

instrument of the Orange abomination that has so long afflicted Ireland, and is to-day Canada's greatest curse. We know that in the fearless discharge of our duty we have incurred enemies. The *Catholic* gladly opens its columns to every assault that savages malignity can pen against us, but these assaults and these writers can do us naught of evil with the same population of the country. For any other portion of the people we care not, and we do tell the *Catholic* that all its assaults, whether coming from a Papist, a fanatic scribbler, or a political vagabond, will never silence us when silence would be a dereliction of duty.

WORDS OF HOPE.

On Monday, August 30th, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, says the *Freeman's Journal*, presented with an address by the clergy and people of Finglas and St. Margaret's, on the occasion of his first visit to the parish. Though the visit was of a purely ecclesiastical character, simply connected with the duty of administering confirmation, all the roads, says the Irish metropolitan journal, leading to Finglas and St. Margaret's, were spanned at intervals with triumphal arches and mottoes of welcome. "Welcome to our Great Archbishop," "God bless our best friend," and such words were inscribed on many banners, and the political sentiments of the people found expression in the inscriptions, "Parnell and Gladstone," "Home Rule," etc.

After confirmation a public meeting took place at which His Grace delivered a very remarkable—even for him—public speech. He was hopeful of Ireland's future, and giving his audience much good counsel inspired them with the same cheerful view of the outlook taken by himself. One paragraph of His Grace's discourse is especially worthy note and attention, not alone for Irish but for all Catholics:

"Let me tell you, your cause is as thoroughly understood and as warmly blessed by our Sovereign Pontiff in Rome, as it is here by me in Dublin; or as it is in Armagh, or in Tullamore, or as it is in Cashel, by the great Archbishop of the South (cheers), to whom we are all proud to look up as the foremost, the ablest, and the most courageous champion of the cause of justice for the poor. I can give you a proof of it. This very morning I had the pleasure of reading in one of the Roman newspapers, the *Moniteur de Rome*, a paper which, it is no secret, enjoys the personal confidence of the Holy Father himself—I had the pleasure of reading in it a long article in praise of the Irish people for their bearing in the constitutional struggle through which we are passing, and which, please God, we shall soon see closed in a glorious victory. And what were the closing words which summed up the conclusion to which the writer of this article arrived? They were these:—That the Irish people were destined to win; and that for their complete and speedy triumph nothing more was wanting now than that they should keep to their present line, marching to victory under the skilful leadership of those two great men whose names, though one of them is an Englishman, have secured for themselves an undying remembrance in the grateful memory of our grateful people—the great English Minister, William Ewart Gladstone, (cheers), and the great Irish leader, Charles Stewart Parnell (loud and prolonged cheers)."

His Grace then gave his people a few parting words of good counsel that may be taken to heart by Irishmen everywhere. "Keep," said he, "keep then in those paths of justice, and I will promise you that before the day comes round when the next episcopal visitation is made in this parish of St. Margaret's, if you are good enough to present me with another address, it will be my privilege then to address you, not in words of encouragement or of hope, but in words of triumphant congratulation, that by persevering to the end in the path in which your leaders now direct you to advance, you will have closed the long struggle of seven hundred years in a glorious and a lasting, because a peaceful, victory."

With the Eastern question re-opened, Scotland and Wales almost unanimous for Home Rule, and Ireland determined on it, with the democracy in England clamoring for just and pressing reforms, and an aristocracy perishing of its own corruption, Britain cannot long successfully resist the just demands of the Irish nation. Resistance in fact means ruin.

BISHOP MCINTYRE.

The *North Western Review* informs us that Winnipeg has been lately favored by a visit from the Right Rev. Bishop McIntyre, of Charlottetown. P. E. I., accompanied by two of his priests, Rev. Father J. E. Macdonald, of Charlottetown, and Rev. Father Gillies, of East Point. The distinguished party visited His Grace of St. Boniface and found many old friends, from the Island down by the sea, in the Capital of the North-West.

