

The New Archbishop Of Toronto Installed.



THE RIGHT REVEREND DENIS O'CONNOR.

From Our Special Correspondent, Miss Margaret Lillis Hart.

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The great day has arrived! The grand event is over! The Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, D. D., has been installed as Archbishop of this important See of Toronto. This morning for the first time the portals of her beautiful Cathedral have opened to him, and received him as her own. And as he entered, what did we see? A church, whose graceful and ornate structure required little else than its native decoration to make it a fitting receptacle of the great ceremony about to take place under its high and vaulted roof. Away in the Sanctuary graceful waves of papal coloring fell from its sides and gradually merged themselves into the soft and spotless background of the altar. Above, the mitre flashed in golden jets; below the mellowed tapers glimmered, and the red and topaz lights twinkled, while flowers, carnations, and roses intermingled with the jewelled candelabra, graced an altar from the sides of which fell gracefully scarlet silk and lace of gold. Groups of palms guarded the Sanctuary, and away at the back was seen the choir gallery also with its drapings of yellow and white, while as centre piece a white banner bearing the episcopal arms stood prominently forth. The May sunshine flooded the Cathedral, cool breezes blew graciously through the opened windows; tier after tier of expectant and happy looking faces fill the aisles; all space was occupied.

Canada's Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, accompanied by the Hon. Mr. Mulock, occupy pews near the rails, behind them and occupying the front of the middle aisle are all the dignitaries, civic, judicial and educational that could possibly be present in honor of the great event.

The bells ring out joyfully; their import is of no uncertain tone; the organ peals forth its grand and speaking welcome; the vast congregation rises, the Vicar-General of Toronto, and other local dignitaries come from the Sanctuary and proceed down the middle aisle to meet their honored and expected guest, and for a moment there is a hush, a silence of expectation falls on all. For an instant the feeling of joyous exhilaration subsides, and one almost of pathos seems to thrill one. It is always so at sublime moments, and at this moment the solemnity has almost reached the sublime. Then a martial tramp is heard and a body of armed knights, St. John's ever guarding sons, in sable uniform, snowy plumes. With flashing swords they open ranks and through these comes first the Cross bearer, then row upon row of acolytes, then followers of Blessed De La Salle, next numberless priests in white surplice and sombre soutane; and amongst those are the white-hooded Dominican, and he who wears the brown scapular of Carmel,

and the Sons of St. Alphonsus and St. Ignatius. Then come bishops in purple soutane and rochette of lace, each with his pectoral cross and episcopal ring, and amongst them come those which by the subdued but irrefragable whispers of those standing near one knows are recognized as old friends by many in the congregation. The bishops of Hamilton and Detroit, supporters of His Grace at the ceremony of installation are amongst them. Peterboro's grand bishop is recognized by all—he was not one of themselves?—Montreal's Metropolitan, gracious and dignified, and distinguished from all by his youthful appearance, comes in the rear of this procession, and lastly comes our new Archbishop himself. Calmly and stately, as one undisturbed by outward events he advances. The signs of his great office are with him on every side. A grandly embroidered cape envelops him, lacy robes fall about him, on his finger gleams the sign of his episcopacy, his hand holds the crozier and above all towers the mitre, that crown not worn by earthly potentates, but by the prelates, the princes of the Church.

Arranging themselves in graceful groups, within the altar rails, the bishops take their places, while the priests are ranged outside the Sanctuary.

The Te Deum is sung, finishing prayers are chanted, the priests of the Diocese advance to kiss the ring of their new Archbishop, and to offer him their homage and fealty.

Then the Mass begins. Kingston's Archbishop is celebrant, Fathers Sullivan and Trayling are deacon and subdeacon, and Rev. Dr. Tracey is master of ceremonies. During Mass Gounod's "Messe Solennelle" is given, and some of the chorus work reaches almost to grandeur, while throughout the music is good. "Jubilate Deo," is sung at the Offertory. "Sacredos Magnus," during the Introit; Mrs. K. T. Smith presides at the grand organ, and the whole is under the direction of St. Michael's conductor, Mr. L. J. R. Richardson.

