SILVER JUBILEE

OF

THE YERY REV. FATHER BROWNE,
VIGAR GENERAL OF THE DIOCESE OF
PETERBORO'.

This has been a memorable week for
the Diocese of Peterboro', and the partial
of Port Hope. On the 9th inst. the Most
Rev. Dr. Dowling, Bishop of Peterboro', lestured in St Mary's Church, Port Hope,
on the "Conf-ssional" as understood by
the Catholic Church. The audience filled
the church to its utmost capacity, our
separated brethren being more than half
the number. We shall not attempt even
a synopis of this admirable lecture, and rendered so entertaining by those apt
illustrations, always at the command of
an able lecturer. At Intervals, in fact,
one felt he was listening to some other. illustrations, always at the command of an able lecturer. At intervals, in fact, ene felt he was listening to some oration of the great Father Tom Burke. ene felt he was listening to some oration of the great Father Tom Burke.
For an hour and a quarter the audience
listened with breatnless attention. At
the close of the lecture His Lordship
announced that it was with exceptional
pleasure he found himself the guest of
the Rev. Father Browne, on this occasion, as it providentially bappened to be,
the very week wherein occurred the
twenty fifth anniversary of their pastor's
erdination. As a Bisnop he had the
highest consideration for priests, who
had labored long and faithfully in the
Lord's vineyard. When coming to the
Diocese of Peterboro' he had heard of
the virtue and learning of its priests.
His own intercourse with them had confirmed this, and therefore his good wishes
for his clergy would to-night find a
tangible expression. He was now going
to communicate to them a secret un tangible expression. He was now going to communicate to them a secret un known, up to that moment, to even the angels in beaven, with the exception perhaps of that guardian angel, who had so tenderly cared for Father Browne from the day of his baptism. In view of the lecture he had just delivered, he would emphatically mention that the secret was in no wise connected with the confessional, for even fallen priests, who, atrange to say, after leaving us, attack the dearest objects of our faith and devotion, have never been known, in the votion, have never been known, in the nineteen centuries of the church's exist nineteen centuries of the church's exist ence, to have ever broken that sacred seal. The secret full of import to the Diocese of Peterboro', and which, at the same time, would bring joy to the hearts of his hearers, was that their reverend pastor would be, henceforward, known as the Very Reverend Father Browne, Wicar General of the Diocese of Peter boro.' He knew of no worthier among

Lordship the bishop celebrated Mass at ten o'clock, according to previous anmouncement, for his newly created Vicar. General. After the celebration of the Divine Mysteries, the following address was read by M. M. Cube:

To the Very Rev. Father Browns, Vicar. General Port Hops, on the occasion of his Silver Jubiles:

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It was a great surprise to us to hear last evening from His Lordship the most Beverend Bishop of our diocese that your brothers in the priesthood were to commemorate on this day the twenty

for anniversary of your elevation to the sacred dignity of the priesthood.
With your usual forgetfulness of self, especially where any honor is to be given you, this great event in your life was a perfully concealed from us.

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We are happy that we are not too late to do our little in celebrating this remarkable period in y ur priesthood, and we are extremely grateful to His Lordship for having communicated to us the pleasing intelligence and thus enabling us to take our part in honoring

our worthy pastor.
We would have much regretted seeing Aroon" pass without publicly expressing

We will not enumerate here for fear of paining you, your works, your sacrifices, your constant efforts in behalf of our suirtual and temporal advancement Whathas been done here by your z-at and administrative ability, time can never destroy. Your virtues and merits practiced and acquired in our midst have brought upon our parish, this day, some thing more to be proud of, in the additional honor that has failen upon our Pastor.

Pastor.

It is not in our power, on account of

It is not in our power, on account of the short notice we have had, to present you with an offering fully wor by of the occasion. We therefore request you to accept of this silver set, commemorative of your Silver Jubilee.

May you live among us to celebrate your Golden Jubilee is a wish we would express for our own sakes; for yours, reverend dear father, we can wish you nothing better this day than that your future may ever be what has been your glorious past.

