

“At the opening of the Church of St. Basil, we rejoiced to observe a large attendance of our oldest and most respectable citizens, together with their families. Indeed it was remarked in the other churches that the attendance was comparatively thin for the day, large portions of the congregations being absent at Clover Hill. The appearance of the church both within and without is beautiful, and though much is yet to be done before it will stand forth in the fullness of the original design, it gives even now a fine conception of its intrinsic architectural merit. The internal decorations are not yet completed, but on the occasion of the consecration, it is expected that all will be finished.

“The altar is magnificent, and reflects the highest credit upon the builder. There is no organ at present, but the sacred music on the occasion was tolerably well executed.

“The sermon of the day was delivered by the Rev. Father Maloney, one of the professors of the College, in his usual classical, eloquent