

**FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE MOST REVEREND M. J.  
O'BRIEN, D. D., BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH.**

On the evening of December 2, 1913, St. Michael's Church was filled to its utmost capacity on the occasion of the first official visit of His Lordship Bishop O'Brien. As customary on such occasions a procession formed in front of the presbytery of the sanctuary boys and the visiting clergy, led by Reverend Father Sullivan, the cross-bearer, accompanied by two acolytes. As they entered the church and moved up the aisle the choir rendered the Church's hymn of Welcome, "Vivat Pastor Bonus." On reaching the sanctuary they retired to their respective places, when Dr. McNicholl, accompanied by several members of the congregation presented the Bishop with the following address:

**TO THE RIGHT REVEREND M. J. O'BRIEN,**

**BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH :**

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP :**

We the undersigned Committee on behalf of St. Michael's congregation beg to extend to your Lordship a cordial welcome on the auspicious occasion of this your first official visit to the parish of Cobourg.

We also desire to convey to your Lordship our hearty congratulations on your elevation to the See of Peterborough. We had heard of your great learning, piety and zeal as a priest in your native city. We heard of the great work you were doing there in the cause of temperance reform a work which has earned