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MONTREAL, FRIDAY, OCT. 29, 1869.

ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR.

OCTOBER—1869.

Friday, 29—Of the Week.
Saturday, 30—Fast. Vigil of All Saints.
Sunday, 31—Twenty-fourth after Pentecost.

NOVEMBER—1869.

Monday, 1—All Saints, Obl.
Tuesday, 2—All Souls.
Wednesday, 3—Of the Octave.
Thursday, 4—St. Charles Borromeo, B. C.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The veteran statesman, the Earl of Derby, died on the morning of the 23rd inst., at the age of 70. Mr. Gladstone's reply to the President of the Limerick Amnesty Association, expressing the resolution of Her Majesty's government not to recommend the release of the Fenian convicts still undergoing sentence, has created much excitement. A great open air meeting to be held in London is spoken of, to remonstrate against this decision of the Ministry, but it is said that Government will interfere to prevent it.

The strike at Paris, which originated amongst the merchants' clerks is spreading amongst the workmen of all descriptions: these social disturbances being generally the harbinger of storm, we are not surprised to learn that a great assemblage of troops is going at Paris, in anticipation of a threatened irregular meeting of the Corps Legislatif on the 26th inst. The Imperial Government it is expected will take active measure to repress disturbances.

Our Protestant fellow-citizens have had a sad loss through the destruction by fire of two of their handiwork churches in this city, and the injuries inflicted upon a third. About four o'clock on Sunday morning fire was discovered bursting from the back of St. Andrew's church, at the corner of LaGauchetiere Street, and Beaver Hall Hill. The alarm was given, and the firemen though fatigued with their exertions at another fire a short time before, were quickly on the spot, and as usual exerted themselves manfully to extinguish the flames. All they could do however was to prevent the fire from spreading, for it was blowing a stiff breeze from the north west at the time, and to all appearance the flames had got a strong hold of the woodwork in the interior of the building before the alarm was given. St. Andrew's church was entirely destroyed, and it is added that some of the silver vessels used for communion purposes have been stolen.

From the St Andrew's church the flames were quickly communicated to another Protestant church, the church of the Messiah, on the opposite side of the street, and its interior, comprising a fine organ was entirely destroyed. The Baptist church in the vicinity also caught fire, but thanks to the heroic exertions of the firemen, the damages inflicted on this building were not great. The losses which our Protestant fellow citizens have sustained are partially covered by insurance. Luckily no lives were lost.

The origin of the fire is not certain: but it may easily be accounted for from the fact, reported in the Montreal Gazette, that but a few hours before it declared itself, the furnaces for warming the church had had fires put in them—and had been used for the choir, when according to custom, it met on Saturday night to practise. There will however, we suppose be an investigation when all the facts of the case will be laid before the public.

On Saturday last His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec, together with their Lordships, the Bishops of Kingston, St. Hyacinthe, and Three Rivers, left Quebec for Rome to take part in the General Council which opens in December next. A great crowd was present to do honor to these reverend Fathers of the Church.

The Minister announces the strength of private information from Quebec, that the local legislature will meet on the 19th of next month, and the Federal legislature on the 15th of Feb. The same paper publishes the following as the list of the reconstructed Ministry:—Minister of Justice—Sir J. A. Macdonald. Militia—Sir G. E. Cartier. Finance—Sir F. Hincks. Public Works—Hon. Mr. Langevin. Secre-

tary of State—Hon. Mr. Howe. Marine—Hon. Mr. Mitchell. Customs Revenue—Hon. Mr. Tilley. Internal Revenue—Hon. Mr. Dunkin. President of the Council—Hon. M. Chapais. Agriculture—Hon. Mr. Benson. Provincial Secretary—Hon. Mr. Morris. Receiver General—Hon. Mr. Keeney. Postmaster General—Hon. Mr. Campbell.

The great demand for the Testaments issued in China by the Missionary Societies, was once cited as a proof of the eagerness of the people to receive the Word of God, and their readiness to embrace Christianity. The fond illusion was however quickly dispelled by the discovery that it was for the sake of their covers, which worked up easily into excellent slippers, that the demand arose for the Protestant Word of God. In a similar way—so we learn from a paragraph in the Montreal Gazette—have the hopes of the Tract Society that a "great work" was going on in the Western States, been untimely blighted. Here is the paragraph in question, as copied from our contemporary:—

"A lively demand for Tracts at a Western settlement recently encouraged the hopes of the Tract Society that an immense work of Revival must be going on there. The cry was 'Tracts more Tracts.' At last it leaked out that the settlers were using these promoters of faith, not for moral comfort, but to paper their log cabins with. The Tract Society since the discovery, is a wiser, but a sadder institution."