After Mass Bishop Dowling of Hamilton delivered what he called an informal address. His Lordship said in part:—

The entrance of a bishop into his diocese is an event of more than ordinary importance, it marks a new epoch in our lives. We show homage and respect to new governments; much more then should we pay homage and respect to him who comes to us at the command of God, who is the ambassador of Christ Himself, who is appointed by Christ's Vicar, and who comes holding his pastoral staff in his hand. This solemn function that not so long since we met to mourn the loss of another great and beloved bishop. To-day all is

bright and beautiful as the breath of the morning, and we feel that though we mourned, we mourned not as those without hope, and to-day our hope is fulfilled; we look in his face, the face of your Archbishop, and are glad, as the disciples were glad to see the face of their Lord. A reminiscence this brings to me is that it has been my privilege to assist at three installations in Toronto, and forty years ago it fell to me as senior student at St. Michael's College, to read the address to Archbishop Lynch, and now it falls to my lot to be present to-day as the senior bishop, and in my own name and that of all the bishops of the Dominion who concurred in his nomination I congratulate, pity and sympathize with the new Archbishop. I am his oldest friend with the exception of the Bishop of Peterboro. In the old class rooms at Clover Hill we studied together under one of the best men, the venerable Father Soldiers. There doubtless he heard the voice that called him and led him to where he is to-day. Our collegemotto was "goodness, discipline and science teach me"; three great factors not lost in the formation of the Archbishop. And now three thoughts occur, the dignity, burden, and difficulty of office in the office of the Catholic priest, which is the highest on earth or in heaven, and surpasses that of the angels, for 'tis part of the eternal priesthood of Christ Himself. If then we so honor the ordinary priesthood, how much more the bishop whose faculties are unlimited; St. Ignatius tells us that the man who honors the bishop will be honored by God. All testify that the office of a bishop is a burden, the very name signifies more of burden than honor. No wonder then that the good Archbishop hesitated before accepting this increased burden; only pressure from Rome and the bishops prevailed; it had to come to him by command.

There are times when the bishop must remember the words "I charge thee before Almighty God, to be instant in season and out of season." Sometimes explanations cannot be given of the course which a bishop adopts, without injury to religion, and thus he is often criticised harshly. Then he has to keep before him the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, who stood silent when accusations were made against him. He must remember the words, "Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart"; and nothing shines on the neck of a bishop like humility. St. Bernard says, "remember you are father and physician; learn to preach humility and benign severity." Then what is the duty of priests to their bishops? At his ordination a priest kneels before his bishop and places his hands in those of the prelate, he promises him obedience, the bishop then gives him the kiss of peace and the promise then given is to the eternal glory of the Church in the majority of cases loyally kept. It is ever a cause of evil when authority perishes. This reminds me of a case of fidelity to duty. An officer in charge of a garrison during the late war was approached by an agent of a secret revolutionary society; he refused to join because his Church forbade him, and was sneered at as a coward, but the officer retorted, "a man who does his duty is no slave, I do my duty to God, to my general and to my country." A few days after the soldier died, fighting in defence of his country, and was borne to his grave by his comrades headed by a banner on which were written in words of gold, "I am a soldier; I obey my general; I am a Catholic." This was in the country, on the other side. We also have a country a great and growing country, and if we wish it to expand, we must impress the duty of respecting authority on our rising youth, and this duty devolves greatly on the clergy. Speaking of authority, we are fortunate in having one with us whose whole life has been one long lesson of obedience. He also comes to us as one chosen by Leo XIII., by the unanimous call of the bishops of the Dominion, and he comes from the Diocese of London, where he had friends in all classes of the community, and where all loved him. He comes in the bright and beautiful month of May dedicated by the Church to the glorious Queen of Heaven, under whose auspices he began his rule; he comes noted for his piety and learning, and we pray that he may have length of years to shed additional lustre on the great Archdiocese of Toronto.

The addresses from the clergy and laity were then read. That from the

clergy was read by Very Rev. Dean Egan, then one from the laity by Mr. J. J. Foy, M.P.P. They were as follows:—

Address of the Clergy.

To His Grace, the Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, D. D., Archbishop of Toronto.

May it Please Your Grace—We, the clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto, have assembled to-day to give Your Grace a heartfelt welcome, and to assist at the solemn ceremony of your installation as Archbishop of this Metropolitan See. When, in the inscrutable designs of Providence, our late beloved Archbishop was called by the Master to his well-earned reward, we felt for a moment in our sorrowing love that his place could not be easily filled, and that we should not soon look upon his like again.

But the Divine Ruler of the Church on earth, ever "wise in heart" as He is "mighty in strength," knowing how to comfort His afflicted priests and people, has sent us, by the voice of His Vicar, one in every way worthy to succeed the great prelate whose loss was universally deplored.

