

stances of this case, to greet with no unstinted welcome the appointment of Mr. Morley for the special work that it will be allotted to him to do, his appointment nevertheless as Chief Secretary of Ireland is one that in almost any other possible combination of circumstances should be protested against, emphatically and loudly protested against, by every Irishman who sets store by the preservation of the faith of our Christian and Catholic people. Let me read for you what this gentleman has thus written and published within the last few days. Speaking at the Church, he says—

"The Church, it has been truly said, has broken with knowledge, has taken her stand upon ignorance, and is stirring might and main, even in countries where she has no chance, to use the machinery of popular Government to keep back education. The worst enemy of science is clericalism."

"Wise and well-informed as Mr. Morley thinks himself to be, and as in many fields of knowledge he undoubtedly is, may say it, as I wish to say it, without offence—that on one subject all events he has something yet to learn."

"But having thus done what I conceive to be my duty in making this public protest against the language of insult in which he has had the bad taste to assail us, I shall say not another word upon this one unpleasant aspect of the present state of our public affairs. I repeat to you, then, what I have already said, that in the special and most exceptional circumstances in which our new Chief Secretary is about to come amongst us, we may safely receive him, and we are bound to receive him, with no unfriendly greeting."

Mr. Morley's views of the religion of the overwhelming majority of the Irish people are not indeed to them acceptable, and while his political opinions are sound enough, his anti-religious expressions will have the ill effect of making the people he has been called on to govern distrustful of his motives and suspicious of his actions. He will, however, be finally judged by his course of action. If that course of action prove conformable to justice, truth and honor, Mr. Morley's name will hold an honored place in Irish history, and the obliteration of the most blighting and long-enduring national misery ever known attributed forever, in a large measure at least, to his genius, his foresight and his patriotism.

SOLENN MONTH'S MIND.

The Month's Mind of the late Miss Catherine Walsh, sister of the Rev. Father Walsh, of this city, and niece of His Lordship the Bishop of London, took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., in St. Peter's Cathedral. The celebrant of the mass was the Rev. Father Walsh, with the Rev. Father Tierney, Chancellor of the Diocese, as deacon, and Rev. Father Cornyn, P. P., Stratford, sub-deacon. His Lordship the Bishop, in cope and mitre, occupied the episcopal throne, assisted by the Rev. Father Brennan, P. P., St. Mary's, and the Rev. Dr. O'Keefe, London. The other clergy present were Rev. Father Flannery, P. P., St. Thomas; Bayard, P. P., Sarnia; Kelly, P. P., Mount Carmel; Molphy, P. P., Ingersoll; Brady, P. P., Woodstock; Gahan, Mount Carmel; McGee, Stratford; Dunphy and Kennedy, London. At the close of mass His Lordship proceeded to the catafalque, and pronounced the absolution. The attendance of the faithful was large.

THE HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY.

The Manitoba *Free Press* continues its advocacy of the Hudson's Bay Railway project with unabated energy and unflinching constancy. While we still have doubts, which, however, are fast disappearing, as to the feasibility of a railway opening communication via Hudson's Bay, with Europe, we bear to it none of the hostility that many eastern journals seem to hold towards the undertaking. We should be rejoiced, as well for the sake of Canada as a whole, as for the North-West in a more special manner, to see the enterprise not only pushed to completion, but crowned with actual and indisputable success. That the *Free Press* is positive of success for the scheme is very plain:

"Let the Hudson's Bay," says that journal, "stand on its merits, is our only request of them. A large amount of evidence favorable to it has been collected. That evidence will be submitted to those who will contribute their money for the construction of the road. On it alone they should decide. But we all know how vague is the English information with regard to Canadian affairs. If a section of the Canadian press insists on casting doubts on the feasibility of the Hudson's Bay route, many English capitalists will be influenced thereby without stopping to consider whether the writers know anything about the matter which they assume to discuss."

"We assert positively, and no newspaper in Canada has fuller or more reliable information on the subject than we, that the Hudson's Bay route will be found not only practicable but most profitable. We do not, however, wish to have our opinion taken as worth any more than that of eastern hostiles. All we ask is that capitalists be left to form their own conclusions from the evidence which will be submitted to them. Surely we are entitled to ask that much! Surely we may regard as directly unfriendly prejudicial statements of the Eastern press at the present!"

