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## DIOCESE OF LONDON.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S VISIT TO WINDSOR—CONFIRMATION—DEAN WAGNER'S ORDINATION—ANNUAL BALLY.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

The clear, sunny morning of June the 3rd, 1889 was hailed with joy by the congregation of St. Alphonsus parish. Our beloved Bishop honored us by a visit of some days, and on Monday administered confirmation to a class of one hundred and two persons. At 8:30 a Mass was said, Father Scanlan being celebrant. The Bishop occupied the throne. Very Rev. Dean Wagner and Father McBrady, C. S. B., were assistant priests. The church was thronged with devout worshippers. Fifty little girls, in white dresses, with bells and wreaths, were seated on chairs in the main aisle, near the sanctuary. Seats were reserved for forty-one boys and eleven adults, three of the latter being colored converts. After Mass the Bishop, in full pontifical, advanced to the sanctuary railing, and, in his usual clear and limpid voice, addressed the class. He explained in simple language, the nature of the sacrament they were about to receive, and closed his remarks by exhorting his listeners to persevere in faith and with fortitude to resist the indifference and neglect of their duty as Christians and as Catholics. The choir sang the *Veni Creator* whilst the candidates advanced to the railing, kneeling to receive the holy chrism.

"Angels bend in lowly homage as the sacred Lo! the spirit dove descendeth at the sound of mortal's word."

At the conclusion, the Bishop addressed the little boys on the virtue of temperance, and insisted that those who were after receiving the sacrament of confirmation should respect a form of total abstinence pledge until they reach the age of twenty-one years. The solemn and awe-inspiring words of His Lordship were impressive: "Woe to him who tempts you to break this pledge, for the wrath of God will be upon him."

June the 3rd being also the twenty-ninth anniversary of Very Rev. Dean Wagner's ordination to the priesthood, many fervent prayers went up to the Divine Master for the devoted pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Windsor.

The school children have merited great praise for the manner in which they rendered the beautiful hymns of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the month of May.

His Lordship the Bishop of London administered the sacrament of confirmation to fourteen candidates in Assumption College, Sandwich, on Saturday, June 1.

On Sunday morning His Lordship, with attendant priests, drove to the Church of Our Lady of Lake St. Clair, Walkerville, where a very large congregation was awaiting his arrival. This beautiful new parochial church was, by the efforts of Very Rev. Dean Wagner, erected about three years ago. Here one hundred children were confirmed by His Lordship, who addressed to the children and their parents an admirable discourse in English, first, and then in French. In this vicinity, and for several miles along the spilling banks of the river St. Clair and far inland French sloss is spoken by the old residents. It should be added that in the several French parishes of the county Essex lately visited, His Lordship made diligent inquiry as to the amount of English education imparted in the schools, and was informed, that in every school without exception a class of English is taught and that all children are compelled to learn at least one lesson in English every day.

On Monday, June 3rd, confirmation was administered in St. Alphonsus' Church, Windsor, to one hundred and three candidates, of whom ten were adults and among them three persons of color. On the following morning, June 4th, His Lordship drove to St. Ann's, Tecumseh, where confirmation was administered to two hundred and ten candidates. The Bishop, at the close of the ceremonies, spoke in French to the vast congregation which filled the church, one in every lap in the diocese. His eloquent appeal produced a deep, and let us hope a lasting impression on all present.

A number of gentlemen then advanced to the communion rail. They were representatives of the parish and members of the St. John the Baptist Society. On their part, Mr. Henry Moran, Rector of Sandwich East, read in French the following address, which we translate for the benefit of our English speaking readers:

To His Lordship, the Right Rev. John Walsh, D. D., Bishop of London:

MY LORD—The faithful of the parish of St. Ann's Tecumseh, take occasion of your distinguished presence amongst them to respectfully approach your Lordship in order to express to you their sentiments of respect and profound veneration, and to tell you of the fervent wishes of their hearts on the occasion of this anniversary day of your elevation to the Episcopate.

This is a happy day for us, my lord, on which we are permitted to give expression to the admiration and veneration with which you have inspired us, at the spiritual chief of this diocese.

Although amongst the humblest of the flock instructed to your sacred jurisdiction, we could not remain ignorant of the great virtues which distinguish your Lordship, and it is with a legitimate pride, inspired by our love for our faith, that we remark the administration, at once dignified and gentle, of this diocese by our venerable prelate.