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Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's.

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moved by the sentiments expressed in which he sentiments expressed in the address, made a feeling reply, in which he stated, that, though they were surprised at the knowledge of this being his twenty fifth anniversary and over joyed at his promotion, no one was more surprised than himself at all the honor he was receiving, and that the dignity given him, in his eyes, only entailed further responsibility. He could not, he said, recognize himself in the picture they had drawn of him, but he would, however, endeavor in the future to become such as they, in their kind indulegence, portrayed him. His heart was full of gratitude to his dear people for this new expression of their love and esteem At one o'clock in the atterooon Vicar-

DEAR REVEREND FATHER,—On this auspicious occasion, the twenty fitte anniversary of your sacred nuptials with the "spotless bride of Christ;" your brothers of the clergy resolved to gather around you present you with an address of congratulation, offer an appropriate gift, and in every possible manner nonor you.

We who have best known the boy and We who have best known the boy and the man, and have thoroughly appreci-ated, during the last quarter of a century of your priestnood, the sterling qualities of character that are yours, are well aware that position and houor, fame and a high name have never been sought by you, and that you have ever counted you, and that you have ever counted such among those vanities that solid men should shun.

If, therefore, we have come here to day to ment you in any other.



VERY REV. JOSEPH BROWNE, V. G.

Many have expressed asconsament that, with such sparse material, so much could be done in the parish, but your companions have understood these wonders in work from their knowledge

within the sacred shadow of the sanc tuary.

When with pure priestly hands you offer the most Adorable Sacrifice, kindly remember the sincere friends who present you this chalice, commemorative of your Silver Jubilee

We cannot conclude this address without a special reference to the great honor conferred on you last evening when His Lordship, in presence of the immense audience assembled to hear his lecture, announced that on this, the occasion of your Silver Jubilee, he would bestow upon you the nighest honor in bestow upon you the nignest honor in his gift, and proclaimed you a Vicar General of the diocese of Peterboro

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In congratulating you on this honor, we may be permitted likewise to congratulate His Lordship on his happy choice. In thus highly honoring you, he has honored your confreres also, increased our love and veneration for our bishop and stamped this Silver Jubilee with a significance that shall never be lost sight of by the diocease.

On riging to respond the Very Rev.

If, therefore, we have come here to If, therefore, we have come here to day, to greet you, in opposition to your expressed wishes, it is because we have lound irresistible reasons for not allowing such a 25th anniversary as yours to pass without a public expression of the high esteem and regard in which you are justly held by your brother priests. Among those now around you may be numbered some who sported with you on the old play grounds of your boynhood, some who walked hand in hand with you in the classic halls of old Regiopolis; others too are here, who, at the same venerable shrine of the Kings too Oathedral, the Mother Could the same venerable shrine of the Kings too Oathedral, the Mother Could the could make, was to hold them, if the could have near what it pleased them about have near what it pleased them.

man, look around!" There St. Mary's Church stands, the pride of your people, and the delight of every lover of the and the delight of every lover of the and the delight of every lover of the could say that he felt this honor ed, he could say that he felt this honor all the greater, coming as it did, from a prelate so loved and reficent presbytery, with its lawns and shrubbery, and those greater, coming as it did, from a prelate so loved and revered. Before resuming his seat, whose sweet shade you have always welcomed and made glad the hearts of your many guests, all is the fruit of constant perserving work during your sojourn here.

Many have expressed astonishment that with such sparse material, so much who knew him. It was difficult, Rev. gentlemen, said he, for any man to come up to such high expectations, but he has now lived sufficiently long among wonders in work from their knowledge of the zeal, the energy, the indefatty able labor of the Pastor of Port Hope.