We are happy to notice this tone of confidence in the *Free Press*. It argues

favorably, though not of course with absolute certitude, for the success of the Hudson's Bay railway. The hope of Canada as a nation rests in the development of the North west. By no other means can that development be as rapidly or as surely secured as by the utilization of her great inland sea as an outlet for her cereals. Old Canada is divided by racial and sectional dissensions to such a degree as to threaten ruin to the Confederation. In the broad land and in the free and bracing atmosphere of the North West, such dissensions cannot thrive. As the rapid development of the American Great West obliterated sectionalism forever by the introduction into the politics of the nation of real and living national issues, so will the development of our Great West do much to face the sinister influence of dividing lines between older provinces. New England and the Carolinas once thought themselves the American republic; they are now but humble entities in the frame work of that mighty structure. Ontario and Quebec to-day rule the Canadian Confederation. Will this be so with a North West developed, peopled and enriched? The *Free Press* can tell us.

In Memoriam.

Very Rev. Dr. Tabaret, O. M. I., President of Ottawa University, died Sunday, Feb. 26th, 1888.

How vain are words when sorrow strikes And hearts are bowed in tear-clouded prayer, When in the sanctuary of the soul We feel the pang of grief cannot share. A Father loving kind, and true, A Priest of great and noble part, A Friend, whose every word of grace Brought sunshine to each troubled heart, He died— and we his orphans mourn As once bereft of tender care. And kneeling with our face to God We bathe our souls in requiem prayer. No more his gentle voice will lead Our steps through walks of kindly light; No more with torch of Faith in hand He'll guide our minds to heavenly height; Omitted! Pastor great! O stateman! strong in honor's way, He was the heart of gifted love That watch'd your future thro' each day.

O fathers, priests, and friends most dear! When lips are sealed we grieve above, When head by head we tell in prayer Our tears ascend to heaven in love. God grant our saintly father rest! His error of the earth be laid by— "He fought the fight, he kept the faith," We pray his soul may dwell on high! Thomas O'Hagan, Pembroke, March 3rd, 1888.

THE LATE FATHER TABARET.

The funeral of the late lamented president of the Ottawa College took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The whole city was in mourning attire, and grief filled every heart. The demonstration was grand and imposing even for the capital city of the Dominion. At 9 a. m. the funeral procession was formed at the College, the following gentlemen acting as pall-bearers: Rev. Fathers Michel, P. P., Buckingham; Bourassa, P. P., Montebello; Collins, P. P., Mount St. Patrick; Chaine, P. P., Ampprior; Foley, P. P., Almonte; George Bouillon, P. P., and Whelan, P. P., Ottawa; Hon. R. W. Scott, Mr. J. J. Curran, M. P., Dr. Duhamel, M. P., Dr. P. St. Jean, Messrs. Wm. Davis and J. A. Pinard. The mournful cortege proceeded along Cumberland and St. Patrick's streets to the Basilica. Three bishops, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Mgr. Grandin of St. Albert, N. W. T., and Mgr. Duhamel, Ottawa, and a vast concourse of clergy representing various houses of the Oblates in Canada and the United States, members of the Jesuit and Dominican orders and of the Sulpician community, priests from the diocese of Montreal, Ottawa, Kingston and the Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac, and a vast multitude of the faithful, assisted at the funeral ceremonies.

Among the prominent laymen present were: Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Secretary of State; Hon. A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia; Hon. John Costigan, Minister of Inland Revenue; Hon. Senators Scott, Trudel, Lacoste, Armand, Poirier and Chaffers; and Messrs. Tasse, Curran, Royal, Vanasse, Daoust, Bourbeau, Duhamel, Bain and Dugas, M. P.'s. The Corporation was represented by Aldermen Desjardins, Durocher, Germain, Lavender and Heney.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface was the celebrant of the Pontifical Requiem Mass in the Basilica, and His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa the preacher of the funeral oration. We are indebted to the Ottawa *Observer* for a summary of this His Lordship's ablest oratorical effort:

