

## His Excellency at Loretto Abbey.

The visit of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen to Loretto Abbey on Saturday last, deserves more than a mere journalistic record. On the part of the good Sisters in charge and the young ladies who took part nothing was wanting. The entertainment was in perfect taste, both as to quantity and quality. Everything, down to the Gordon sock worn by the pupils, bespoke refinement and delicacy, which, as the Governor-General said himself, "went straight to the heart." A raised dais was placed in front of the stage, where his Grace the Archbishop presided, having on his right the Earl of Aberdeen and on his left the Countess. The Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick also occupied a place upon the dais. As soon as all had taken their seats his Grace the Archbishop rose and in his most happy way welcomed their Excellencies to the Abbey, and explained to them the character of the education which the young people received in the institution—an education which, while it was primarily religious in its character, fitted them out for the social duties of life. At the conclusion of his Grace's remarks the following address was read by Miss Rainey of Memphis:

May it please your Excellency:—What joy quickens our hearts, what feelings animate us as we welcome to Loretto Abbey her Majesty's representative, the Earl of Aberdeen, and his gracious Countess.

The greetings extended to your Excellencies from all parts of the Dominion plainly illustrate that "heretofore fortune has showed herself more kind than is her wont."

The fame of your noble deeds has preceded your Excellency into every city, great and small, telling us of a father who would interest himself in his children, of a patron who would encourage young aspirants to laudable pursuits, or a guide who would lead us onward by example as well as precept, of a wise Governor, whose heart would be in his country. It whispered, also, of a generous patroness, whose innumerable deeds of mercy have won for her a place in the hearts of all.

Such harbingers as these fill us with joyful anticipations and render our welcome all the more cordial.

We greet you in the name of "Bonnie Scotland," in the sweet freedom of her heath covered mountains, for we love that land of song and minstrelsy.

We greet you in the name of that Emerald Isle, whose harp still pleads in plaintive tones the sacred cause of liberty.

And, lastly, we greet you in the name of our fair and vast Dominion, whose lakes expand and whose mighty cataracts leap into wild exultation of untrammelled joy.

We beg your Excellencies to accept our earnest wish that your sojourn amongst us may be fraught with boundless happiness to yourselves and untold blessings to the nation.

As loyal subjects and ardent admirers of your Excellencies, we claim the privilege of asking that among the pleasing reminiscences of your Canadian home may be your honored visit to

THE PUPILS OF LORETTO ABBEY.

His Excellency replied with feeling, and expressed how deeply touched he was by the very kind words of the address, which made him feel at home. He was glad to hear from his Grace of the great work which was being done within the Abbey walls in the matter of education, and more particularly in religious education, so necessary to every one. He concluded by saying that he and the Countess would have in the beautiful illustrated address a lasting souvenir of their visit, and he hoped that the pupils would also have a pleasing remembrance of it in the holiday which he was most happy to give them.

The following programme was rendered: Scotch song, by Miss Dodge; Recitation—"The Raising of Jairus' Daughter," by Miss MacMahon of St. Catharines, Miss Shea of Hamilton and Miss Slavin of Orillia; Piano solo, by Miss Guttin of Owen Sound; and an Ode to St. Cecilia, in which the Soloists were Miss Hawley of Toronto and Miss Shea, and the chorus was made up of the pupils of

the school, led by Prof. Torrington and an orchestra.

At the conclusion his Excellency thanked the young ladies for the entertainment, and closed by promising to present a gold medal every year to the most proficient pupil of Loretto Abbey. The party thereupon visited the studio, where the pictures and the exquisite needle work were inspected, and attracted the admiration of the distinguished visitors. His Excellency's children, Lady Marjory and Hon. Archie Gordon, were interested spectators of all the proceedings.

Besides a number of the laity the following clergymen were present—Vicar General McCann, Fathers Ryan, Teefy, O.S.B., J. Walsh, Secretary, Grogan, O.S.S.R., Hogan, O.S.S.R., DuMouchel, O.S.B., Coyle and O'Malley.