Although the favor of having you in our midst is given us but rarely, we can assure you, my lord, that you have succeeded in producing in our hearts not only respect for your dignity but also a profound and sincere attachment for your person. Perhaps this is the result of the unalterable souvenir we preserve from year to year of you and which causes us

to think often of you at the family hearth. We may not be permitted now, my lord, to enumerate your many titles to our respect and veneration, for great souls see in their daily actions, which are so many admirable examples for those placed under their direction, nothing but the bare fact of duty religiously accomplished, and any allusion to their merits might nullify the natural sensitiveness of their admirable humility.

We shall, therefore, confine ourselves, My Lord, to reiterating once more the expressions of our respect, admiration, profound attachment and sincere veneration, and assuring you that on the occasion of this anniversary of your elevation to the episcopate we address to God the most fervent wishes of our hearts, that He may grant Your Lordship many days of health and peace, and, above all a large measure of those precious graces of which you cannot be the depository without a reflection of them upon all the members of your flock.

Signed by the faithful of the parish of St. Ann's, Tecumseh.

His Lordship responded to the address in French, paying the French Catholics of this diocese the most cordial compliment for their spirit of faith and their never-failing obedience and submission to the first pastor of the diocese. He hoped they would transmit to their children the good and holy traditions they had inherited from their fathers in the Province of Quebec. His Lordship then addressed words of wisdom and comfort to those who had just received the sacrament of confirmation, extending his discourse to nearly half an hour's duration, all in French, to the evident delight of the vast congregation, numbering over a thousand people.

Grand C. M. B. A. Reception to the Bishop of London.

About three weeks ago Mr. Morris Meloche, the efficient Secretary of Branch No. 1 of the C. M. B. A., had suggested to his brother members that the Bishop of London was about to visit the County of Essex, and that it would be an advantageous time to tender him a reception. Later it was learned that June 5th would be a memorable anniversary to His Lordship. Upon that date twenty years ago he was named by Our Holy Father, Pius IX., of sainted memory, as the future Bishop of this diocese. The details were arranged, and the large audience that on last Wednesday evening responded to the invitation of the C. M. B. A. proved, by their presence, the love and loyalty of the Catholics of this remote portion of the diocese to their distinguished prelate. At eight o'clock p. m., His Lordship entered and took a seat on the tastefully-arranged stage. President D. Reaume was assisted the seat at His Lordship's left, and Very Rev. Dean Wagner at his right. We noticed among the gentlemen occupied seats on the stage, Dr. O'Connor, President of Assumption College, Sandwich; Father Dempsey, of Detroit; Father J. O'Connor, Maidstone; Father Scanlan, Windsor; Father Villeneuve, Father La Pierre, Father Ferguson, C. S. B., Father Cole, C. S. B., Father Abulbin, C. S. B., Father Simon, C. S. B.; Mr. Green, Grand Secretary of the C. M. B. A. of Michigan; Mr. Keenan, Mr. Leiger and Mr. Casgrain, of Detroit; Mr. Wallace Arkin, of Sandwich; Senator Casgrain, Francis Cleary, T. A. Bourke, Dr. R. Casgrain, D. D., Odette, W. J. McKeel, M. A. McHugh, M. Meloche, J. Mayville, Mr. Panet, Mr. Pepin and others. The Knights of St. John entered in a body and took the place assigned them. Marshal Crocin was assisted by John Harmon, as usher. Both gentlemen were most courteous and efficient in their duties. Dr. Reaume, in a brief address, explained the nature of the meeting, or reception, and the honor conferred on Windsor's Branch of the C. M. B. A. by the kindness of His Lordship in accepting the invitation to be present on this occasion. He then introduced Mr. Cleary, and that gentleman read, in a clear and distinct voice, the following address:

To the Right Reverend John Walsh, D. D., Bishop of London.

We, the members of Branch No. 1 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, gathered on this occasion of Your Lordship's visit to this parish, in discharge of our sacred duty, to tender to you, our spiritual chief and pastor, the most cordial welcome and esteem to the chief pastor of this diocese. We have long been proud of our holy religion, and your able administration of affairs since your elevation as Bishop, and your progress in the welfare of our diocese. Our Catholic population has largely increased, many new and handsome churches have been built, and the spiritual wants of our people are well looked after by zealous priests, the majority of whom have been consecrated by Your Lordship. Nor shall we omit to mention the education, religious and charitable institutions established in our midst and which are prospering under Your Lordship's sanction and fostering care. We desire especially to welcome and to pay our respects to you, as the most honored member of our noble association in the Province of Ontario. We do not forget that early in the history of our organization we had our Lordship's hearty approbation and blessing, and to this we are satisfied we owe our great success. Your Lordship's kindness and words of encouragement to his delegates at the Grand Convent held in your city in 1881 are well remembered. It is only on this occasion, but ever since, you have manifested a lively interest in our progress. It must be gratifying to Your Lordship to know that the blessing which you bestowed upon us has brought forth good fruit. We believe, that as a Catholic lay institution, we stand at the head of all charitable and benevolent organizations in this diocese. Since the organization of the society over \$10,000 has been paid out to the death of members. We can tell the amount of good which has been done to the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren by the payment of this large sum.