"*Amicus noster mortuus est.*" Mgr. Duhamel began, his eyes filling with unbidden tears as he turned from scanning the vast audience to gaze upon the catafalque with its coffin burden. "Our friend is dead; he has fallen asleep in Jesus. He lies there; he is dead. That is what my heart keeps saying to me. We have wept for him for three days, but thank God our tears are not without some consolation. This immense gathering, making these funeral rites almost a triumph, this great gathering of clergy, of senators, of members of parliament, of the people, proves that our grief is universally shared, and that lessens the bitterness of the separation from our friend. He is dead, but he still speaks to our hearts. He had not worked for himself or for earth, but for heaven." The Bishop then proceeded in melting tones, which moved many in the congregation to tears, to trace the religious history of Father Tabaret, showing how he early devoted himself to the service of the church, and kept a high purpose ever before him. His rectitude and fortitude of character were so great that even while he was yet a scholar his advice was often sought upon weighty matters,

and he began to wield a powerful influence for good. Who could fear the effect of personal influence wielded by a man of such nobility of character, a man of such abundant charity. It was in 1850, the preacher said, that young Tabaret came to Canada. He came because Mr. Guigues, the first bishop of Ottawa, himself an Oblate, had asked for workers, and he received the order to go. He made Canada his home, and he ever loved his adopted country, not in words merely but in very truth. He was engaged at first in mission work in the diocese. Then, in 1853, he was appointed to the presidency of the College of Ottawa. The college had been founded by Mgr. Guigues soon after his accession. At first it was a small house, but it soon became too small to hold the crowd of pupils who flocked to it for instruction, and Mgr. Guigues then, despite his poverty and trusting alone in Providence, laid the foundation stones of the present magnificent buildings. From the time of his appointment to the day of his death, Dr. Tabaret had labored without ceasing for his beloved college, with what result they all know. He was a man possessed of extraordinary qualities. As a Christian his piety was grand, true, solid, and not subtle, superficial or variable. He had natural virtues which had made him the idol of his pupils. What love of justice! What impartiality! What large-mindedness! He knew how to rise superior to all prejudice. He understood the condition of his adopted country and what was necessary to its progress. He understood the requirements of youth and his plan of instruction was that of a master-mind. He was faithful to his duty, even to the end. In conclusion the Bishop eloquently bade adieu to him they had loved. Adieu, on behalf of the church of which he had been so true a son. Adieu, on his own behalf as an old pupil and a life-long friend. Adieu, on behalf of the students who had lost so noble an instructor. Adieu, on behalf of the alumni, who owed him so much of their success in life. Adieu, on behalf of that immense throng which had learnt to love and respect him. Adieu—yet not adieu, but *au revoir au ciel!*

After the Bishop's touching and eloquent sermon the procession reformed and proceeded to St. Joseph's Church, where the mortal remains of the beloved and cherished Father Tabaret were laid in their last resting-place beneath the main altar. His Lordship Bishop Grandin presiding at the closing of the tomb. As the last sad notes of the Church funeral song echoed through the grief-stricken aisles of St. Joseph's, many a tear dropped from eyes unshed to weeping, and many a heavy heart turned from a scene that will never fade from memory.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE ARE sorry to learn that the Rev. F. M. Devine, P. P. of Osceola, Ont., has been obliged through ill health to proceed to Florida for the winter. We trust that the reverend gentleman will, in the genial climate of the land of flowers, be blessed with a complete restoration of health.

WE ARE heartily pleased to learn that His Lordship the Bishop of Peterboro' has reached home safe after his voyage to the Eternal City. The fervent prayers of his clergy and people, for the happy return and prosperous voyage of His Lordship, have, we are happy to know, been fully heard.

SOME idea of the savage bigotry prevalent in Newfoundland may be formed from the following judgment of Sir Ambrose Shea, in the *Terra Nova Advocate* of Feb. 23rd: "In fact, so much was he (Sir Ambrose) thought of by the Protestant people of Harbor Grace, that he was consulted upon all matters pertaining to their public and private interest. Nor did his services as a Protestant champion cease here. The Protestant people of other districts of the island often consulted him in their difficulties, and he was raised by them into the position of an advocate for their grievances. In a word, he was so absorbed and engaged in the general interests of the Protestant people of the island, that he was oft apt to forget and ignore his own co-religionists altogether, and which in a manner can account for that unpopularity which he attained during some periods of his political career."

