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KINGSTON AND ALEXANDRIA.

The erection of Alexandria into an Episcopate was a ceremonial of great splendor, which is fully described in another column by our own correspondent.

Both to the new Archbishop of Kingston and to the new Bishop of Alexandria we tender our most sincere congratulations on the high dignities which have been conferred upon them.

We take the liberty of applying to both prelates the beautiful words of Goldsmith, which the Gleaner has quoted as an admirable description of the new Bishop of Alexandria:

"Unprepared he to fawn or seek for power, He doctrines fashioned to the varying hour; Far other aims his heart had learned to prize; More skilled to raise the wretched than to rise."

It is worthy of remark that the town of Alexandria derives its name from the first Bishop of Kingston, the Hon. and Right Rev. Alexander MacDonell, the kinsman of the new Bishop, and the predecessor of His Grace Archbishop Cleary.

IRISH CATHOLIC REPRESENTATION.

The matter of Irish Catholic representation in the Legislative Assembly of Quebec is at the present time being discussed in a lively fashion in the press.

The Protestants of Quebec form a small minority of its population. They have been given a representative in the Quebec Cabinet. Do we make any objection to this action on the part of Mr. Mercier? Far from it. We feel proud of it.

Ontario. But if the Protestants of Quebec are accorded representation in the Cabinet why ignore the Irish Catholics? They form a very numerous as well as a very influential element of the population.

It is needless to go beyond the history of our own times, at least in Ontario, to look for proof of the contention that the Irish Catholics deserve a more considerate treatment at the hands of Mr. Mercier and the French-Canadians.

We publish in another column the correspondence between Mr. Owen Murphy and Hon. Mr. Mercer. Mr. Murphy's course appears to be manly and sincere throughout, and we are forced to the conviction that no good reason exists for depriving the Irish Catholics of a representative in the Cabinet.

DEATH OF FATHER VINCENT.

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It was in August, 1852, that Father Vincent, in company with three others, reached our shores and at once entered upon his duties of professor and prefect of studies at St. Michael's College, which was founded that year, under the inspiration and guidance of the distinguished and ever zealous Bishop de Charbonnel.

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General of the order of Basilians, Rev. Father Vincent was appointed President, and during the last twenty-five years he has filled with great satisfaction all the incessant and onerous duties of his position while acting as father to the many pupils who flocked to Clover Hill from all parts of Canada and from many cities in the neighboring Republic.

In 1878 Rev. Father Vincent celebrated his silver jubilee. It was an occasion of joy and of a happy family gathering, not alone for the pupils, but for the alumni—priests, barristers, physicians, and merchants, all of whom had received their education at St. Michael's, and came to honor with valuable gifts and complimentary addresses the kind President who had been to them a common father and to each and all a friend in time of need or difficulty.

On Tuesday last the solemn funeral obsequies were held in St. Basil's church, Archbishop Walsh and Cleary were present, together with all the other Bishops of the Province, Rev. Father Marjasa was celebrant of the Mass, Father Ryan, of St. Thomas, deacon; and Father Rind, of Detroit, sub-deacon.

The citizens of Toronto, among whom for many years to come the name of Father Vincent will be held in grateful and affectionate remembrance, were present in large numbers and evinced by their deep regret and sorrow at his sad departure. Not in Toronto alone, but throughout the entire Province and in many parts of the United States, will fervent prayers be offered up and Mass said this week for eternal rest and Heaven's joys to the pure soul of Rev. Father Vincent. R. I. P.

A CORRECTION.

Cheslerville, Ont., Oct. 31, 1890. Editor of the Catholic Record, London: DEAR SIR—While reading over this morning your pretty full report of the ceremonies attending the investiture of His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop Cleary with the sacred plunium in his Cathedral of Kingston on Sunday, 28th instant, by His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec, I confess I was somewhat surprised to note that my name was conspicuous by its absence from said report, although I am one of the oldest priests of the archdiocese of Kingston! How this blunder occurred I do not know, nor do I very much care.

OBITUARY.

Katie Witt, Kinkora. Again we are called upon to summon the death of another young girl of this parish, in the person of Katie Witt, who died at her home in this place on Friday, October 24th, after an illness of but one week.

On last Sunday afternoon her remains were conveyed to their last resting-place, followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, who came to honor the dead departed. We extend to the family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their dire affliction, and trust the prospect of another meeting and a greeting in the hereafter with the beloved one who is now no more will assuage their grief and afford consolation to their sorrowing hearts. M. E. H.

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

THE ARCHBISHOP ADDRESSES THE YOUNG LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL AND THEIR PARENTS AND FRIENDS ON THE SUBJECT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Let us dwell tonight on the subject of Christian education. I like to declare my own and my people's gratitude to the Protestant educators of Ontario for their splendid manifestation of good will and Christian charity towards us, the Catholic minority, and their appreciation of our loyalty to Canada and its institutions.

At the close of exercises, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music and recitations of poetry, full of youthful joy and festive tributes of grateful homage to their honored Archbishop, one of the young ladies stepped forward and read to him a formal address in the name of him.

Obedience, said the Archbishop, is the first principle of order. Order reduces numbers to unity in action; and unity of action is strength. Strength derived from unity is as necessary for the faithful discharge of their duty as the faithful discharge of their duty is as necessary for the maintenance of order.

For my steadfast defence of this God-given right against unscrupulous political agitators the Catholic laity offered me their grateful acknowledgments last Sunday in presence of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Quebec and the most reverend prelates and other dignitaries representing twenty or more dioceses of Canada and the United States at our festive celebration. In returning

thanks I felt bound to emphasize their opportune declaration of loyalty to the Church and entire unity with their chief citizens in the defence of their rights as citizens to give their children a Christian education.

Politically I know no more of Mr. Mowat's policy than of Mr. Meredith's. I make no study of political parties. I confine myself to my ecclesiastical business—the instruction of my people and the defence of their religious rights against their assailants, regardless of the political party to which the latter may belong.

But my relations as a number of political journals permit, and doubtless will permit, in their endeavor to delude their less educated and simple readers by confounding religion with politics, and misrepresenting our instructions to our people on the laws of God and His Holy Church and the Christian duty of parents towards their children as so many artful pleadings for Mr. Mowat's party and government.

The right inherent in the pastors of the Church and the duty imposed on them with awful solemnity of language by our Lord Jesus Christ to rear the lambs of His fold in the true practical knowledge of Him and His Father and to shape their minds and manners in the divine form exhibited by Himself from early childhood to mature age, is an absolutely essential right and a primary duty of our office that cannot be surrendered by us without betrayal of the sacred trust and the forfeiture of our souls' salvation.

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conceptions of our position. They may call darkness light, and goodness evil; and may, as indeed they do, excite fanatical clamour against us. But we are all the same, fixed in purpose and one in action, ourselves, our priests and our people, the same to-day as yesterday, the same to-morrow as to-day.

Fortitude is one of the graces and abiding gifts of the Holy Ghost infused through the sacramental consecration of a Bishop. The Apostles of Christ were timid men by nature. The ardent, honest Peter was ready to go to death with His divine Master at supper time of the Passover; but before the cock crew next morning the voice of a servant girl caused him to tremble and deny the Lord Jesus with an oath.

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