

proceeded through the church and bestowed his blessing on the kneeling multitude.

Then followed the sermon, preached by Rev. Dr. Fillatre, O.M.I., of Ottawa University. He preached upon the text: "Let priests who rule well, be esteemed worthy of double honor." He described the functions of the bishop, the honors attached to his office, and how he is the complete priest, the personator of his Divine Master. He referred to the eminent qualities of the new bishop, and showed from his labors that as a priest he had truly ruled well, and was therefore worthy of the double honor mentioned by St. Paul. The Rev. gentleman then pointed out the duties of the people to their bishop, and expressed his confidence, that as they had revered and faithfully obeyed him as a priest, they would so continue towards him as bishop, and by showing gratitude to God for His signal favors, merit abundant blessings for the new diocese of Alexandria.

After the sermon, the clergy of the new diocese gathered at the foot of the throne, and offered their congratulations to His Lordship in an address read by Rev. Father McCarthy. Assembling before His Grace Archbishop Cleary, they declared to him, through Rev. Father Corbett, their sorrow at parting from him with whom they had labored for the past ten years, and thanked him warmly for his repeated acts of kindness, and the fatherly affection at all times shown them. His Grace, in his reply, was sensibly moved, as he experienced emotions of sorrow and of joy, sorrow at separation from them whom he had learned to esteem as excellent priests in the ministry, his own co-laborers in God's holy work, and joy in the noble work accomplished and rewarded in the person of one who had been till then one of themselves. Rev. Dean Gauthier, on behalf of the clergy of the archdiocese of Kingston, then offered his congratulations to His Lordship Bishop Macdonell, testifying to his excellent qualities as a brother priest, declaring the honor reflected upon them in his appointment, and wishing him the choicest blessings of Heaven in the performance of his duties. The address from the congregation of St. Finnan's was a model of excellence, coupling with expressions of reverence, filial affection and gratitude, their best wishes and prayers

for their beloved pastor, and in reference to the Hon. and Rt. Rev. Bishop Macdonell, "the prelate who still dwells in the hearts of his countrymen," setting forth briefly a sketch of the foundation of Catholicity in Ontario. The address was read by Mr. David Fraser, supported by Messrs. Theodore Chisholm and Alex. McKinnon, the two oldest parishoners, and signed by representatives of the various clans.

Another address, highly appreciated and indicative of the Bishop's popularity, was presented by the Protestant citizens of Alexandria, and read by Mr. E. H. Tiffany, with whom were Messrs. R. R. MacLennan and B. Ostrom.

To each of these, his Lordship replied at length, sincerely thanking, next to the Holy Father, the Bishops of Ontario, from whom, without a dissenting voice, he had received his appointment, the clergy of the archdiocese for many acts of kindness shown him as a simple priest, and now as a bishop, and, lastly, the laity, especially his own parishoners, who were ever ready to do his will, and to whom he believed, was due in a great measure by their hearty co-operation, the good work that had been accomplished.

All was now over; the clergy reformed in procession to the palace, the band accompanying with a joyful march. Shortly after, Bishop Macdonell entertained the Rev. visitors with an elaborate banquet, at which he took occasion to express once more his profound thanks to bishops and priests, and hoped that as he had then the pleasure of their company, they would not be slow to visit Alexandria again, when he would be only too happy to give them a cordial welcome.

His Lordship was the recipient of many valuable presents. The following are a few of them: From the clergy of the new diocese, \$1,200; from his Grace Archbishop Cleary, magnificent crozier and traditional ring presented by George IV to the late Bishop Macdonell; from the archdiocese of Kingston, complete set of episcopal vestments, valued at \$1,500; from St. Finnan's congregation, Alexandria, \$1,000; from Mrs. Sparrow, consecration ring; from the Sisters of the Holy Cross, Alexandria, hand candlestick, ewer and basin (gold); from Sisters of Providence and Congregation, articles for the use of the sanctuary; from Mrs. McCarthy, handsome gold pen; from parish of St. Raph-