OF THE Rev. Father O'Connell, who has just been celebrating his golden jubilee, the *True Witness* says: "The Rev. Father O'Connell, parish priest of Richmond, in the County of Carleton, Ont., is probably the oldest priest in active service to day in the Dominion of Canada. He was born in the year 1803, in Ireland, where he passed the first twenty-nine years of his life. In 1832 he came to Canada and pursued his classical and theological studies, first at the college in the historic town of Chambly, then at the old St. James Seminary that used to exist in the East End of the city. Four years after his arrival in Montreal he was raised to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lavigerie, the first Bishop of Montreal, on the 29th of February, 1836. Father O'Connell was assigned to the parish church of Notre Dame in this city, and passed ten years in the exercise of his sacerdotal functions. In 1846 he was called to take charge of the mission of Richmond, which covered an immense tract of territory, and which is to-day divided into six large parishes, viz.: Huntley, Ramsey, Almonte, Pakenham, Fitzroy and Nepean. Since 1851 he has been parish priest of Richmond, where he is greatly

esteemed and respected by all classes and creeds. Father O'Connell, besides being a zealous worker in the vineyard of the Lord, is a true and staunch Irishman, and has always stood by the cause of the old land. Notwithstanding the weight of his four score and three years, he is still hale and hearty, with solid prospects of assisting at the birth of the next century. Father O'Connell is at present in the city, and is a guest of the Rev. Father Dowd."

WE HAVE received an opusculum—we are sorry that no more expressive diminutive suggests itself—entitled "Albion and Erin, a voice from the English side of the Irish question, addressed to the Irish National League of America; by Geo. Ambrose McNeil, of New Brunswick, B. N. A." who has, we are told on the fly leaf of the pamphlet, taken up his quarters in this city, (why not? Did not London give hospitality to a Widdows!) and is either an incurable fanatic—loving fanaticism for its own sake, or an office-seeker from the Dominion government. His Orange zeal cannot otherwise be accounted for. His designation, Geo. Ambrose McNeil, New Brunswick, B. N. A., reminds us of a question put to a friend by a New Hampshire visitor to the centennial exposition at Philadelphia, "Do you know Sir William Smith of Canada?" Does any one of our readers in New Brunswick know this Geo. Ambrose McNeil? His designation is certainly very vague. New Brunswick is a large province, with a provincial legislature of its own, with a provincial penitentiary, and many goals and lock-ups. Where does Geo. Ambrose hail from?

THAT VACANT JUDGSHIP.

The Ottawa *Free Press* of the 6th inst states:

"The CATHOLIC RECORD comments upon Mr. Thompson's attempt as minister of justice, to make political capital out of an alleged disaffection on Mr. MacKenzie's part in doing justice to Catholics in the matter of judicial appointments! Our contemporary reminds Mr. Thompson that there is an opportunity for him to appoint a Catholic as successor to Mr. Justice Morrison in the Superior court of Ontario."

The *Free Press* does not notice the special emphasis we laid on the injustice done the Catholics of Ontario under the Reform regime in the matter of judicial appointments. Mr. Thompson has, we repeat, a golden opportunity at his hand to show himself a true Catholic representative.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN LONDON.

St. Patrick's day will be in this city observed in that thoroughly religious spirit so becoming the occasion and the people whose national anniversary it is. At the High Mass, which will be celebrated on the occasion, His Lordship the Bishop of London will, we learn, be the preacher of the sermon. In the evening a grand concert in aid of St. Peter's Cathedral building fund will be given in the Grand Opera. The concert will be under the sole direction of Dr. Verrinder, organist of the cathedral. A perusal of the programme, with which we have been favored, convinces us that it will be the musical festival of the season.

REDEMPTORIST MISSION.