Nevertheless we doubt not that at the next Annual Meetings the great and constant demand for Tracts, and the enormous gratuitous distribution by the Society, will be cited as gratifying proofs of the spread of evangelical principles, and as a reason for renewed thankfulness, and enlarged contributions on the part of subscribers to the Society's funds.

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.—We have received the Prospectus of a new work under this title, about to be published weekly at Montreal, and issued every Saturday. From the handsomely executed specimen sheet before us we are inclined to predict the success of this enterprise, and we heartily trust that it may realize the expectations of its enterprising originators.

We have received the volume of statutes of the last session of the Dominion Parliament. It contains 528 pages, printed in the usual form.

We are requested to state that the amount realized by the late Bazaar in aid of the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, amounted to the sum of \$2,550.

The farewell address to the Archbishop of Quebec before leaving for Rome, was presented on Thursday, 21st inst., at Laval University. The Archbishop made a suitable reply, thanking his flock for the very handsome purse presented to him to defray expenses. The address was read by the President of the Senate, Hon. Mr. Cauchon.

THE GREAT COUNCIL.

DEPARTURE OF BISHOP HORAN FOR ROME.

On Monday afternoon His Lordship the Bishop of Kingston took his departure for Rome, to be present, with all the innumerable prelates of the Church, at the great Ecumenical Council. His Lordship's parishioners in Kingston and the diocese generally, gleaning an intimation of their Bishop's departure, prepared themselves to attest substantially and rationally their esteem and respect for him by gathering a handsome purse to assist His Lordship in defraying the expenses which a long trip like that about to be undertaken entails. Accordingly subscriptions have poured in from the different parishes until yesterday, the General Committee had received and handed over to His Lordship the handsome sum of over \$3,500. The munificence of the gift speaks more eloquently than words could, of the exalted place which Bishop Horan fills in the minds and affections of his church people.

Monday was appointed for His Lordship's departure, and a number of Roman Catholic gentlemen waited on him at the Palace about noon, when Mr. O'Reilly, Sr., on their behalf, presented the address to be found below, accompanying it with a very liberal purse. His Lordship made a feeling reply. At one o'clock the Bishop was escorted to the Grand Trunk Station by these gentlemen and many others, in carriages, and before the train moved off took personal leave of them all, receiving their heartfelt wishes for a safe and profitable journey. At Quebec His Lordship was joined by His Grace the Archbishop, and took passage for Liverpool on Saturday, in the steamship Nestorian.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Reverend Dr. Horan, Bishop of Kingston:—

My Lord,—The Catholics of the City and Diocese of Kingston cannot permit you to depart for the Eternal City without giving some expression to the sentiments of esteem and affection which they bear towards you, their beloved Bishop, and to offer you the heart felt expression of their love and gratitude.

They are rejoiced that you are enabled to assist at the General Council to which our Holy Father Pope Pius IX. has summoned the Bishops of the Catholic world. It is a source of delight and pride to them that in that great Council the Catholics of this Diocese will have as their representative one in whom zeal for Holy Church and fidelity to its illustrious Pontiff are so strongly

marked. The fact also that two members of your Lordship's family—one the gallant Murray—who fell wounded on the battle field of Mantana—have their names enrolled in that corps of chivalrous Catholic youth who have devoted their lives to the defence of the Sovereign Pontiff, is a proof of your devotion to His sacred person.

It is an undoubted fact that all the Catholic Bishops in the world are united cordially with the Apostolic See, and that the clergy and people vie with each other in doing homage to that great Pontiff who is called by Heaven to preside at the Councils of His Church, and who, from the high and infallible Chair of Peter, will speak the sublime words of Divine Truth, which will be accepted by all who are of God and who have faith in the words of our blessed Redeemer, who promised to be with His Church to the consummation of the world.

They trust that ere Your Lordship leaves Rome you will not forget to ask the Holy Father to send His Benediction to His people in this far off land, and at the same time to assure Him that He has no more faithful children than those of your flock who now address you. They desire, most venerable and beloved Bishop, to accompany the expression of their attachment to you with the Gift, which they now beg leave to present, and which they trust you will honor them by accepting.