## Confirmation at St. Joseph's.

On Sunday last his Grace the Archbishop administered the sacred rite of Confirmation to eighty-six candidates at St. Joseph's Church. Immediately after High Mass, which was sung by Rev. Father Teefy, Superior of St. Michael's College, the Rev. Father Ryan preached a very practical sermon upon the Gospel of the day. The eloquent preacher explaining the raising of Jairus' daughter and the withdrawal of the players applied it most appropriately to the care parents should have over their children, and that no resurrection can take place as long as evil companions and occasions of sin are near at hand. He exhorted the fathers and mothers to rejoice upon that day, which was a day of joy to them, to their children, their pastor, and especially their chief pastor, who was about to bestow upon them the Spirit of God.

After his Grace administered the Sacrament he addressed, in most earnest, paternal language, children and grown people, upon the grave duties all were under of serving and loving God, of living for the truth of Christ, of leading good and holy lives. Fidelity to God's laws and those of His Church, attendance at good Catholic schools, sobriety, industry—these alone can secure such results. The Archbishop closed by making the Confirmands promise to be faithful to prayer, and by administering the pledge to them all until they were twenty-one.

Now that St. Joseph's Church has gas, and some stained windows, it presents a very fine appearance. Both pastor and people are to be congratulated on the improvements made.

## Father Ryan Scores Divorce.

The *Star* of Monday says: Continuing his course of learned lectures on social topics to a crowded audience in St. Michael's Cathedral, Father Ryan discoursed last evening on the subject of Divorce. He said, among other things:

Christian marriage is the social sacrament that sanctifies Christian society at its source. Divorce is the social danger of the day. It degrades marriage, destroys the home, and threatens to ruin modern society as it ruined ancient society in Greece and Rome.

Divorce is two-fold—partial and complete. Partial divorce is called by jurists separation "from bed and board," the marriage tie remaining in fact. Complete or absolute divorce is separation, a vinculo, a total severance of the marriage bond with freedom and implied legal permission to marry again. The Catholic church teaches that partial separation may be permitted and rendered legal, for grave and sufficient reasons, the marriage bond remaining in fact.

Complete or absolute divorce, the same church teaches, is never lawful nor valid. It is directly opposed to the perfection of marriage, and to the positive law of God. It is written: "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder." The marriage contract, once complete and consummated, can never be dissolved, for any cause, by any human power. All laws granting absolute divorce are null and void, by whomsoever made; and all marriages contracted in virtue of such laws are only legalized concubinage. Even the advocates of divorce laws have to admit what the infidel Gibbon said of similar laws in pagan Rome, that they create the very evils they are

meant to cure, and increase those evils to the destruction of society.

A leading Protestant writer in the *Methodist Review* for April, says, "I know it as we will, or apologize for it as we may, legal divorce is a shame of Government by which it deliberately allies itself with the infirmities, passions and vices of human nature for the destruction of the divine institution of the family. To destroy marriage (by divorce), is to sweep away the foundations of the State."

The Protestant writer, Von Mueller, says, "If the Popes of Rome could hold up no other merit than that which they gained by protecting the marriage bond against the brutal lusts of those in power, notwithstanding bribes, threats and persecution, that alone would render them immortal for all future ages."

The "Court of Honor" was one of the most beautiful buildings in the white city of Chicago, that is not so white, there is a building that is not beautiful. It is the court of dishonor, the court of social danger, the Divorce Court, where Christian marriage is degraded and family life destroyed.

Thank God there is no such court in this Canada of ours, where every Christian home conforming to nature's law and God's command should be a court of honor, preserved by piety, purity, fortitude, and temperance from even a partial severance of the marriage tie.