We are pleased to learn that the Redemptorist Fathers, have just held a most successful mission at Cayuga. The Rev. Father Bardou is entitled to the lasting gratitude of his people for affording them the blessings of the retreat. Next week the same Fathers, Miller and Kautz, will conduct a mission at Mount Carmel, the Rev. Father Kelly pastor. This retreat will be followed by one at St. Peter's Church, McGillivray, a mission of the parish of Mount Carmel. We bespeak for the missionaries very marked success in both places.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

FROM ST. JOHN, N. B.

GRAND BALL OF THE IRISH LITERARY AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The ball of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society, which has been the principal topic in social circles for some time, took place in the St. John roller rink Feb. 23rd, and was one of the grandest affairs that has occurred in this city for some time, there being over two hundred couples present. A large and energetic committee have had charge of the arrangements and the success which crowned their efforts cannot but be highly gratifying to them and the other committees, who had charge of the details.

The rink was brilliantly lighted and decorated, and under the gleam of the electric lights the rich dresses, flashing jewelry and pretty faces of the ladies, radiant with delight and satisfaction, made a really dazzling scene. The youth, the beauty and fashion of St. John and the suburbs were there in force, and the gathering was a truly representative one. The toilets were elegant—many were beautiful. White was the most popular color. The dancing space which occupied about seven thousand square feet of the floor, was flagged off, and over it were suspended banners and bannettes, which heightened the effect very materially. At the eastern end of the ball-room was suspended a magnificent silken banner, bearing a harp. At the opposite end these words met the eye: "1866—

I. L. & B. S. Cead Mille Failthe. 1886."

The floor was admirably adapted for dancing purposes and could not have been in better condition. It was nearly nine o'clock when the band struck up the grand march, and Mr. Richard O'Brien, President of the Society and chairman of the general committee, and Mr. John L. Carleton, first Vice-President of the Society and secretary of the committee, took the lead, the former escorting Mrs. James Dever and the latter Miss Teresa Sharkey. Dancing was then begun in earnest, over one hundred and fifty couples occupying the waxen floor.

Among those present were: Solicitor-General and Mrs. Ritchie, J. V. Ellis, M. P. P., Mrs. and Miss Ellis, Count and Countess DeBury, Mrs. and Miss Travies, Mr. W. B. Carrill, Miss Fogarty, the Misses Dever, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Collier, Dr. and Mrs. McAvenny, Mr. James Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. James Gerow, Dr. Silas Alward, Mrs. and Miss J. J. Lawlor, Miss Clara Lawlor, Ald. T. W. Peters, Miss Lantallum, Ald. and Mrs. McDoldrick, Ald. Kelly, Mrs. John Nugent, Miss M. E. Gleeson, Major and the Misses Maher, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McJoffegan, Ald. Quigley and Miss Quigley (Newcastle), Major and Mrs. Devlin, Mr. T. P. Regan, Mr. P. Sharkey and the Misses Sharkey, Mr. Geo. Waterbury, Miss Kate Carleton, Mr. T. L. Bourke, Mrs. P. J. O'Keefe, Miss Cremon, Capt. and Mrs. Cobolan, Miss Millet, Mr. John M. Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, Mrs. J. H. Dooly, Mr. James Morgan and the Misses Morgan, Mr. Daniel Mullin, Miss Minnie McDonald, Mrs. John Allen, Miss Fannie Hayes, Mr. John Patton, Miss Kate Corkery, Miss Flood, Mr. James McCullough, Mrs. Jennie Lynch, Mrs. James Barry, Mrs. D. J. O'Neill, Miss M. A. Gallagher, Mrs. E. Finigan, Miss King, Miss G. Gallagher, Mrs. James Ryan, Mrs. John Keefe, Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald, Mrs. John O'Regan, the managing committee and many others.

All the dances were entered into with zest, and the music of the City Cornet Band was excellent. The Irish reel was perhaps the most exciting. Ten or twelve couples took part in it. Mr. John Keefe, who performed the onerous duties of floor manager, did them well and satisfactorily. He was ably assisted by Messrs. P. J. King, P. Keane, Jas. Ryan, J. W. V. Lawlor, J. H. Dooly and John O'Regan.

