch announcing his death. The time of the funeral and the arrangements that will be made are not known at the present writing. The services will doubtless be brought to Westley, where a solemn Requiem High Mass will be celebrated the first of next week. His final resting place will probably be in Providence, as his father and brother, who died within the past year, are buried there. His mother, a brother and sister, who is one of the Sisters of Mercy, survive him."

The many friends of Rev. Father Barber, O. M. I., in Ottawa and elsewhere, will condole with him in the loss which he has sustained by the death of his good mother, to whom he was deeply attached. Mrs. Jane Barber, aged 68, wife of Mr. George Barber, died at Merrim, near Dublin, on the 16th

December. The Rev. Father Barber and his sister Winifred, who is younger than he and a Sister of Charity, in Dublin, as also her husband, survive her. R. I. P.

Parish of our Lady of Lake St. Clair, Walkerville.

On Wednesday evening, 9th inst., there was a gathering of over 200 persons, in the freemen's hall here, to witness a beautiful little entertainment, given by the children of the Walkerville Sunday School. At the end of the hall was planted a large Christmas tree loaded with beautiful gifts for the children.

The programme of the evening's entertainment consisted of several solos, choruses and recitations, which were all rendered in excellent style by the little ones. Too much praise cannot be given to Miss Felice Montreuil, who has taken great pains to drill the children in their several parts, as also to her able assistants, Mrs. O. Meisonville and Mrs. T. Fortier. Thanks are also due to Mr. E. Girardot, professor of music in the Assumption College and organist of the Sandwich Church, who presided at the piano, and to his brother Mr. Jos. Girardot, who rendered a couple of songs with great effect. At the conclusion of the entertainment, the Christmas gifts were distributed to the children, to their evident delight, as also to the satisfaction of their parents, who manifested their approval by repeated applause.

And last of all Master Willie Fortier presented a beautiful address to the Very Rev. Deen Wagner in which he thanked their good pastor for his zealous labors among the people of Walkerville, and most feelingly alluded to the great exertions he was putting forth, to provide for them, in a very near future, the benefit of a new parish church in their midst. To which Dean Wagner replied in appropriate terms. The proceedings of the evening concluded with a presentation to Dean Wagner, by the ladies of the parish, of a fine set of purple vestments for the new church of Our Lady of Lake St. Clair. It is but just to mention that, among others, the two worthy assistants of Dean Wagner, viz., Rev. Fathers Scanlan and Daughy honored the children's festival by their presence.—COMMUNICATED.

FROM FLETCHER.

We are pleased to learn that a temperance society has been organized in the parish of St. Patrick's, Fletcher. It starts with a very large membership, no less than one hundred and seventeen being now enrolled. Under the able presidency of Squire Dillon we doubt not this society will in many ways flourish and bring the blessing of God upon the parish.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE.

New York, Jan. 12.—The golden jubilee of Cardinal McClosky was celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral to-day, this being the 50th anniversary of his ordination as priest and the 74th of his birth. The ceremonies were most impressive and witnessed by one of the largest gatherings of Roman Catholic bishops, with other clergy and laity, ever drawn together in this city. Within the chancel were Archbishop Corrigan, Bishops Longhlo, Conroy, Spaulding, McQuaid, Ryan, Wigger, O'Farrell, McNierny, Woodhams, and 150 priests. The Cardinal did not appear until after the communion. He showed marked signs of feebleness, but pronounced the benediction in clear tones. Replying to the address he referred to the time when he was ordained priest, at which time he was in feeble health, and remarked upon the unusual length of time that Providence had permitted him to work in the fold. He said what success had attended his efforts must be attributed to the good will, zeal, and generous co-operation of the clergy.

After the services the Cardinal attended a banquet given at the Catholic Orphan Asylum to the bishops and clergy. The Cardinal's health was drunk, and he proposed long life and health to the Pope, which was drunk by all standing, no other toasts being offered. Later the Cardinal was waited upon by a Committee of St. John's College Alumni Association, of which he was the first President. They presented him with an address, to which he made a response. The Cardinal received numerous gifts during the day, among which was a crucifix ten feet high made of olive wood grown in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Railway Notes.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Pontiac Pacific Junction Railway was held at the Russell House, Ottawa, on the 9th inst., when the following directors were elected.—Hon. L. E. Church, President; Wm. B. McAllister, Vice-President; and Messrs. P. White, M. P., W. J. Conroy, H. McLean, Richard White, Geo. C. Boulton, and Hon. J. A. Chplean. A committee was appointed to meet a delegation from the county on the 22nd inst. The meeting of shareholders was adjourned until the 23rd inst., at 10 a. m., to discuss the report.

New plans for the bridge of the Ottawa, Waddington & New York Railway over the St. Lawrence near Morrisburg, are now before the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for approval, the first plans tendered, as well as the site chosen, having been rejected by Mr. Page, the Government engineer.