DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAFE RETURN HOME AND RECOVERY OF THE BISHOP AFTER A PROLONGED AND SEVERE ILLNESS

The following circular from His Lordship was read at Mass on Sunday last, in all the churches and chapels of the Diocese:

To the Reverend clergy of the Diocese of Hamilton:

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers:

Thanks be to God, to the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and to the fervent prayers that have been offered for me, after an absence of nearly five months at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, (where I gratefully acknowledge having received the best of care on the part of physicians and attendants) the consolation has been afforded me of returning home in restored health in time to participate in the celebration of the great festival of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, the Patroness of our Cathedral and of our Diocese. For this signal favor and blessing I now earnestly invite and request all my good priests, all the religious communities, and all the faithful of the Diocese to unite with me in prayer and solemn thanksgiving to Almighty God. It was indeed a matter of deep regret to me that the suddenness and severity of my illness prevented me from asking before undergoing two serious surgical operations, public prayers in all the Churches. Fortunately, however, such an appeal was not necessary, as I am assured that my many friends, not only among my own priests and people, but also among eminent dignitaries of the Church, and even the Holy Father himself, in their great charity and kindness without any merit of mine, were good enough to make special remembrance of me in their pious prayers. To the efficacy of these earnest and constant prayers I feel that under God I am indebted for my recovery. My most fervent thanks are therefore offered, first to Our Holy Father the Pope, who in audience granted on the 20th day of November last, was graciously pleased to send a special blessing to the Bishop of Hamilton, together with his prayers for a speedy recovery. And secondly to their Eminences Cardinal Mery del Val and Cardinal Gotti, both of whom were kind enough to send messages of sympathy and kind regards. My special thanks are due also to His Excellency, Most Rev. Mgr. Sbarretti, the distinguished representative of His Holiness in Canada, who at considerable inconvenience honored me with a special visit of sympathy on learning of my serious illness at the hospital. Finally, I most heartily thank all the Prelates, Archbishops, Bishops and Priests, who were kind enough to honor me by personal visits or messages of sympathy, which I heartily appreciate. I also thank the members of the Religious Communities, the pupils, orphans and aged under their care (not forgetting my Indian children at Cape Croker) and all the faithful of the Diocese, for whose valued prayers and sympathy I shall be forever grateful. May God bless and reward them all!

In humble supplication, therefore, to Our Blessed Lady, under whose patronage I was consecrated, and in gratitude to Almighty God who was pleased to hear the prayers offered in my behalf and grant me the privilege of being spared to inaugurate and celebrate worthily with my good priests and people the forthcoming Golden Jubilee of the Diocese, I hereby direct that on the Sunday within the Octave of the Immaculate Conception the Litany of the Blessed Virgin shall be recited after each Mass, and the Te Deum sung or recited after the principal Mass in all the churches and chapels of the Diocese.

With best wishes to all my priests and people for a most happy and holy Christmas I am,

Reverend and dear Fathers,

Your faithful servant in Christ,
†THOMAS JOSEPH DOWLING,
Bishop of Hamilton.

J. P. HOLDEN,
Chancellor.

This circular is to be read at Mass in all the Churches of the Diocese on the 2nd Sunday of Advent. By order of the Bishop

Hamilton, Feast of Immaculate Conception, 1905.

A PROTESTANT EDITOR'S CRITICISM OF A BIGOT.

Even down by the sea they have a few ministers whose religion consists chiefly in giving expression to their hatred of "Popery" and in making a display of their narrow mindedness in their dealings with their Catholic neighbors. What has given rise to this controversy was the fact that some time ago, in the Normal school, a picture of the Blessed Virgin was hung up as a work of art; but this was not done at the request of any Catholic. We publish below a letter from the Rev. Clarence MacKinnon, a clergyman who has taken a prominent part in the controversy, and the reply of the editor of the Eastern Chronicle of New Glasgow, also a Presbyterian.

LETTER FROM REV. CLARENCE MACKINNON.

Editor Eastern Chronicle:

Sir—I am reluctant to take any further part in the discussion on Roman Catholic aggression in the Nova Scotia schools as Rev. George B. McLeod's letters have been so clear and conclusive. But Principal Soloan persists in challenging a letter from me, and therefore I ask leave to make the following statements: in my interview I alluded to four facts:

(1.) That the Catholics are establishing convent schools on the Public school system. This is in evidence in Halifax, Sydney, North Sydney, Glace Bay, Reserve and elsewhere. Of course the teaching nuns have a perfect right to donate their salaries to the extension of their Church if they wish to; and of course the ratepayers of Nova Scotia have a perfect right to pay these salaries to the nuns, if they want to. That is none of my business, but the fact remains indisputable.