The management of the ball was in the hands of a large committee: R. O'Brien, John L. Carleton, P. J. King, J. mes Barry, Robert Coleman, D. J. O'Neill, Edward Lantallum, Francis McCafferty, John Nugent, John Allen, W. E. Scully, M. Gallagher, E. Finigan, Michael Tule, John Flood, J. W. V. Lawlor, J. E. Gallagher, James Ryan, S. Gallivan, John Keefe, J. P. McInerney, M. D., J. H. Dooly, John Lenihan, P. J. O'Keefe, Denis McGrath, Edward Hayes, Jr., J. E. Fitzgerald, John O'Regan, P. Keane, T. Collins. These were divided into various sub-committees, which appeared to have done effective work. The decoration committee are particularly deserving of mention. Their arrangement of the flags and other decorations was very artistic. This committee was composed of Edward Finigan, John H. Dooly, John Flood, M. Gallagher, P. J. King, John L. Carleton, Ald. Lantallum and Francis McCafferty, and they were aided by many members of the Society.

Mayor De Voe, Mayor Chesley, U. S. Consul Murray, Mayor O'Brien, of Boston, and Dr. Farrell, President of the Charitable Irish Society, Halifax, sent letters regretting their inability to attend the ball.—COM.

VICAR-GENERAL LAURENT.

CELEBRATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORIENTATION—HIS BROTHER PRIESTS PRESENT AN ADDRESS—SKETCH OF THE CAREER OF THE RECTOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S.

Very Rev. Vicar-General Laurent, rector of St. Michael's cathedral, yesterday celebrated his silver jubilee, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The day was appropriately observed at St. Michael's, and was one of rejoicing at the palace. In the cathedral parish, and in St. Patrick's church, where Father Laurent labored for many years, he is held in loving regard, and large numbers of his present and former parishioners called to offer him their congratulations. But the Vicar-General is esteemed, not only in his own communion, but by all those outside of it who enjoy his acquaintance, and many of those also expressed their good wishes.

Father Laurent sang high mass in the cathedral at eight o'clock, assisted by Rev. Father Hand as deacon and Rev. Father McCabe as sub-deacon. His Grace the Archbishop assisted at the throne in full pontificals. Many priests and a large congregation were also present. A large choir, among them many from St. Patrick's church, rendered the music effectively. After mass Vicar-General Rooney delivered an address on Father Laurent's labours during the past twenty-five years, and the good work he had achieved in that time. He spoke of Father Laurent's success in organizing St. Patrick's parish and erecting a church, schools and presbytery, of his attention to the sick and dying, his charity to the poor and destitute; and his devotedness to the training and education of the young.

The altar was decorated and illuminated, and the words "Twenty-Five," in gas jets above, proclaimed the jubilee. In the afternoon a dinner was given at St. Michael's palace, at which His Grace the Archbishop, Bishop O'Mahony, Vicars General Rooney and Vincent, of Toronto, Vicar General Heenan, of Hamilton, V. G. Laurent, of Peterboro', Dean O'Connor, of Barrie, Archdeacon Cassidy, of Dixie, and many of the priests of the diocese were present. The dining room was neatly decorated with evergreens and flowers, and appropriate mottoes hung on the walls.

AN ADDRESS PRESENTED

After dinner Archdeacon Cassidy read the following address from the priests of the diocese:—

"To the Very Rev. J. M. Laurent, V. G., St. Michael's Palace, Toronto.

"VERY REV. AND DEAR FATHER—

Your brethren in the sacred ministry and co-labourers in the Archdiocese of Toronto cannot let the twenty-fifth anni-

versary of your ordination pass by without conveying to you their heartfelt felicitations and the expression of their profound respect and esteem. The record of your ministry, nearly all of which was exercised in the city of Toronto, is too well known to need formal repetition here. The grand success of your labours in building up and setting on a solid basis St. Patrick's parish; the magnificent church, schools and presbytery therein erected, all these form a living monument to your untiring zeal and indefatigable energy."