It is true, indeed, that Catholic obedience and loyalty will always accept without question, and devoutly sustain, the spiritual head who comes with the sanction of the Apostolic See. Yet, it is a gracious and gratifying thing that a native of the diocese, a gifted pupil and distinguished professor of St. Michael's College, a second founder and eminently successful Superior of the great College of Sandwich, one thoroughly acquainted with the educational conditions and needs of our country, an esteemed and cherished friend of our late beloved Archbishop and his worthy successor in the See of London, should be now destined to continue his wise, firm, paternal rule in this Archdiocese of Toronto.

Therefore, Most Rev. Father, it is with sentiments of profound respect and filial love, that we, the priests of this Archdiocese, promise your Grace our loyal obedience, and unflinching support in everything that appertains to the good of the Church, the salvation of souls and the greater glory of God.

And perhaps Your Grace will kindly permit us here to give public and formal expression to the deep appreciation and grateful esteem we feel for our Very Rev. Administrator, Vicar General McCann, who in his wisdom, prudence and gentle firmness, has so successfully discharged the duties of his most important office.

Renewing, then our cordial welcome, again promising your Grace the loyal obedience and support of a united priesthood, and earnestly praying that God may grant you length of days to rule this great Archdiocese,

We humbly subscribe ourselves, Your Grace's faithful servants in Christ.

Signed by the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Address of the Laity.

To the Most Reverend Denis O'Connor, D. D., Archbishop of Toronto.

May it Please Your Grace—Venerable usage gives encouragement to the duty that falls to us, as members of the lay body, when, upon the portals of this Cathedral, which you now enter for the first time as Metropolitan of our ecclesiastical Province, we participate with the clergy in heartily bidding you "welcome back to Toronto."

Whilst in the exercise of so high a privilege as this, the primary purpose is to proclaim the most willing obedience to the Holy See with respect to any appointment that may have been announced to us after the short interim of widowhood through which the Diocese has passed, yet there are causes that inspire our address to Your Grace with peculiar satisfaction, and infuse with the most lively joy our loyalty as Catholics to the polity of our ancient and universal Church.

It is very well known how earnest is your personal desire to shun applause under all circumstances; but may we not be permitted to say that upon this occasion at least, it would be an affectation of formality to check the natural feelings of gratitude, delight and pride with which the Catholic people of Toronto witness the accession to the archiepiscopal chair of a son of the diocese, one whose birth-place is but a few miles from this Cathedral, whose student days were spent in the city, who was here ordained to the holy priesthood

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RECENT HAPPENINGS IN EUROPE.

Interviews with three of the Irish national leaders, Mr. John Dillon, M. P., Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P., and Mr. Wm. O'Brien, M. P., bear out fully the views expressed already by the "True Witness" in reference to the recent County Councils elections. The salient points of the interviews are as follows:—

Mr. Dillon says:—

"Strong appeals were made to the people by the Unionists, even by some Nationalists, that the County Council elections be fought on non-political lines, but I felt bound to urge that the elections should be fought on straight political issue. That policy was universally adopted, with the result that Unionism has been practically obliterated in the three Southern Provinces, and even in Ulster a majority of the elected County Councilors are Nationalists. County and District Councils, now controlled by the Nationalists, will be a powerful means of pushing the National cause.

"The recent elections have had a happy effect in helping to put an end to the dissensions which have paralyzed and disgraced the National party for the last eight years, and with the greatly increased power which will come to the Nationalists through control of the councils, and the reunion of the National forces in Ireland which is now nearly complete, I look forward with confidence to the establishment of a genuine national government in Ireland at an early date."

Mr. Davitt says:—

"Twenty-eight of the thirty-two counties into which Ireland is geographically divided are now under the control of the Nationalists in all matters relating to rural affairs of the county. The new County Councils have commenced their work well by demanding in uniform terms of absolute insistence the right for all Ireland which each county now enjoys with the necessary complement of a central legislature. This demand must be conceded before long.

"These thirty-two small county parliaments represent the recompact of rural Ireland by the Celtic forces, which have fought during centuries at opportune times, and by varying methods for religious, educational, social industrial and political rights, and have always won in the end, even against so unscrupulous a power as England. Final victory for national autonomy cannot be long delayed. British statesmen must soon see its inevitability, as Gladstone saw it in 1886 and 1893."