As the object of our association was with the object of distinguished prelates of having a Catholic lay institution, we believe, that our association being to encourage by all honorable means, and by all honorable means, the education and the spiritual protection for our members and those dependent on them, and also by means of charitable works and literature, approved by our spiritual advisers, to educate members of their families, and to give them a frugal, but we must continue to do good. We owe to Your Lordship on this the 23rd anniversary of your elevation to the sacred office of bishop, which you have filled with

honor and distinction, and our earnest prayer is that you may be long spared to continue your good work in the elevated office of our Lord, and to administer to the wants of your people.

(A portion of the address was read later in the evening, upon the arrival of Bishop Foley of Detroit. It was a continuation of the original and said:

We cannot fail to notice His Lordship's Bishop Foley on this occasion, and to thank him for honoring us with his presence and assistance at the session of Your Lordship's Association in this city, and how much he is respected and beloved by its members.

Signed on behalf of the Branch, J. M. McLEOD, Secretary. J. O. RICHIE, President. Windsor, Ontario, June 5th, 1889.

The address was followed by Secretary Meloche's statistical account of the organization, progress and present standing of the Windsor Branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

As Mr. Meloche concluded, Bishop Foley, of Detroit, arrived, accompanied by his Secretary, Father Dempsey. A regular ovation was given to Bishop Foley. When Mr. Cleary had given the words of welcome in the name of his brother members, Bishop Foley, in plain costume and pectoral cross, stepped forward, and responded. His reply was frequently interrupted by applause. He said he thanked them for the grand ovation they had given him. Words of the warmest praise were given Bishop Walsh, of whom he said: "He was a great Catholic prelate, whose distinguished name was known wherever the Catholic Church was, upon this continent." Bishop Foley was proud of the C. M. B. A., and as a humble member he wished to offer his mite of praise to a noble association. Although a resident of the United States, he said, I feel that I am almost a Canadian, as he is the second time a Canadian I crossed into Canada; but we must not forget that we are all members of that one grand republic, that has for its constitution the fundamental principles of faith, hope and charity. Again he complimented our beloved Bishop, and gave a glowing tribute to the progress the Catholic Church had made in Windsor, through the exertion, love and zeal of Rev. Dean Wagner.

Bishop Foley's personal appearance is striking. He is a handsome man—tall, slender and active, with a face refined in contour as a lady's. His voice is sweet and gentle, and free from any degree of affectation. He may be described as a cultured American gentleman, having acquired his manner and presence an indescribable something which we may be permitted to call *class*.

Messrs. T. A. Bourke, D. B. O'Leffe and M. A. McHugh made interesting addresses on the rise and progress of the C. M. B. A.

