

Kyrie Eleison.

DELAIDE PROCTOR. In joy and pain and sorrow, Father, Thy hand we see; But some among thy children, deny their faith and Thee, They will not ask thy mercy, But we kneel for them in prayer; Are they not still thy children, O God I and spare. Thy peace, O Lord, has never On their desolate path shone Darkness is all around them Kyrie Eleison! For them the starry heavens No hymn of worship raise; For them earth's innocent flowers Breathe not Thy silent praise; In heaven they know no Saviour, No father and no friend, And life is all they hope for; And death they still expect; Thy eyes, O Lord, are blinded To the glories of the sun; To the shining of the sea-star Kyrie Eleison. By the love Thy Saints have shown thee And the sorrow which have borne Leave not their erring creature; To wander thus forlorn; By Thy tender name's remembrance— The name they have denied; By Thy bitter death and passion, And the cross which Thou didst die; By the anguish Thou hast suffered, And the glory Thou hast won; By Thy glory and Thy pity— Christe Eleison. Pray for their glorious seraphs, And ye bright angel band, Who chant thy holy praises; And in his presence stand; And thou O gentle Mother, Queen of the starry sky; Ye saints, whose toils are over, Join your voices to our cry— In Thy terror and Thy love— Call them to life is done; For is seeking and to save them Kyrie Eleison.

BISHOP CLEARLY

VISITS ST. FINNAN'S PARISH, ALEXANDRIA, AND BLESSES THE CORNER-STONE OF THE NEW CHURCH—AN IMPOSING CEREMONY.

ALEXANDRIA, July 14, 1884. On Saturday last His Lordship Bishop Clearly arrived here for the purpose of blessing the corner-stone of the new St. Finnan's Church, which is now in course of erection. This being His Lordship's first visit to the parish since his return from Europe, he was welcomed enthusiastically and heartily. A party of seventy-five carriages in procession met His Lordship between here and St. Raphaels, he having come out via Cornwall and St. Andrews. The streets were handsomely decorated with evergreens and maples, and arches, with suitable mottoes, were erected. On Saturday evening His Lordship, accompanied by Rev. Alex. McDonnell, Rev. J. S. O'Connor, and Rev. Mr. Kelly (sec. attend.) a reception given in his honor by the Sisters and young ladies of the Convent of Holy Cross. A large number of the parents and friends of the Convent girls were present. The character of the entertainment and the manner in which it was carried out reflected the highest credit upon the Sisters. The musical programme was very well arranged and consisted chiefly of choruses. A few dialogues were given and a verbal address was spoken which contained expressions of welcome and joy, at the safe return of His Lordship to his diocese. Five little girls, attired in spotless white, presented His Lordship with bouquets of natural flowers. The young ladies who took the principal parts in the programme were Misses McDonald, M. C. McDonald, McLeod, Kate McDonald, Annie McDonald, Catherine McDonald, E. Charlebois, etc. At the conclusion His Lordship gave an eloquent address in which he dwelt on the excellence and refining influences of a convent training, on the sacred and responsible duties devolving on the ladies whose lives are given up to the care and instruction of the younger members of their sex, and on the loveliness of the female character developed in virtue and purity of thought, in grace and simplicity of demeanor, in reverence and obedience to superiors, and in necessary and useful knowledge. His Lordship assured them that during his long absence in Europe his thoughts were often with the little girls in the convent as well as in the public schools of his diocese, and that he had not forgotten them in his interviews with the Sovereign Pontiff. On Sunday morning His Lordship celebrated Low Mass at eight o'clock, and after High Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. Thos. Kelly, a procession was formed to the new church headed by his Lordship in full pontificals, attended by Rev. Alex. McDonnell, pastor, Rev. J. S. O'Connor, Perth, former pastor, Rev. Thos. Kelly, (secretary), Rev. St. Nicolai (Lochiel), Rev. J. Duffus, (St. Raphaels), Rev. C. Sautter (Williamstown) and two acolytes; then followed about two thousand people, including many from every parish in the county. The grand and solemn ceremony of the blessing of the corner-stone was then performed, the architect, Mr. Wm. Hodson, Montreal, the contractor, Mr. John R. Chisholm, Alexandria, and Mr. John R. McDonald and Mr. McDonald assisting in placing the stone in position. Copies of The True Witness, Post, Catholic Record, Globe, Mail, Gazette, Cornwall Freeholder and Reporter, together with other articles, were placed in the cavity of the stone. The silver trowel used bore the following inscription: Presented to MOST REV. JAMES VINCENT CLEARLY, S. T. D., Lord Bishop of Kingston, On the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of ST. FINNAN'S CHURCH, Alexandria, July 13th, 1884. The ceremony of laying the corner-stone being concluded, the following address of welcome was read to His Lordship by Hon. D. McMillan, on behalf of the parishioners: The Right Rev. James Vincent Clearly, S. T. D., Bishop of Kingston: MY LORD,—The congregation of the parish of St. Finnan, in Alexandria, beg most respectfully to approach your Lordship and tender you a hearty welcome. It is but a few days since your Lordship has been greeted by the clergy and laity of your diocese with congratulations upon your safe arrival at the Episcopal See from your visit to the Eternal City, and we feel the present an opportune time to extend to you our warmest affection and happiness upon finding your Lordship re-