(2) That the Catholics were seeking a Separate Normal School. This is no educational secret. It is an indispensible part of their complete educational policy, as anyone may see by a reference to the famous Syllabus of Pope Pius IX. That a movement in this direction in Nova Scotia was being agitated, I can substantiate, if needful, by an affidavit from a prominent citizen, that would prove embarrassing to some educational authorities.

(3) That their influence in the present Normal School was on the increase. This has been emphatically declared more than once by Mr. McLeod in his letters, and he is prepared, when called upon, to state his evidence in detail, and will not be open to the objection that he is not the man on the spot. Prin. Soloan is shrewd enough not to challenge a controversy with him.

(4) About that picture. This was a mere incidental reference, as you justly remark, a mere question of "tweedle dum and tweedle dee." But now that Prin. Soloan has admitted that Dr. Forrester's portrait has been relegated to the back of the hall, and since your correspondent "Teacher" has justified the more conspicuous place given to the picture of the Virgin (on the grounds of art!) I have nothing else to contend for. One may or may not see in it the trend of events. Many do.

The public were doubtless surprised to find that the statement of these commonplace facts should throw the Principal of the Normal School into literary hysterics, in which he declares that forever I have lost all claim to confidence in my native province. Doubtless he imagined that by raising a dust he would becloud the issue. It is an old device that has rarely succeeded. The dust settles only too soon, and the facts remain all the more distinct for the attention that has been called to them.

Permit me, further, to add that the assertion that I received my information from Mr. McLeod and the still more ungenerous insinuation that it was communicated to me by the ex principal of the Normal School, are both entirely false.

And now, Mr. Editor, I cannot close without a conundrum for the editorial sanctum. If I were to claim that the Presbyterian Church was the only true Church, that it was infallible; that it should have Separate schools and be State endowed; that all other so called Churches were heretical and their members (if saved) only saved on admission of their ignorance—surely a hard condition for editors; I should then be free from bigotry and intolerance; for our Catholic friends make these claims for themselves, and I am waiting patiently to read your editorial condemnation. But when I admit that Presbyterianism is not the whole Church, nor infallible; when I acknowledge Roman Catholicism to be also an expression of the Christian faith, and admire many of its examples of piety, and therefore claim that there should be no discrimination, but in a free country we should have equal rights for all and favors for none. I am open to suspicion as a narrow minded bigot, who cannot understand. Why is this thus?

CLARENCE MACKINNON.

Winnipeg, Nov. 24th, 1905.

THE CONUNDRUM

We are afraid that Mr. MacKinnon's "conundrum for the Editorial Sanctum" must go mostly by default for the editor can lay claim to none of that fat wit which produces a pun. Our creed is much simpler than that of Mr. MacKinnon for although we admit that the Presbyterian Church is only a branch of the only true Church, yet we claim that its doctrines are infallible, and if we could say as much for its ministers we would be in great glee; but we do claim that there are many great and good men among them. We do not admit that we are called on to condemn anything we may believe wrong about the religion or pretensions of our "Catholic friends," unless we find such imperilling the peace and good government of the Dominion. Their religion is for themselves, and to themselves and their church, and to their (our) God they must stand or fall. What we may have to do with them is in their practices and behavior as fellow countrymen, and in and as such we have no reason to condemn.

Were we writing as a Presbyterian we could not admit "Roman Catholicism to be also an expression of the Christian faith," even though we "admire many of its examples of piety," but as an editor of a country newspaper we deal with all men as citizens and condemn or commend according to their conduct, and in the cosmopolitan spirit we freely and fully admit that their "examples of piety" are the fruits of their religion. We are sure that Mr. MacKinnon would not ask us as editor of a non sectarian newspaper to believe that men, or women, who are worthily called "examples of piety," could have become such under the teaching of a religion that is only another name for "bigotry and intolerance."