## Rosa d'Erina at Alliston.

Under the auspices of the ladies of St. Paul's Choir, Alliston, Rosa d'Erina gave one of her delightful musical evenings last Thursday before a large and highly appreciative audience. The versatility displayed by this lady in her music illustrations of many lands stamps her as an artist of the first order; while her rendition of the songs of her native land are filled with the pathos and humor characteristic of the bards of Ireland. In the duet with Prof. Vantom, "Misa di Acerbe," she scored a great success, eliciting round after round of applause.

Though many years before the public Mme. Rosa d'Erina has a wonderfully preserved voice of great compass and rare sweetness. In her accompaniments, what she plays herself, as well as in her organ selection, she displays a magnificent technique and brilliancy of execution.

Prof. Vantom, who appears with Mme. Rosa, is a host in himself, possessed of a sweet, fresh tenor voice, which he controls to the best advantage, while as a humorist he is refined and highly amusing.—SOL FA.

Mme. Rosa d'Erina also held an entertainment at Peterborough on Oct. 20th, where she was well received. Both the *Daily Examiner* and the *Evening Review* speak in very high terms of her vocal talent, which has not lost any of its power since her last appearance several years ago. The prima donna lectured upon the music of many lands; and each national reference is illustrated by a selection given either by herself or her husband, Prof. Vantom. The *Daily Examiner* says: "Her entire programme was sterling in its character, sparkling in its range and variety, and exquisite in its rendition."

We hope that when Mme. Rosa d'Erina appears in the Auditorium on Monday evening, Nov. 13th, she will receive the welcome and encouragement upon which her talent and reputation base their strong claim.

## League of the Cross.

The regular weekly meeting of St. Paul's Sodality of the above League was held on Sunday afternoon last. The President, Mr. Geo. Duffy, occupied the chair; and as usual there was a full attendance of members, the hall being crowded to the doors.

The total abstinence pledge was administered to six young men by the Rev. Father Hand, who, though pressed for time owing to other duties, expressed his pleasure at seeing the constant accession of new members to the ranks of the Sodality, counselled the members on their duties, and urged them to continue in the good work.

The Rev. Dr. Tracy of St. Paul's also delivered an instructive address, explaining to the members the many causes of intemperance and the best way to draw men from the evil habit.

The members of the League will receive Holy Communion in a body at St. Paul's at 8 o'clock Mass on next Sunday morning, and in the evening, the quarterly Sermon to the League will be delivered at the same place, when the members who have joined during the last three months will be formally received into the Sodality and invested with their medals.

## Inactivity of the Stomach.

Persons having impoverished blood or suffering from enervation of the vital functions, or of inactivity of the stomach, or of pallor and debility, should use Almoxia wine, which contains natural Salts of Iron. See analysis of Professor Hays. Glanelli & Co., 16 King street west, Toronto, sole agents for Canada. Sold by all druggists.

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## HOME RULE!

The undersigned has the honor to announce that he has now in press, and will shortly have published, a verbatim report of the speeches delivered on the occasion of the first and second readings of the Home Rule measure now before the

## ENGLISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

The collection embraces the speeches of Gladstone, Clark, Sexton, Saunderson, Balfour, Bryce, Collings, Redmond, Russell, Labouchere, Chamberlain, Blake, Hicks-Beach, McCarthy, Davitt Morley, &c., &c., furnished by a first-class stenographer employed on the spot; and as they are the reproduction in book form of controversies that are destined to become of historic interest, the undersigned relies on his friends and on the reading public for their patronage. A further announcement later on.

## P. MUNGOVEN.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Old Post Office Property, at Hamilton," will be received at this office until Wednesday, the 15th day of November, 1893 for the purchase of the old Post Office property, on James Street, Hamilton, Ont.

The property can be viewed on application to Mr. Hornby, caretaker of the new Post Office. The reserved price is \$14,000.00; no offer less than this will be considered.

An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works for \$1,000.00, must accompany each tender as a guarantee of good faith. The department does not bind itself to accept any tender.

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Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 17th October, 1893.

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