Their heart-felt prayers to the Throne of Grace are that you may have a prosperous voyage, and after assisting at the Great Council of the Vatican in December next, that you may return in safety to your people, who will not fail to invoke daily the blessings of Heaven on their absent Bishop.

Signed on behalf of the Catholics of the Diocese of Kingston.

P. O'REILLY, Sr.,
Chairman.

M. FLANAGAN
Secretary.
Kingston, Oct. 18th, 1869.

REPLY.

To the Catholics of the City and Diocese of Kingston.

Gentlemen,—Your affectionate address, with the generous gift that accompanied it, could not take us by surprise, who are so well acquainted with, and have so frequently experienced your lavish bounty since our first arrival amongst you.

Your union with your pastors so complete and adhesive, your zeal so proverbial in seconding their efforts in everything promotive of the honor and glory of God and His Holy Religion, have been ever to us, my dear children of our City and Diocese of Kingston, a subject of deep reflection and at times (when required) of encouraging consolation. May God vouchsafe to perpetuate in your breasts those principles and sentiments that always so distinguished you; and, "O Lord God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep forever this will of their heart, and let this mind remain always for the worship of thee." (1 Par. 29 18)

Considering the improvements projected and progressive in every parish of our Diocese, we wonder how those outside our city could afford anything beyond their own local demands. Your munificence on this occasion, my dear children, which has been daily, almost hourly surprising us, shall long and gratefully be remembered.

When summoned by the common Father of the Faithful to be present at the great event of our age, the Ecumenical Council, we resolved at every hazard to obey that cherished command, even though the journey should be undertaken under all the circumstances and privations of an unprovided-for pilgrim; but thanks to your kind considerations for your Bishop, and your filial piety for him who are wont to call Father, our approach to the Eternal City will be rendered, if not precisely, at least becoming the condition of the order to which we so unworthily belong.

Further generations will have reason to envy the happy lot of those who enjoyed the favour of having assisted at the approaching august assemblage at the Vatican, concentrating, as it will, the accumulated learning and piety of the Universal Church, convoked by the Vicar of Christ, presided over by the same sainted Pontiff, and its deliberations ratified by the same heaven-inspired oracle, unerring and infallible.

Be assured of it, that the words of affection conveyed in your admirable address have not reached a heart insensible of kindness, and that everywhere in our wanderings through the Holy City you will, all of you, be present to our mind. At the tomb of the Apostles, when celebrating the divine mysteries, you shall be remembered at the moment of great moment; at the feet of the illustrious Pontiff, who now guides the destinies of the world, we shall supplicate his benediction for you and yours, and spiritual interests shall be the objects of more intense anxiety and solicitude when absent than even when in your midst. For you are, dear children of the City and Diocese of Kingston, in this world as we hope you will be in the next, "Our glory and our crown."

We cannot omit your kind allusion to our two nephews, who, in the buoyancy of their youth, joined so many of their chivalrous coevals in the defence of justice, truth and religion, even at the sacrifice of their future prospects and lives. God, we hope, will reward them and their companions in arms.

Farewell, then, for a while, our beloved children of our City and Diocese of Kingston. You will not refuse us your prayers, who have so abundantly supplied other requirements, and on our return may we find you all with your indefatigable pastors (our confreres) at your head, happy, virtuous and prosperous.

† E. J., Bishop of Kingston.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society also presented an address, to which his Lordship gave a verbal reply.

DEPARTURE OF BISHOP FARRELL FOR ROME.

On Sunday the 17th inst., his Lordship announced that he would leave for Rome on Tuesday, and that before his departure he would celebrate mass in the Cathedral at seven a.m. and invited as many of the congregation as could make it convenient, to attend. Long before the

hour fixed the church was completely filled with the old and young of the congregation.

After Mass the Episcopal benediction was given to the whole congregation, and his Lordship retired to his residence, where the Very Rev. J. Heenan V.G., on behalf of the clergy of the diocese read the following address:—

To His Lordship the Right Reverend John Farrell, D.D., Bishop of Hamilton.