"But a more glorious monument is built up in the hearts of your former parishioners, as evinced by the affection and regard in which they always hold you. In appointing you to take charge of his cathedral and honouring you with the dignity of Vicar-General His Grace the Archbishop has set the mark of his highest approval upon the success of your ministry. Your career in St. Michael's has been marked by a continuation of the same high and noble qualities. The true labourer in God's vineyard feels ever resounding in his heart the words of the inspired writers, 'Lord, I have loved the beauty of Thy house and the place where Thy glory dwelleth.' That you are deeply imbued with this priestly feeling the surroundings of our noble cathedral bear ample testimony. The taste and elegance displayed in the ornamentation of the altars, the beauty of the sacred vestments, the grandeur of the music, the whole ordering and arrangement of the divine service, edify the faithful and call forth the joy of the angels that surround the eternal sacrifice. But if your brethren in the ministry may judge, your crowning glory in your sacred calling is what the apostle has called, 'My daily instance, the solicitude for all the Churches. Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is scandalized, and I am not on fire?' To visit the sick, to comfort the afflicted, to relieve the needy, to recall the sinner to a sense of duty, to reconcile him to his offended God—these noblest exercises of our sacred calling have been your constant care and unceasing endeavours. Whilst Almighty God in His infinite goodness endows you with health and strength, we feel that you will continue thus to be an honour to our sacred profession and a glory to the Archdiocese of Toronto. Rest assured, then, dear Father, of our loving sympathy, rest assured that among those who honour your record unstained, your fidelity to priestly duty, your zeal for God's honour and glory, the foremost are your brethren in the sacred ministry."

The address, which was signed by all the priests present, was beautifully illuminated.

Father Laurent replied in grateful terms to the kind words of the address. He referred to the progress made in the city and diocese since his ordination, and dwelt upon the work of a priest and the objects which they had before them. Short addresses were made by several of the clergy men present.

FATHER LAURENT'S CAREER.

Father Laurent was born and educated in France, and came to Canada towards the close of Bishop de Charbonnel's occupancy of the See of Toronto. He was ordained by Archbishop Lynch on March 3rd, 1861, and ministered for a few years at St. Michael's cathedral. He was then appointed to St. Patrick's church, where he remained for fourteen years as parish priest. Mainly through his exertions the edifice, which had been burned down previous to his appointment, was rebuilt, and a presbytery and school house erected. In 1881 he was promoted to the rectory of the cathedral parish, having the office of vicar-general conferred upon him at the same time. For some time prior to that date he had been vicar-general for Bishop Junot, of Peterboro'. Father Laurent has thus spent the entire period of his ministry in Toronto. As a musician Father Laurent occupies a foremost place, having received a thorough training in Paris. For years he was conductor of the St. Cecilia Choral Society, and the present efficiency of the cathedral choir is due to his direction. He has been a member of the Separate School Board for twenty-three years, and for twenty years has occupied a place on the trustee board of the House of Industry. Notwithstanding the severe labours of his office he enjoys vigorous health, and has apparently many years of usefulness. That such may be the case is the wish of his many friends of all creeds.—*Mail, March 4.*

Correspondence of the Record.

FROM CAYUGA.

MISSION IN ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

On Saturday, 13th of February, Father Miller and Father Kautz, O. S. S. R., after having given a very successful mission in Ingersoll, arrived at Cayuga, where, on Sunday morning, 14th of February, they opened the Mission and Jubilee Exercises, and brought them to a close on Tuesday, the 23rd. During those ten days, morning and evening, the Redemptorist Fathers preached to full congregations in plain, forcible, and very feeling language. The interest manifested by the members of St. Stephen's Church was indeed great and truly edifying. Their constant attendance, in spite of some very stormy weather, showed how eager they were to avail themselves of the ministrations of the Missionary Fathers. The result proved most gratifying to the good Fathers, the Pastor and the people; for of a congregation, consisting of nearly 500 souls, there were 352 communions, and 50 children made their confession.

On Sunday, the 28th, the Fathers opened the jubilee mission in St. Ann's, Walpole, and closed it on the following Thursday evening. There, as at Cayuga, the attendance was large, and 152 adults received communion and 15 children went to confession.

Catholic Review.

Says the Independent: "The readiness of the people to go and hear such men as Moody and Small—different as they are—suggests the great failure of our Churches ordinarily to find the common people. It is an old question, Why does not the Church reach the masses?" The answer is very plain and simple: Because they have not the Mass to begin with.