"We were much pleased," adds the *Review*, "to see the venerable prelate in such excellent health and spirits, and although he has passed the allotted term, three score years and ten, he appears to be good for a score more of useful and active years of life. He is descended from an ancestry remarkable for longevity; his parents came to P. E. I. from Inverness, Scot-

land, about one hundred years ago, and he is a native of that province. He was consecrated bishop twenty-five years ago, and was for five years a schoolmate of our own revered Archbishop."

Bishop McIntyre and party will, before returning, visit the Pacific Coast, with all the points of interest in British Columbia, Oregon and California.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We respectfully direct the attention of the clergy of the diocese to the circular of His Lordship the Bishop of London, published in another column, in reference to the devotion of the Holy Rosary during the month of October.

We heartily compliment the Ottawa *Free Press* on its singularly able rejoinder to Dr. Kane's rant and bombast. The Ottawa journal puts the case of the Irish people in as succinct and convincing a manner as we have ever seen it presented in the necessarily limited scope of a newspaper article.

The Holy Father, eager to appease the difficulties that had arisen concerning the appointment of a nuncio to China, has decided to send Mgr. Agliardi as Envoy Extraordinary to the court of Peking, with the title of Legate. Mgr. Agliardi will then give careful consideration to the best means of reconciling the independent action of the Papal representative in China, with the exercise of the French protectorate.

WE beg to offer our hearty congratulations to the Very Rev. Father John S. O'Connor, P. P., and Dean of the diocese of Kingston, on the honor recently done him by His Lordship the Bishop of Kingston, in conferring on him the latter title. Long and constant service as well as exalted merit were Father O'Connor's claims to the honor bestowed on him by his venerable Bishop.

FROM Ottawa we learn that the Right Rev. Joseph Thomas Duhamel, recently raised to the dignity of first archbishop of Ottawa, the Canadian Capital, has just been forwarded a private document from the Holy See, calling upon him to proceed at once to the Eternal City, to hold a consultation with the Holy Father regarding the future division of the archdiocese. A suffragan bishop will likely be appointed. His Grace, who is not much over his fortieth year, will sail for Rome, accompanied by his private secretary, at the latter end of the present month.

The "loyalist" delegates met with a sudden and severe rebuff at Kingston on the evening of the 25th, when they had, as usual, unbundled themselves of much no-Popery rubbish. A resolution was, says the despatch, offered sympathizing with the minority in Ireland in their struggles "against the mischievous violence of the Parnellites and other disloyal factions." W. Robinson, ex M. P. P., presented a resolution recommending that the British Parliament grant to Ireland the same extent of self-government as Canada enjoyed. A scene followed. Cheers, hisses and loud talking followed, and then the lie regarding the business of the delegates was hurled across the platform. Kane and Smith were called firebrands, and cheers for Parnell were given. Robinson told Kane that he was mistaken if he thought he could change the views of Canadian members of Parliament by his speeches. The chairman, of course, declared Mr. Robinson's motion lost, but the sound sense of the vast majority of Kingston's citizens endorsed that gentleman's motion.

THE VACANT SENATORSHIPS.

London, Sept. 27, 1886.
To the Editor of the *Catholic Record*.

DEAR SIR,—The following is going the rounds:—"It is rumored that Messrs. E. Curney, of Toronto; Alex. Johnston, of London; and W. E. Sanford, of Hamilton, prominent members of the recent Methodist Conference, are soon to be appointed to the Dominion Senate."

Now, sir, we have no objection to the proposed appointment of our respected fellow-citizen, Mr. A. Johnston, and, indeed, we would be well satisfied with his appointment. But is it not coming a little too strong to foist three Methodists on us at once? We might be able to endure a couple, but when it comes to three, it is too much of the good thing.

There is a general impression that Toronto gets everything, and the appointment of a Toronto man to the Senate seems to favor this view. For what right has Toronto to a new Senator, when that city has already more representatives in the Senate than it is entitled to? On the other hand there has been no such appointment from this section of the country for many years. I think I voice the sentiments of my co-religionists when I say that if a Catholic what right has he to be appointed, at least some man in this section should be appointed who would be as acceptable to us as, I am sure, Mr. Johnston will be.