turn to the scene of your spiritual labors, after an absence of many months, with renewed strength and vigor.

It is gratifying to learn that although your absence had been prolonged beyond the time you expected, that has been productive of much good and that your most ardent wishes have been realized. That your labors in the interest of the diocese aided by the prayers of your devoted clergy and laity have been more than repaid, the fruits of which will be reaped in due time.

The occasion of your visit at this time is one of importance to the Catholics of this parish. It is now closing on three scores of years since the corner-stone of the church that stood upon the grounds now occupied by the new one was laid. Since that time, though comparatively but a short period, many have been the changes and few, if any, of those present at that ceremony are alive, but the faith then possessed by the good people of that day who were the pioneers of Catholicity in the county, is as strong, as unchanged, as obediently observed by their descendants as it was in those days, for they have the religion transmitted from Him that established His Church upon the Rock, and which Church is to prevail against all adversities till the consummation of the world.

The progress made in the interest of religion materially as well as spiritually since we last had the pleasure of your Lordship's presence amongst us has been due to the energy and assiduity of the Rev. Father McDonnell, our worthy pastor, and we consider this a fitting opportunity to testify our warmest thanks and appreciation to him for his untiring zeal and labor in our behalf. Permit me, my Lord, on behalf of this congregation, to assure you of our spiritual loyalty and devotion to the Holy Father and filial affection and obedience to his ministers, among whom your Lordship is a brilliant star. That God may preserve you in that sphere of usefulness, with length of days, administering to the spiritual wants of the flock under your charge, will be the unceasing prayer of your dutiful people in this parish. (Signed) D. McMillan, D. A. McDonald, Angus B. Campbell, Angus McDonald, Archibald McPhee, Angus R. Macdonald.