President Reaume then introduced the honored guest of the evening, His Lordship the Bishop of London. The Bishop responded by advancing on the stage, and at his venerable and noble appearance the audience greeted him with loud and prolonged applause. He commenced his remarks by alluding with gratitude to the honor of Bishop Foley's presence. He knew that the latter attended by self-sacrifice of personal comfort, as he arrived home from Baltimore but a few hours before, and, in a large diocese like Detroit, the Episcopal calls must be multitudinous. Bishop Foley gratefully bowed his acknowledgments of the personal allusion. Bishop Walsh continued, and charmed the audience, by giving them the benefit of a discourse second to no other of his many eloquent lectures. He told of the condition of society before the Christian era. The tyrants and the slaves were the human family of the then most civilized country in the world. There was no place but serfdom for the poor in the Rome of the Caesars. Led captive to the Roman Forum were men the best and bravest in their native lands, to become the prey of wild beasts, or the hopeless toilers at another's will, for to labor was considered a degradation reserved for slaves; but when was changed when Christ came among men as a laborer. "He was subject to his father for thirty years;" then He entered upon His work; He made choice of His companions, not from the lowly, the humble craftsmen, and the fishermen. Thus the Redeemer of the world was the first to teach fraternity amongst men. The doctrine of Christ was taught through centuries of time, it inspired the hand of the painter, of the sculptor, and of the builder. The world is filled with monuments to the genius of Christianity, showing in spirit as well as in execution, the common brotherhood of man. In our own city of London the cathedral of the diocese towers in majestic beauty, superior to all of the neighboring churches. The college in Sandwich, in charge of the Basilians, under the direct control of the distinguished Dr. O'Connor, speaks for itself. We have the Orphan Asylum, together with a home for the aged, Christ's poor, and last, but perhaps greatest, the new hospital in Windsor, founded and erected by a priest always zealous and active in good works, Rev. Dean Wagner. He may also be considered the first priest to become a member of the C. M. B. A. in Canada. It was true the Church had no great progress in this diocese during the past twenty-two years, but the honor of such progress was not due to the Bishop alone, but to the hard-working, earnest clergy, and the patriotic and generosity of the Catholic people. The Bishop paid a glowing tribute to the position occupied by the priest in the common brotherhood, under the common fatherhood, not only in Canada but in the United States. It is due to the clergy, through their chief priest, the distinguished successor of distinguished men, Cardinal Gibbons, for the position occupied by the working man, the Knights of Labor, in the Catholic Church

at the present time. In Ireland the "saggarth aroon" is the guide, counsellor and friend of the most destitute and most noble children of the Church. In London, before the assembled judges, as the defender of his countrymen, stands undaunted a prelate whose name, I am proud to bear, Archbishop Walsh. The peroration was thanks and encouraging words for the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Windsor. The Bishop withdrew to the parlors of the C. M. B. A., accompanied by Bishop Foley and other guests, where a personal reception was given to those of the audience who wished to be presented. The orchestra of the Twenty-first Fusiliers furnished excellent music. The most sincere thanks of the Catholic people of Windsor is due to the "Banner Branch" of the C. M. B. A. for this notable gathering, prelates, priests and people all uniting to honor the beloved bishop of London.

On the 9th of February, 1878, with the approval and spiritual guidance of our good pastor, this Branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was organized with twenty charter members. From the little society of twenty members in 1878, there were initiated into our Branch, up to the present time, two hundred and seventy members. From this number several have left town and resigned their membership. A large number were transferred to other branches in Canada and the United States and still a larger number were withdrawn to join our off-spring, that is, Branches organized by this Branch in the several parishes in the County, of which there are four, viz., Maidstone, Tecumseh, Canard River and Tilbury Centre. Although having lost a great many of our members in this way, we are pleased to be able to say that we have the largest membership in Canada, 175. The first assessment paid by this Branch was No. 3 of 1887-8, and was paid Sept. 26th of that year and amounted to \$40.25. From that date to this, including No. 6 of this year, there has been forwarded to the Grand Secretary the sum of \$21,112.40 by assessments. Although the number of deaths in our own Branch has been large enough, still we have every reason to be thankful that it has been comparatively small, having lost but four members in eleven years. Consequently there has been distributed in this town to the widows and families of the C. M. B. A. the sum of \$8,000. There has also been four deaths in the other branches of this county, making the amount distributed in the county \$16,000.

Confirmation at St. Thomas.

His Lordship Bishop Walsh administered the sacrament of confirmation to one hundred and thirty children in the Catholic Church, St. Thomas, on Sunday, June 10th. A large number of the children were first Communicants. They were all neatly and tastefully attired; the girls especially presented, when all together or waking in procession, a very charming sight with their snow-white dresses, pink sashes and wreaths of flowers for head gear.