Yours truly,
CATHOLICS.

Slander is the forerunner of murder. To destroy character fits a man to take life. The Jesuits have written 2,207 works in honor of the Mother of God.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.
THE BISHOP OF KINGSTON IN GLENGARRY.

THE PEOPLE OF ALEXANDRIA ALSO PROTEST AGAINST THE REMOVED SEPARATION FROM THE DIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

On Saturday His Lordship the Bishop drove from St. Margaret's to Alexandria, in company with the Very Reverend Pastor, and the Rev. W. Macdonell, and Rev. T. Kelly, secretary. The drive was agreeable and the weather favorable. A few miles from Alexandria a great number of the parishioners had gathered to accompany the Bishop into the village in procession. The Bishop paid a visit to the church, and inspected its interior, which is fully furnished with altars, pews, confessionals, pulpit and all the requisites for carrying out the ritual of the church's beautiful liturgy. His Lordship celebrated mass at an early hour on Sunday morning, and assisted at the parochial mass at 10.30, which was celebrated by the Rev. Father Kelly. On the right of the Bishop the pastor was seated, and on his left the Rev. John Twohey, the new pastor of Lechiel parish. Rev. Father Duffus of St. Raphael's also occupied a place in the sanctuary. Immediately after the mass the Bishop vested in full pontificals, and standing on the altar-steps, received an address of welcome, which was read by Mr. Duncan A. Macdonald, of Alexandria, in the name of the congregation. The members of the church committee stood around Mr. Macdonald within the sanctuary, close by His Lordship, during the reading of the beautiful address, which was as follows:

MAX TR. PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:—On behalf of the congregation of St. Finnan's Church, we have the honor and pleasure to approach Your Lordship to tender you a most cordial welcome.

Your occasional visits, words of encouragement and zealous vigilance over our most cherished interests have endeared Your Lordship personally to us, and have established a claim upon our gratitude which entitle you to the warmest reception from us whenever it may please Your Lordship to honor us with your revered presence.

The object which brings Your Lordship amongst us to-day is, in a special manner, pleasing to us, for we understand that you intend conferring a high ecclesiastical honor and dignity on our esteemed pastor, the Rev. Father Macdonell. This is exceedingly gratifying to us, for we regard in this action a mark of Your Lordship's confidence in him, and of your recognition of his personal merits. We also are pleased to believe that, whilst this honor which Your Lordship is pleased to confer on our worthy pastor is personally to him, Your Lordship intends it also as an honorary compliment to the eastern portion of your diocese and for these of the missionary district of Alexandria particularly, and to show your warm appreciation of them.

Nearly a century ago our forefathers, a body of Scotch Catholics, with their pastor, the Rev. Alexander Macdonell, of Scotch House, a young and patriotic priest, at their head, quitted their native hills and glens in Scotland seeking to better their condition in the new world, carrying with them the traditions of their race, their lively faith and strong attachment to mother Church. Thus the faith was first planted in the virgin soil of Eastern Ontario. The work commenced by them, in the midst of untold difficulties and privations, was vigorously prosecuted and more thoroughly established by your illustrious predecessor, the Rt. Rev. and Hon. Alexander Macdonell, pioneer and first Bishop of Upper Canada, founder of the See of Kingston, which Your Lordship now fills with distinguished ability and rare gifts for the promotion of religion in your diocese. It is thus the glory of the Scotch people of Glengarry to have opened the way for Catholic progress through the vast regions of Canada West, to have seen our old country pastor, and the guide of our fathers' pilgrimage made first Bishop of the whole Canadian territory west of the Province of Quebec, and to find our race and our name and our spiritual destiny linked, as we hope, inseparably with the See of Kingston through the elevation of our father and pastor to the episcopate in that glorious mother-church of the churches in Ontario, the fruit of an illustrious line of hierarchs.

