

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

MONSIGNOR SATOLLI'S VISIT TO NOTRE DAME, IN WATERBURY.

Our city was honored this week by the visit of His Excellency Monsignor Satolli. The welcome given to him was beyond that ever given by the people of Waterbury to any visitor, and well showed the Catholic spirit of the city.

The Archbishop's party arrived on the noon train from Hartford.

He was met at the depot by all the Catholic clergymen of the city. Carriages were immediately taken and the party drove to the Immaculate Conception Rectory, where dinner was served at one o'clock.

At 2:45 the Archbishop visited the children of St. Mary's parochial school in St. Patrick's Hall. Their programme of reception was elaborate, considering the time given to preparation. It was a succession of pretty marches, choruses and addresses of welcome. At the Convent of Notre Dame was indeed a welcome. As Monsignor stepped from his carriage he was met by Miss Margaret Gullifolle, who, in sweetest voice, bade him a joyous welcome in Italian, at the same time presenting him with a pretty basket of yellow and white roses. The convent grounds decorated with flags, Chinese lanterns and bunting, conveyed the joyous welcome within awaiting. At the door Miss Louise Holohan presented Monsignor with a gay flower welcome.

The Reverend Mothers met him in the parlor, where they received his blessing. A brilliant overture echoed through the convent as the distinguished visitor, accompanied by his clerical friends, entered the tastefully decorated reception hall, where the prettiest of scenes was in readiness. As he crossed the threshold his hands involuntarily clasped together with an expression of pleased surprise.

The hall presented a strikingly beautiful appearance. White and gold were the prevailing colors. Papal, Italian and American flags showed gracefully everywhere. A large picture of Leo XIII., draped in white and gold, formed a central figure. The pupils, attired quite simply in white and gold, and grouped in the form of a large W—welcome—set off the tasty arrangement of the hall.

Monsignor's love for the beautiful was distinctly shown by the appreciative pleasure manifested on receiving another flower welcome from Miss Mamie McDonald.

A stirring song of welcome was then sung by the pupils, with piano, organ, violin, harp and mandolin accompaniment.

Miss Daisy Bebus then read a pretty address in French.

A welcome song in French was next listened to with marked attention by all present.

After the chorus had ceased the little ones approached the Archbishop's throne, and in the most cunning way told him how much he is beloved by his American children. With other pretty little wishes they managed to work in the hope that he would soon wear a Cardinal's robe. Monsignor, seemingly highly amused, watched each little tot as she spoke, with love for children plainly written in his countenance. The last little girl with touching simplicity asked His Excellency to "please help to add the title 'Saint' to our Mother Bourgeois' name."

Miss J. Coyle, '84, in a very musical voice, read an English address, in which she said, that side by side with a love for the stars and stripes glowed in our own hearts a love for Rome and our Holy Father, "who rules the world although a captive in his home." In answer to this address Monsignor Satolli arose and treated his delighted listeners to an oration in Italian, the meaning of which is as follows:—

"As I entered your hall I was impressed by its beautiful arrangement. It reminded me of the terrestrial paradise. The white dress, suggestive of purity, simplicity and modesty, becomes you as pupils of this convent. Your gold wreaths speak to me of the far more beautiful crown which will be yours in eternity, if faithful to the lessons you are here daily receiving. Monsignor paid a touching tribute to Marguerite Bourgeois, and said—

"Had I the power I would gladly canonize her now, but as I cannot, I will do all I can to have it accomplished when I return to Rome. Your Mother and Foundress justly deserves a place on the roll of canonized saints. She is fittingly named the glory of her country, for she was a woman great of heart and intellect. See how courageously she left home and all that was dear to her to come to the New World where she banded together other maidens like herself and founded the community which is now so widespread. Her personal virtue must have been very great, for she patiently endured many hardships to commence her glorious work."

"Try to prove yourselves worthy of the education you are receiving—an education which cultivates not only the intellect but the heart."

At the close of these remarks the pupils passed slowly down the hall, and pausing before Monsignor, kissed his ring and received his blessing.

During the presentation, Fr. William Lynch delighted all present with his beautiful tenor voice. The convent choir sang "Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum." Miss M. Murphy pleasingly rendered the solo.

Soon Monsignor Satolli was gone from Notre Dame, leaving our hearts filled with joy. Our kind teachers, too, were more than happy. The welcome given to the Archbishop did not cease with the forenoon reception. In the evening the windows were illuminated with designs suitable to the occasion, while numerous Chinese lanterns shed a pale light over the extensive lawn. The reception and the illumination were said to have been the most tasteful ever seen in Waterbury, and certainly caused praise to be bestowed upon the religious who prepared them. On the side of the convent facing Union street, by which the grand parade passed, the designs were remarkably beautiful. "Vivat Monsignor Satolli" and "V va il Papa" filled prominent windows. Others held the dates of the Papal Delegate's ordination, of his consecration as Bishop of Lepanto, and his arrival in America, with a representation of the ship in which he took passage. "Ben Venuto"—welcome in Italian—filled another window, while Charity, Faith, and the prophecy relative to Leo XIII., "Lumen in Coelo," glowed high in the fourth story.

A grand *conge* the day following the visit of Monsignor Satolli made our hearts glad. Many a pleasant memory belongs to our school days in dear Notre Dame, but perhaps none shall more distinctly remain with us than the first visit of the Papal Delegate to our Alma Mater in Waterbury.

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District of Montreal, No. 181.

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Montreal, May 9, 1894. BERARD & BRODEUR, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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