On the questions of fact in Mr. MacKinnon's letter we should have nothing to write. It may be admitted that in Halifax Separate schools have continued since the adoption of the Public school system. Practically, the same is true in Antigonish, and as we have no personal knowledge of the other places mentioned we take for granted that what Mr. MacKinnon writes is true. But what else can the Roman Catholic people do? The burden is laid on them of educating their children in the faith and doctrine of their Church; they cannot get away from the burden without getting away from their Church, and they would rather die than that. We may flippantly call their schools "Convent schools," but we do not do away with the living reality that such schools are the schools they want. In New Glasgow, Stellarton, and Pictou, in this county, the Roman Catholics pay their tax for the support of Public schools, the same as Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians do, and pay it without a murmur; yet they support the "Convent schools" and send their children to them. A religion that will lay such a burden on men and induce them to pay twice as much school tax as a Presbyterian has to pay, is to its votaries as the breath of life. Is it then any wonder that where they can take their own taxes in support of schools, without, as they believe, doing injustice to Presbyterians or Methodists, that they do so?

As a man gets old he is not as cocksure about the infallibility of his own beliefs and methods as he may have been in his younger days. To us it looks now that Presbyterians in the matter of education have assumed a great deal, have given up a great deal and have thereby lost a great deal. They have labored to place every child in the province on a level in a Public school and, in order to do so, they have consented to put the Bible—in fact every vestige of religion—out of the schools. It is too soon yet to seek for the results but it is sure that in the end they will reap that which they have sown. To us it is becoming clear that what Presbyterians should do would be to educate their own children, not only in the "three R's" and arts and sciences, but in the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church. Maybe that with this end in view the so-called evangelical Churches could find a common ground of action; but we are speaking now as a Presbyterian, and as such it is beginning to dawn upon our admittedly dull intellect that in educating our children it is of quite as much importance that they be educated as Presbyterians as that they be educated a Master of Arts. The Roman Catholic Church is as zealous to educate its children in the Arts and Sciences as Presbyterians are; but it is determined that they will at the same time be educated as Catholics. Will our good friend, Mr. MacKinnon, tell us wherein he blames its members for that? We claim that Presbyterians should do the same; wherein are we to be blamed for that?

Very well, it follows that the writer of this has climbed down from his high pedestal from which he claimed that the State should lay violent hands on every child in the Province and mould him or her in a Public school. He thinks now that, in a nation like that of Canada, peace demands that expediency should to a great extent regulate the actions of governing bodies—that theories in education and politics should be cast aside and that conditions, as they exist, should be faithfully and honestly dealt with. Then it follows that if a Church—we make no distinction now—undertake the education of its own children, all that concerns the State is that the educating should be well done so far as the arts and sciences are concerned, and that if the Christian religion is taught in that school it is a matter not for the State but a matter that concerns the supporters of that school—a Separate school may be—and that those supporters should not by law be forced to support another school to which they cannot, as a matter of conscience, send their children.

TEACHERS WANTED

TEACHER WANTED FOR S. S. NO. 6, Arthur township. One holding a second class professional certificate. Apply, stating salary and experience. Duties to commence Jan. 3rd, 1906. Address, James Feehan, Trustee, Mt. Forest, P. O. Ont. 1416-2

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DIED.

JORDAN—At Thorold, Ont., on Nov. 28th, 1905, Mrs. Maurice Jordan, daughter of Mr. Michael McCarty. May she rest in peace.

LAMEY.—In Percy township on Dec. 1st, 1905, Mr. Wm. Lamey, aged ninety-three years. May his soul rest in peace!

O'REILLY.—Died at Copper Cliff, Ontario, on Oct. 26th, 1905, Edward O'Reilly, late of Quyon, Que., aged fifty-two years. May his soul rest in peace!

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Now, however, conditions have changed. There is a strong, steady and ever increasing demand for chicks as broilers, City hotels, restaurants, clubs, cafes, dining cars and private kitchens are consuming more and more every day, to say nothing of the tons and tons required to fill the export demand. Dealers can never get enough to supply the wants of their customers, and thousands and thousands more could be sold at good prices if they were offered.

A few farmers have been wise enough to see what was going on and to prepare to profit by these conditions. Broilers are wanted and good cash prices are being paid for every chick large enough to be made ready for the table. Then why not produce them?

Several difficulties arise. Hens as hatchers are failures. They sit when they take the notion and seldom when you want them to. They are careless mothers, almost always leading their chicks into danger and losing many. To make any progress or profit in the raising of chicks you must have a good Incubator and Brooder, and this initial expenditure may prevent those are not prepared to instal such a machine.

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By the way, there's a firm in Chatham, Ont., who are advertising an Incubator and Brooder and who offer to send it prepaid and wait for the money, till after 1906 harvest. This offer is worth inquiring about. If you will write a post card with your name and address to The Manson Campbell Co., Dept. No. 295, Chatham, they will doubtless send full particulars of their offer.

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