At the end of Mass, which was celebrated by Father Elmendorf, his Reverence, all had partaken of the Holy Eucharist. Bishop Walsh, in cope and mitre, with crozier in his left hand, addressed the congregation on the obligations contracted by all those who received in confirmation the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, viz., wisdom, counsel, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, and the fear of God. His Lordship spoke for over thirty minutes, explaining the different parts of the ceremony. The forehead, he said, was the seat of shame. He would sign their foreheads with christ, and pray that they never should be ashamed of the cross, never let their religion be despised, but stand up boldly for God and for truth. He would give each one a stroke on the cheek, to put them in mind of the contract they were this day making with Jesus Christ, and also to give them to understand that they should be always prepared to suffer, and, if called on, to die for Christ and His holy faith. At high Mass the church was again crowded. Farmer's Mass was sung by the choir, Miss McNulty being the leading soprano, and Messrs. Reynolds and Hyde filling their parts, basso and tenor, with perfection, and the church, with the rich harmony of their blended and well managed voices. Rev. Father Aylward was celebrant of the High Mass. His Reverence, by the way, has an exceptionally rich baritone voice. At the Post Communion Bishop Walsh read the Epistle and gospel of the day, viz., "The Feast Day of Pentecost," and delivered a beautiful and impressive sermon on the establishment of the Christian Church, which sprang into existence on the day of Pentecost, as the body of Adam, when God breathed into it the spirit of life. The Church of Christ was known by its unity, being one body, with one faith and one head. It was also known by its holiness, its Founder being the author and source of all holiness, and a large number of its children being remarkable for holiness in every age. Such were in every age and shall be to the end of time the characteristics of the Catholic Church. An instance was given of the self-sacrifice of Father O'Leary, who gave up his life to bring education and civilization to the heathen of Malacca. His Lordship's eloquent discourse was listened to with unexampled attention to its close.

Father Flannery announced that this being "Ember week" Wednesday, Friday and Saturday will be days of fasting and abstinence, and of strict obligation, under pain of sin. The scene presented in the evening was entrancing, the main altar was ablaze with lights of wax tapers and varied colored lamps, while the sweet perfume of flowers and exotics filled the church. After Vespers, which were very sweetly rendered by the choir, all the children who had been confirmed in the morning arose to renew their

baptismal vows, and all in a loud voice, after laying hands on the Gospel opened before them, renounced "the devil with all his works and pomps." It should be added that in the morning service all the boys, at the suggestion of the Bishop, raised their hands aloft and pledged themselves against liquor until at least the age of twenty-one, the Bishop remarking that at that age they would have acquired good habits and would be able, with God's help, to renew their pledges, and abstain from liquor the rest of their days.

Rev. Father Aylward preached a telling sermon on the royalty and dignity of the sons of God. The church was packed; the music was even grander than in the morning. The lights, the incense, and charming appearance of so many nice girls from tea to eighteen, dressed in white, created a scene long to be remembered.

LECTURE IN LA SALETTE.

On Sunday, 9th inst., a lecture was delivered in the Catholic Church of La Salette by the Rev. George R. Northgraves, editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

The subject of the lecture was "The Jesuits." The Rev. lecturer explained the objects and history of that illustrious society, and showed how the work of the Jesuits is bound up with the work of Christianity throughout the world, and especially in Canada.

Father Northgraves referred to certain statements made in London at the late anti-Jesuit meeting, by a member of Parliament, who boasted that he was one of "the devil's dozen," that the English-speaking Catholics of the Dominion have no sympathy with the Jesuits. He said that every Catholic respects the Jesuits for their learning, admires them for their earnestness, and loves them for their zeal in the propagation of the Catholic faith. He explained that in every thousand of population in Canada there are 426 Catholics to 574 Protestants of all denominations, and that with such a proportion it is simply absurd that the Protestant ministers and Orangemen who are now raising a no Popery cry should expect to attain their object. A no Popery cry was once before raised in Canada, and there was bigotry enough in Ontario to make it a formidable movement, but Ontario is not the Dominion of Canada. There are Protestants in Ontario and in Quebec and in the other provinces who will not countenance a no Popery cry, and the no Popery cry was attempted once before, some years ago, and failed, it will equally fail now.

ST. BASIL'S HYMNAL.

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OBITUARY.

We are sorry to have to chronicle the death of Mrs. Nora Ford, of Albion, who died at her home in her thirty-third year. She was much beloved by all who knew her and had the esteem of every one. She was a kind mother, a loving wife, a good Christian and a charitable and self-sacrificing woman. The cheerful and patient resignation to the will of God which she displayed in her last illness should be a source of consolation to her family in their dire affliction. At the funeral Mass Father McSpittal, taking for his text, "Blessed are they who die in the Lord," spoke of the beauty of her life, of her zeal in the cause of religion, of the good example she gave the parish, and called on those present to be, as she was always ready, always prepared to die, and like the five wise virgins to have their lamps always trimmed so that they may be ready to enter with the bridegroom. Her spiritual life with her family and with her father, mother and brothers and sisters of the Township of King, has been a grand and glorious one. We have no hope. With him we offer our condolences to the bereaved husband and pray God to give him strength and courage to bear this great affliction.