We are happy, my Lord, to have your Lordship with us on so important a mission on this auspicious day, and we trust that your labors on our behalf will not be in vain, and that the words of truth and wisdom which you are wont to address to us with much eloquence will bring forth fruit a hundred fold. For we beg to assure Your Lordship that the faith of our forefathers continues to burn with undimmed lustre on our hearts, and we most ardently desire to transmit the same without stain or defect to our children.

We recognize in Your Lordship the worthy successor of our distinguished kinsman, and spiritual father, the late Bishop Macdonell, of happy memory, in the See of Kingston, the traditions, associations and reminiscences of which episcopal see are dear to us, and we avail ourselves of the present opportunity to renew the expression of our hope and our most earnest desire, that the bond of ecclesiastical union subsisting between Kingston and Glengarry, the cradle of religion in Ontario, shall never be broken.

Among the blessings Your Lordship from time to time has bestowed upon us, it is to be numbered the sacrament of Confirmation. We are pleased to know your Lordship intends to administer that sacred rite on the present occasion to our children, to enable them to fight against evil, and to grow in virtue.

Again greeting Your Lordship with a *Cad Mille Faoille*, thanking you for all the honor for the honor to be conferred upon our pastor, the Rev. Father Macdonell, and upon our parish, and wishing you health and happiness, and offering you the homage of our dutiful submission, as members of your numerous flock, we beg to subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the congregation, Your Lordship's humble and obedient children.

Signed,
DONALD M. McMILLAN, (Senator)
DUNCAN A. MACDONALD,
A. B. CAMPBELL,
ANGUS MACDONALD.

The Bishop, taking his seat, began his reply by expressing his great satisfaction with the beautiful new church of Alexandria, which, now, in full completion, external and internal, stood a monument of the people's great Catholic faith, credit to them, and the earnest and ardent desire of the town of Alexandria. Contemplating this noble temple, no one could withhold admiration of its beauty and grace and full equipment in all things necessary for divine worship, and it was a great happiness for him (the Bishop) to congratulate the congregation of Alexandria on the striking grandeur of their new sacred edifice. As they had anticipated, however, in their appropriate address, a very agreeable and a very important duty was the occasion of his visit to Alexandria at this time. He came to bestow a high honor and official dignity upon their excellent pastor, the Rev. Alexander Macdonell, who to-day he created his Vicar General, and received his oath of office. This was the highest honor it was in his power to confer, whereby Father Macdonell was made his own representative throughout the entire diocese, and bestowed on him officially a partnership of the same powers as he himself possessed in the administration of the affairs of the diocese, judicial and executive, taking Father Macdonell into his counsel as his adviser, in the things pertaining to the good order of the diocese, and to the maintenance of ecclesiastical discipline.

In conferring this important and high official character upon the pastor of Alexandria, the bishop said he meant first of all to pay respect to the clerical virtue and demeanor of Father Macdonell himself. His priestly perfection of life and self-sacrificing devotion to his people had won for the pastor of Alexandria the good opinion of the Bishop of Kingston, and the universal respect of his fellow-priests throughout the diocese, and therefore the bishop determined to mark this manifestation of the high spirit of the priesthood with the fullest approbation, as a reward to Father Macdonell, and as an encouragement to other and younger priests to pursue and practice the same excellence of sacerdotal virtue.

But not alone was the elevation of Father Macdonell to the dignity of Vicar-General meant by him (the bishop) to be a personal honor; it was moreover intended to be an honor and reward to the people of Alexandria for their noble faith, and their zeal for God's honor, and devotion to the Church and her chief pastors. Furthermore, the Bishop meant this high position and most sacred office given to day to their revered pastor to be his (the bishop's) act of recognition of the faith and piety of the people of the whole county of Glengarry, who had entitled themselves always to his good opinion, giving him pleasure ever since the first day he set foot among them, and winning for themselves by their steadfast Catholic devotion and spirit the same applause from every one of his predecessors in the See of Kingston. Every Bishop of Kingston felt pleasure in visiting Glengarry. They were all eagerly welcomed by the good Scotch people, who preserved well and faithfully and unswerving the ancient glorious traditions of their holy faith. For himself he always and everywhere proclaims his gladness at his visits to Glengarry and the gratification afforded him by their docility and cheerful submission to all his regulations. The two beautiful new churches in the county, St. John and St. Margaret's, projected and planned under his direction and raised up by the free bounty of the people and the energy of their respective pastors in the four years, would be an everlasting monument of their practical faith, and their effective will to obey cheerfully and fully the Bishop's behests.