On behalf of the congregation of St. Finnan's Church, His Lordship, in reply, said that he had received with the greatest pleasure and delight the address which contained expressions of affection for which he was thankful. He expressed thanks for the welcome given him, and said it was but an exchange of the affection he bore them. From the day on which he bore them to Glenarry and received their welcome, he felt a happiness inexpressible in being among them. If he were a Scotchman he couldn't be more Scotch than he is when in Glenarry. In this country was first planted the faith which makes sacrifices for humanity, a faith that governs and controls society. He was happy to be able to mention both from his own observations and from the assurances of Father McDonnell, the universal good feeling and brotherly love which existed between the Scotch population in Glenarry and their neighbors of other nationalities. It pleased him, he himself loved the shamrock, the French loved the fleur-de-lis and the Scotch loved their thistle. Why not twine them together with one bouquet as they had done in the matter of preparing for the erection of their magnificent church, which would be an ornament, not only to the parish of St. Finnan, but also to the diocese of Kingston? He referred to the joy he had experienced on witnessing the preparations for his reception. All this was pleasant for him because he had come as the minister of peace from the God of Peace. They should all give glory to God in the erection of their church, singing as the angels had done, "Gloria in Excelsis." He had been at the throne of the Sovereign Pontiff to tell of their faith cemented on the Rock of Peter. A bishop, on the day of his consecration, vows before the throne of the Sovereign Pontiff to give an account of his diocese and the flock committed to his care. Wherefore, it was, that he went last year in response to the call of His Holiness. He had to give the Pope an account of his diocese and everything in it, of its churches and schools, and of the priests, and of the relations existing between the Catholics themselves and between them and the sects around them, and in telling the Sovereign Pontiff of his diocese he had to come down to Glenarry, the cradle of Catholicity in Ontario. Catholicity had been planted in Ontario by that great man Alexander Macdonnell, who had come into this country with his fathers and forefathers of many in the congregation. He came with them as their father and pastor. He laid the foundations of Catholicity in Ontario which at that time was all one diocese, that of Kingston. The spread of the Catholic religion in Ontario since that venerable prelate's arrival in the country was remarkable, inasmuch as there was then only one bishop and three priests, while now there are seven bishops and three hundred priests. Little Bishop Macdonnell thought, although he was a farseeing man, that half a century would see such a marvellous growth, would see churches and cathedrals and schools and convents and bishops and priests spread far and wide, from the Quebec line to Sarnia. Thus, therefore, he pointed to Glenarry as the cradle of Catholicity in Ontario, and the very name of Alexander Macdonnell should be a bond between it and the diocese of Kingston. This is a holy bond. He hoped that it would never be broken, and that he and his successors would inherit the good old love which united Glenarry and Kingston, and that they would remain undivided forever. He expressed his delight at being here on this occasion. It was an event which might not again occur for a thousand years. They had chanted the psalms and said the prayers put into their mouths by the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, and had laid the corner-stone and blessed this church that it might be an enduring monument for centuries to the love they bore the Lord Jesus Christ.

The customary collection was then taken up and aggregated the handsome sum of

nearly six hundred dollars, himself and Rev. Alex. McDonnell, the pastor of St. Finnan's, subscribing 850 each.—True Witness.

LETTER FROM BISHOP CLEARLY.

HE HAS GONE TO LAY THE CORNER-STONE OF A NEW CHURCH AT ALEXANDRIA—THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CATHEDRAL.

Kingston Daily News, July 14. The following letter, which explains itself, was read by the Rev. P. A. Twolby in St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday.

The Palace, Kingston, July 11, 1884.—My Dear Father Twolby: I regret being under the necessity of leaving home to-day for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new church in Alexandria next Sunday. It would give me great pleasure to be with my people of Kingston and address them from the pulpit next Sunday on two most important subjects which engage my thoughts at present in their regard. In the first place, I would like to express my great pleasure at the ready compliance of the parents with my exhortation, delivered to them last Sunday evening, by sending their children to mass every morning this week. Will you kindly express to them how warmly I feel on this subject, and how eager I am, as chief Pastor of the Diocese, and local pastor of Kingston, that they should persevere in this pious discipline of life and pursue it even more earnestly during the ensuing weeks of vacation, taking care that the children who have a claim upon our care brought to morning mass in attire, and thus fulfil a great parental duty and ensure God's blessing on their families and cause Kingston to be what it ought to be, a model of piety to all the missions of the Diocese.

In the second place, I should like to set before the full congregation in distinct form the primary considerations which I submitted on Wednesday evening to the highly respectable and representative body of gentlemen who composed our meeting in the Brothers' School, with a view to our undertaking the glorious work of repairing and improving and bringing to completion our noble cathedral. Certain repairs are absolutely necessary to insure the solidity and durability of the sacred edifice. 2. That certain alterations in the interior of the church are necessary for supplying fair and just accommodation to the large number of our people who, through want of sufficient space for pews, are compelled to remain standing throughout the long services, both morning and evening, on Sundays. 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