My Lord,—We, the Priests of the diocese of Hamilton, assemble together to bid you adieu previous to your departure for the Eternal City, deem the present a fitting opportunity to give expression to the love and veneration we feel for you, and the sentiments with which we thought of a long separation inspires us. As members of the ecclesiastical family of this Diocese, of which your Lordship is the Father and the Head, we feel that your absence will create a vacancy which it will be impossible to fill, and which will not be observed not merely in your diocesan city, but throughout every parish in your extensive jurisdiction. Yet, although our hearts are filled with sorrow at the thought of your departure, we are not without motives capable of inspiring us with courage and affording us consolation. These motives have for their basis the Faith that is within us, that Holy Religion, which imposes the obligation of self denial and a sacrifice upon all its followers. We know that your Lordship is summoned by the Viceregent of Jesus Christ, to take part in one of the most august assemblies the world has ever held, to legislate for the interests of the Christian Commonwealth, and we rejoice at the thought that this portion of the Church will be represented in the Council of the Vatican, by one so well able to uphold its reputation and its dignity. The whole civilized world, Catholic as well as Anti Catholic, is now looking towards Rome with eager expectation. They who are not of the Fold of Peter, openly confess their surprise and alarm; but the children of the Church are filled with hope, and with calm confidence await the action of the Ecumenical Council; for, relying on the promises of our Redeemer, they know that its deliberations and decisions will be guided by the Holy Spirit, and that it will infallibly contribute to the extension of truth and the final triumph of Christian principles. In conclusion, My Lord, we pray God to grant you a prosperous voyage; may His Holy Angel protect you and guide you till your return, to the end that you may soon resume the government of this Diocese which you have hitherto so happily and successfully conducted.

E. GORDON, V. G.,

On behalf of the Clergy.

On Tuesday morning the 19th inst., the Right Reverend Bishop Farrell, took his departure for Rome, to take part in the deliberations of the Ecumenical Council.

About a quarter to nine the Bishop accompanied by the Very Rev. E. Gordon, V. G., and the Very Rev. J. Heenan, administrators of the diocese, the Rev. Fathers O'Shea and O'Reilly, left the palace for the station, where they were met by most of the congregation to the number of twelve or fifteen hundred, men, women and children.

Here on the platform a committee consisting of Messrs. Alderman Fitzpatrick, John McPherson, William Harris, William Horman and John McKeown, on behalf of the laity, presented the following address, which was read by Mr. J. McKeown, his Lordship and the whole concourse standing with heads uncovered.

To the Right Reverend John Farrell, D.D., Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton.

My Lord,—The members of St. Mary's congregation, having learned from your announcement, on last Sunday, that in obedience to the call of our Holy Father, Pope Pius the Ninth, you are about immediately to separate for a time from us, in order that, as one of the Bishops of the Catholic Church, you may take part in the most important and perhaps eventful assembly held in the civilized world during the last three centuries—the Council of the Vatican—they felt that they could not allow you to depart from their midst without giving expression, however inadequately words may do it, to the feelings and emotions which your departure on such an occasion, and for such a purpose, suggests and arouses.

At a meeting of the congregation, held on last Monday evening, we were deputed by them, and in their name to convey to your Lordship their deep sense of pain and regret at the prospect of this necessary separation.

They and we feel, however, that while the separation is, from your very nature, as great a sacrifice to you as it possibly can be to them and us, yet they and you must and do cheerfully submit to and obey the call of the successor to the Fisherman.

We have all been too well and carefully instructed by you and the reverend clergy under your Lordship's direction, that when the head of our glorious Church calls the Bishops of the Catholic World to meet in Ecumenical Council to deliberate on matters of great—perhaps vital importance to the Church.

It is in this spirit, and with feelings of the most respectful submission to the head of that Church which is the *Columna et firmamentum Veritatis* that we, the members of the congregation of St. Mary's now bid your Lordship a most affectionate farewell; and we now pray, and during your absence—which we feel will be as short as will be consistent with the duties devolving on you as our spiritual representative—shall continue to offer up our prayers to the Throne of Mercy for your Lordship's health, happiness and safe return to your faithful and devotedly attached flock.

We shall deeply regret your absence, and most anxiously feel the blank which your departure will cause in this Church and city. We shall be consoled with the reflection that you will be earnestly considering matters affecting our welfare, as well as that of the whole world; and that even when there and amid those deliberations you will, in thought and spirit, often be with your devoted flock in Hamilton.

We need not assure you how often you will be remembered in our prayers, and we feel assured, that when kneeling before the shrines of

the Apostles, and at the feet of the Holy Father, you will not be unmindful of the spiritual wants and necessities of your flock, not only in this city but in the whole diocese.

We beg that you will assure the Holy Father of our devoted attachment to himself personally, as well as of our loyalty to the Holy See.