His Lordship concluded by imparting his episcopal benediction, which brought the interesting proceedings to a close. On Tuesday the Bishop administered confirmation to 217 children, and on Wednesday left Alexandria for Perth.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

THE BISHOP OF KINGSTON IN PERTH.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE VERY REV. DEAN OF PERTH.

On Wednesday His Lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Kingston, took leave of the Bishop of Glengarry, after a most important and memorable visit, and set out for Perth, where he arrived on Wednesday afternoon. The pastor and his assistant were at the depot to receive the Bishop, who proceeded immediately to the presbytery, accompanied by his secretary. The following morning at 10.30 His Lordship, accompanied by the Very Rev. Dean Gauthier, Brockville; the Rev. M. J. Stanton, Smith's Falls; the Rev. M. J. O'Donoghue, Carleton Place; and Rev. T. Kelly, proceeded to the church, which is undergoing important repairs, and assisted at the Holy Sacrifice offered by the Rev. T. P. O'Connor. A very large congregation was present, although the notice given them of the Bishop's visit was unavoidably short.

After Mass, the Bishop assumed his vestments, and took his seat upon the platform of the altar. Father O'Connor gave intimation to His Lordship of the people's intention of presenting an address, which the Bishop signified his great pleasure and willingness to receive. Whereupon, Mr. Geo. A. Consett, accompanied by Mr. John O'Brien and Mr. William Farrell, approached, and Mr. Consett, in the name of the congregation, read the following address:—

To the Most Reverend James Vincent Cleary, S. T. D., Lord Bishop of Kingston, Ont.
MAX TR. PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP:—On behalf of all your spiritual children in this old missionary district of Perth, County of South Lanark, we beg leave to approach Your Lordship in order to bid you a hearty welcome to our midst. We are always glad to greet the presence of our Chief Pastor amongst us, but especially do we rejoice on the present occasion, therat, when Your Lordship comes for the special purpose, we learn, of conferring a high clerical dignity upon our respected Pastor—the Reverend John Stephen O'Connor; and at the same time of restoring Perth mission to the hon-

orable position it formerly occupied in this Diocese of Kingston, during the life of your late illustrious predecessor, Most Rev. Dr. Horan.

Permit me, my Lord, if, while tendering you our profound gratitude for the signal honor you now propose to confer upon both the Pastor and people of Perth, we venture to express the belief that this mission is not altogether unworthy of the consideration your Lordship is now about to bestow upon it, as a historical fact that caused its erection into a missionary district by the Rt. Rev. and Honorable Alexander Macdonell, first Bishop in Upper Canada, in the year 1823, Perth mission alone has given no less a number than ten priests to labor in their native Diocese of Kingston.

But, my Lord, we will not longer detain you from your duties at this moment, by the recital of other claims which we think Perth mission might fairly prefer to your Lordship's kindly sympathies on this occasion.

We shall only add our hope that the extensive improvements now being made both on the exterior and interior of our noble parish church, will meet with your full approbation, especially as they have been undertaken under God's blessing and in accordance with the engagements offered from this sacred place by Your Lordship some twelve months ago.

Ere we conclude this unavoidably brief and hurried address, owing to the short time at our command for its preparation, permit us, my Lord, to voice the heartfelt prayer of us all, pastor and people, that Divine Providence may grant you a long and prosperous reign over this venerable diocese, the fruitful parent of the present Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario; and furthermore, to express our firm conviction that when, in the fulness of time, your lordship shall have "finished your course" here below, you will immediately thereafter receive a crown of righteousness in heaven above.