Mr. William O'Brien, founder and leading spirit of the United Irish League says:—

"Never was revolution swifter or more complete than that which has transferred the local government of Ireland to the Home-Rulers. The first meetings of the County Councils under their Nationalist chairmen were a great success. Their business capacity was as striking as their democratic thoroughness. Color O'Kelly, chairman of the Mayo County Council, one of the most advanced of the new school of United Irish Nationalists, conducted the business with such ability that the Unionist minority joined in a vote of thanks to him.

"Another remarkable result of the recent revolution was to show how easily the squabbles among the Parliamentarians can be put down by the country. None of the parliamentary sections gave assistance in the County Council campaign—two of these sections, in fact, actively took the side of the Unionists. Nevertheless the people swept the field without troubling themselves in the least with the parliamentary disputants. It is felt the same can be done at next year's general election, and the result will be to make as clean a sweep of the parliamentary factions as was made by the Unionists and so make Home Rule again the burning question of the next parliament."

A petition has been sent to Mr. Balfour on behalf of the family of the late John Hogan, the celebrated Irish sculptor, whose statues of Burke and Goldsmith in front of Trinity College, and whose "Dead Christ," under the high altar of the Carmelite Church Clarendon street, Dublin, attest his artistic genius. Amongst the signatories are the Lord Mayor, the Bishop of Canea, coadjutor to Archbishop Walsh, the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, and Mr. John Dillon, M. P.

On Mr. Hogan's death Mrs. Hogan,

was granted a pension of \$500 per annum from the Civil List in recognition of the contributions of her husband to the Fine Arts of the United Kingdom. Mrs. Hogan died March, 29, 1899. There are now two unmarried and a widowed daughter of Mr. Hogan, who resided with their mother, and who were dependent on her pension, being otherwise almost totally unprovided for, and two of them extremely delicate. Two of Mr. Hogan's sons, who were army surgeons, died in the active service of the Crown, the eldest being killed in Canada in 1867, and the second having died in 1879 from the effects of illness contracted while on duty at Aldershot.

The Lakes of Killarney to be sold by auction! That is an item of news which seems almost incredible, and yet it is true. The Irish Land Court will shortly offer them for sale. The Muckross estate, on which the famous lake which bears that name is situated, and which is in the most picturesque portion of the celebrated lakes, has already been sold to the tenants, and now the mansion, deer park, etc., will be put up for sale with the lakes. The price asked is \$1,500,000. There is a chance for some wealthy Irish Canadian or Irish American.

From a journal of its twelfth annual report it appears that St. Patrick's Catholic Orphan Society of Belfast is going a large amount of good work, under the presidency of his Lordship Bishop Henry.

"During the year which ended March 1, 1899, the society supported wholly or partially, a total of 693 children—161 more than last year, when there was also an increase of 55 over the number in the previous year. Within two years, therefore, the funds have been burdened with the notable addition of 216 children. The rate of increase, however, has been unusually high during the past few months, and this result is due to a recently issued Dublin Castle circular, which attempts, contrary to the intention and construction for 30 years of the Act of Parliament—to close the doors of the Irish industrial schools against deserving orphans, unless they are found to be criminals. Hence a large number of orphans who should have been admitted to industrial schools are thrown upon the funds of the society, which endeavors to save them from the workhouse.

The children supported during the year entailed an outlay of \$7,179, representing an average of \$10.75 to each child for the year, as against last year's total, \$6,345, and an average amount to each child \$11.85.

All over Ireland on Saturday of last week the newly elected District Councils commenced work. On that day the first meetings were everywhere held, and the various chairmen and honorary officers selected. In the overwhelming majority of cases Nationalists were elected to the positions. The result is that the voice of the country, as shown by the freely elected representatives of the people, is almost entirely in favor of Home Rule. Indeed resolutions in favor of it passed unanimously at most of the meetings.

Any doubt that may be lingering yet as to the restoration of the health of the Holy Father the Pope, must surely be set at rest by the fact that His Holiness has resumed his audiences, both public and private. A few days ago he received a number of Dutch pilgrims in special audience, and after having addressed a few paternal words to each of them—they numbered fifty—he addressed them in common, expressing a hope that Holland may soon completely return to the true fold. Religion, faith and good works concluded His Holiness, "are the bulwarks which every nation should build up if it would avoid the danger of subversion by the pernicious ideas so prevalent in these degenerated days."

The Pope's encyclical letter to the Catholics of the world regarding the series of religious exercises with which he desires that the present century shall close and the new one begin will shortly be issued, and will be read simultaneously in all the Catholic Churches in Christendom. A Rome correspondent of a secular paper states that this will be

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