We are to some extent consoled for the loss of your Lordship, in the fact that you have left us under the guidance of the venerable and much beloved Vicar General Gordon, and your Secretary the Rev. Father Heenan, whose advice and direction, during your absence, we will receive and follow as cheerfully as we trust we have always done your own.

And now again we bid you a most affectionate farewell; and ask your parting blessing.

On behalf of the congregation,
JOHN MCPHERSON,
Chairman of Committee.

JOHN MCKEOWN,
Secretary.

During the reading of the address his Lordship and all present seemed deeply moved; indeed he and most of the assembly could not refrain from tears at the prospect of the separation.

His Lordship briefly responded, reciprocating the expressions of attachment which the address expressed. He explained the position in which he had left the affairs of the diocese, and in whose hands he had left the administration of the diocesan affairs in his absence; and concluded by recommending himself to their prayers during his absence.

The Rev. Gentlemen above named, together with Messrs. McDonald, M. Fitzpatrick, Hogan, Filgano and McKeown, escorted his Lordship to Toronto, where they saw him on the steamboat for Kingston, on his way to New York, whence he will sail on Saturday.—Spectator.

DEPARTURE OF HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP LYNCH FOR ROME.

On Tuesday evening, 19th inst., a large number of the Catholics of every class, and from every quarter of the city, assembled in the Cathedral, in order to take their leave, and receive the parting benediction of His Lordship. After the benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Very Rev. J. F. Jamot, V.G., read from the clergy of the parish an address, which was accompanied by a purse of \$950.

May it please your Lordship,—With feelings of the most profound respect and affection, We the clergy of the Diocese of Toronto, have on this day, the eve of your Lordship's departure for the Eternal City to take part in the Ecumenical Council, assembled from our respective parishes, to testify to your Lordship, the deep feeling of gratitude, devotedness, love and esteem we entertain for your Lordship, for your many acts of kindness, your constant solicitude in our regard, your paternal affection towards us, and also for the eminent services rendered to religion and the glory of God since your advent to this Diocese.

We are all aware of, and deeply impressed with, the importance of the great works you have accomplished in the discharge of your onerous, Episcopal duties. The numerous Churches that have been erected, bearing aloft the emblem of salvation with their concomitants, convents, and schools; the increase of religious communities for the advancement of piety, education, and the provision for the religious and moral training of all classes of youth, not only of this city, but also throughout the extent of this diocese, are monuments of your zeal and convincing proof of your indefatigable labour in the vineyard of your Divine Master.

To enumerate all that you have brought to perfection during your episcopacy for the past ten years would carry us beyond our present limits. But suffice it to say that the flourishing state of religion in the Diocese acknowledges your Lordship as the efficient cause. And when your Lordship shall be absent from us, but present in the Councils of the assembled wisdom of the Church, over which the Vicar of Christ shall preside under the infallible guidance of the Holy Spirit of Truth, we shall cherish for you a grateful remembrance, and pour forth our most fervent prayers for your spiritual and temporal welfare, and for the recovery of your health, that you may return with renewed vigor to continue for many years your episcopal labors amongst us.

In conclusion, we wish your Lordship a happy voyage, and would beg your remembrance of us when offering up the adorable sacrifice of the Mass amid the shrines of the Apostles and Martyrs.

We would furthermore beg that your Lordship would present to our Holy Father, Pius IX., our deep sentiments of affection, loyalty and love, and obtain for us his Apostolic benediction.

Signed on behalf of the clergy of the Diocese, by

VERY REV. J. F. JAMOT,
Administrator, and
VERY REV. F. P. ROONEY,
Administrator.

Frank Smith, Esq., then read the following affectionate address from the Catholic laity of the city, at the same time presenting His Lordship with a purse of \$1,500, which had been collected by the committee of which Mr. Smith was chairman:—

To the Right Rev. Dr. Lynch, Bishop of Toronto:

May it please your Lordship,—The Catholic laity of Toronto respectfully approach you on the eve of your departure to the Eternal City, as one of the Episcopal Delegates called to assist at the Ecumenical Council which our Holy Father Pius the Ninth has in his wisdom proclaimed to the world. For the anxious care and earnest devotion with which, ever since your Lordship's arrival amongst us, you have labored for our spiritual, and also, on all suitable occasions for temporal welfare, we owe you a debt of warmest gratitude, and our obligations are the more strongly felt because we have had occasion to observe with deep regret that your Episcopal labors were too often performed under the weight of severe bodily suffering.

Were we in need of an evidence of your zeal