We remain, my Lord, your obedient children in Christ, and humbly crave your benediction upon us all.

On behalf of the Parishioners all,
WM. O'BRIEN,
WILLIAM FARRELL,
Geo. A. CONSETT.

BISHOP'S REPLY.

His Lordship thanked the congregation for the kindly sentiments and Catholic spirit of their beautiful address, read in their name by Mr. Consett, and presented by him and the gentlemen who accompanied him on behalf of the good faithful people of this old mission of Perth. The Bishop explained that his gratification at receiving these marks of respect from the various congregations of the diocese, as he moved among them in the discharge of the functions of his pastoral office, arises not from personal considerations, but from their faith in the sacredness of his Episcopal character, as their chief Pastor charged with the responsibility of protecting and nourishing and strengthening their faith and piety, and all Christian virtues. The Bishop commended the congregation for their pious demeanor in the church, and their strict observance of the rules he had recently laid down for his clergy to be enforced uniformly by them upon the laity in all the missions of his diocese, respecting the manner of assisting at the celebration of the holy mysteries. He was pleased to see these rules now observed wheresoever he goes. This uniformity of public worship, in accordance with the ancient and venerable usages of the Catholic Church, is conducive to piety and mutual edification, and, moreover, is an evidence to unbelievers, who sometimes assist at the sacred ceremonies in our churches, that we really believe in the personal presence of our Redeemer and our God, St. Paul, in one of his epistles to the Corinthians, refers to it as a powerful help to attract unbelievers to the true faith.

He next referred to the principal purpose of his visit, namely, the installation of his pastor, the Rev. John S. O'Connor, as Rural Dean of the district that shall henceforth constitute the Vicariate of Perth. He stated that since his arrival in the diocese of Kingston he regarded the organization of his clergy as imperfect because of the absence of official gradation in the ministry. It was not convenient that the priests of the diocese should be on the same level, without any distinction of title, or superior official position to mark the difference between them in the order of their sacred profession. In the legal, the medical, the military, the political and all other professions, certain numbers were distinguished before their fellows and distinguished by official grades and titles that served to denote the estimation in which they should be held for ability and meritorious service, and uprightness of professional life. These distinctions are always held in honor, and are an object of laudable ambition, and they supply an impulse to virtuous minds for more eager pursuit of good works and perseverance in a praiseworthy career. So also it should be among ecclesiastics; and so the Church ordains her grades in the ministry, whosoever she has the means of organizing them after her own fashion. In this spirit, he (the Bishop) had determined to constitute four Vicariates in his diocese and assign their charge to four dignitaries, two of whom, namely, the pastors of Belleville and Alexandria, should be his Vicars-General, holding jurisdiction throughout the entire diocese, with special charge over the eastern and western Vicariates respectively; the pastors of Brockville and Perth, should be his vicars, forane Rural Deans, holding authority throughout the intermediate districts assigned to them. This organization of the diocese of Kingston will contribute much to the facility of administration, and the strengthening of the ties of union between the missions everywhere and the Bishop, and thus will serve to consolidate the diocese and maintain good order.

Perth, he said, was a convenient centre, and appeared to him entitled to distinction, as the first Irish Catholic settlement in Ontario, and also because formerly its

pastor enjoyed the title of vicar. Their present pastor was justly held in high respect by the people, Catholic and Protestant, for his literary ability and zeal in promoting their interest, social as well as religious; whilst amongst his fellow-priests he was known to be possessed of the virtues that adorn clerical life, and had this other claim to special regard, that he is the oldest priest of this diocese born on Canadian soil.

The Bishop proceeded from Perth on Friday to Westport, twenty three miles distant, in company with Rev. P. A. Twohey, who had come the previous evening to conduct His Lordship to the parish recently assigned to him, and where he has a number of children prepared for confirmation, and a magnificent new convent, and a new school building to be blessed by His Lordship on Sunday, and handed over to the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, who arrived to-day to take up their residence there, and devote their lives to the education and sanctification of the children of Westport.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., the Bishop of Hamilton held the Canonical Visitation in the mission of Eora, and expressed himself highly pleased at the state of religion in the mission. He congratulated the people on the commodious presbytery recently finished, on which a mere nominal debt remains due. He administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to fifty-four candidates, whom he had previously examined in the Christian doctrine, and with whose prompt and correct answering he was greatly pleased. He expressed his acknowledgments of the zeal of Rev. J. Lennon, the diligence of the teachers and the devoted care of the good parents.

On Tuesday, the 21st inst., he made the visitation of the mission of Presville, where he had previously examined the children in the Catechism, and with whose proficiency he expressed himself perfectly satisfied. After the Mass he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to thirty-seven candidates. He then addressed the people on the importance of regular attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and dwelt with peculiar force on the necessity of the young people avoiding intimate acquaintance with those of a different religion, so as to guard against the perils of mixed marriages, so strongly condemned by the Church. He concluded by a fervent exhortation to all classes in the mission to cultivate the virtue of temperance, and as an aid to the practice of this desirable virtue he inaugurated a branch of the Sodality of the League of the Cross. Some of the leading members of the congregation advanced to the communion rail to lead on the good work, when His Lordship had the pleasure of administering the pledge to 42 members, who thus formed the nucleus of the League. J. S. Black, Esq., J. P., was unanimously elected President of this branch. To all the boys who received confirmation the Bishop administered the pledge until their twenty-first year. He spoke in terms of warm approval of the conduct of the pastor and the devoted care of the teachers and parents.

On Thursday, the 23rd inst., he proceeded to Mount Forest, where he examined the candidates for confirmation, to whom, after the Mass—which was celebrated by the Rev. R. T. Burke—he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the course of his pastoral address he impressed on the people the necessity of prayer, frequenting the Sacraments, and the cultivation of the virtue of temperance. He then inaugurated a branch of the League of the Cross, and had the happiness of administering the pledge to fifty-four candidates. Mr. J. Noonan was unanimously elected the President of this branch of the League of the Cross. In conclusion, he expressed his approval of the devoted zeal of the pastor and the corresponding compliance of the good congregation to all his spiritual instructions.

On the 24th he proceeded to Arthur, where, shortly after his arrival, he began the examination of the candidates for confirmation, with all of whom he was highly pleased. On Sunday, the 26th, he opened the Canonical Visitation, and after the Mass, celebrated by himself, he administered confirmation to 108 candidates, of both sexes. In the course of his pastoral address he dwelt on the necessity and importance of education, frequenting the Sacraments, and the virtue of temperance. He proceeded to inaugurate a branch of the League of the Cross, and had the happiness of administering the pledge to 56 candidates. He complimented the Rev. P. J. Dougherty, the pastor, on his zeal, and the people on the confidence they evince in his administration, as is evidenced by the discharge of the heavy debt and expenditure on the church, amounting to over \$9,000, which has been paid off in the space of three years, thus leaving the church free of all debt, so that the Bishop will be enabled on to-morrow to solemnly consecrate it to the honor of God. This is the second church solemnly consecrated in the diocese of Hamilton. In our issue of next week we hope to lay before our readers a description of the church and an account of the ceremony of consecration.

C. M. B. A.

Paris, 20th Sept., 1886.
DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the last meeting of Paris Branch, No. 17, it was moved by Chancellor J. P. Keaveney, seconded by Vice President T. Flahiff, that, Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God by the hand of death to remove the beloved daughter of Brother John Marks, Be it resolved, That the members of this Branch tender to Brother Marks their deep sympathy and pray God to comfort him in his great sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brother Marks and to the *Catholic Record*, our official organ.

J. GARDINER,
Chairman. Rec. Sec.

After confession one should feel and act like a school-boy, who, after being punished for selling his copy-book, gets a new one to start afresh, and takes special pains to better.