Such men as you, in the midst of a clergy, are to your brother priests a died of his priests and people. Needless tower of strength along the path of life; to the world at large, beacons of light; to the Bishop, who presides over the Diocese, glittering gems in his crown. was the first production and which, at the responsibility of the hearts and is hearts, was that their reverence the hearts of th operation of his priests, from Vicar General Laurent, the late Administra-

will always find him, in the future as in the past, humbly trying to do his duty During his remarks he emphasized the blessing of having in their midst a Bishop who, from the first day of his coming, had won the hearts of all. He concluded by wishing his very reverend and esteemed collesgue a long and successful eareer

In the evening His Lordship and the and appropriate—among them, in the first place, we must mention a magnifi-cent set of breviaries artistically in scribed with the day's event, the gif of His Lordship—a solid silver chalce and paten of the chastest design, a rich

and paten of the chastest design, a rich silver set for altar use and various other gifts of a suitable nature. A few facts connected with the lite of the recipient of such highly merited honors may not prove

The Very Reverend Joseph Browne V G, was born in Tullow, Kings C), Ireland, in the month of Jun , 1840 His parents were highly respectable people. His father, Mr James B owne, is still hale and hearty, in the 85th year of his age. His mother, Janua Rigney, sleeps and deep love for you.

Humble, virtuous men will be honored, however much they endeavor to shun the public gase and the world's admiration. This is the case even in the world's admiration. This is the case even in the world's imposition, are for a time unknown, until certain circumstances force them forward for the benefit of their fellow-men and for the encourage ment of real true merit.

In the Church of God this is a fact constantly concurring, since we learn from time to time of some one little known to the outside world, rising, on account of instruction and the foundation of his virtues and shirtly, to some position of eminence in chourch. We do not wonder at this, for Catholic door, included the constantly control that there is no colid virtue which has not for its foundation that first of virtues, humilistry.

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Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works in the Ontario Government. In this college he began and completed his classical course. He passed a year at the Seminary of Quebec, where he acquired his knowledge of the French language. On his return to Regiopolis, he entered on his theological studies Always exemplary in his conduct and spotless in his lite, still he shuddered at the fearful responsibilities of a priest. spotless in his life, still he shuddered at the fearful responsibilities of a priest, and had it not been for the humility and obedience of the man, and the wise command of his spiritual adviser, the then Director of R-giopolis and afterward Bishop of Kingston, the late lamented Dr. O'Brien, the subject of this sketch, Bishop of Kingston, the late almental Dr. O'Brien, the subject of this sketch, would have been, in all human probability, lost to the priesthood. He was ordained by the late Bishop Horan, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston. That eminently wise and good prelate was desirous of retaining him, as his private secretary. It was, however, thought better, on account of his then feeble health, to place him at pastoral work. He was employed in these duties for a year in the parish of the late V. G. M. Donough, whose memory is embalmed in the following words from a poem in his honor, by the late Hon. Thos. D'Arcy McGee:

'Ashes to ashes, earth to earth Peace to the soul of the priest of Perth."

He was afterwards sent to found the parish of Napanee, where he spent six years. For the last eighteen years his life has glided on quietly and unobtru sively, and if such a fierce light beats upon him to-day, it is because his merit has been recognized, as he shall henceforth, on account of his position, have prominence in ecclesiastical circles, it may be well to say, before concluding, that besides being in the prime of life, he has a splendid constitution, enjoys rare health and is capable, when necessary, of much physical endurance and exertion. His mental qualities are of a high order, while in college he was known for his literary ability, and we have learned from those who have had an opportunity to hear him, that all his sermons bear the stamp of a cultured, well regulated mind. He was afterwards sent to found the stamp of a cultured, well regulated mind. His friends all over the country, whether in the cabins of the poor, or the man sions of the rich, will utter an impassioned prayer for his present and future mall being.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"I HAVE nothing to leave to any one Such was the reply made by the great priest of Holy Church, Mgr Bruyere, when a ked, a few days before his death, if he wished to make a will.

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THE golden jubilee of the Venerable and Rev. Father Sorin is to be celebrated shortly. He is Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. Special solemnity will be observed in the celebra-tion at Novre Dame University, South Bend, Iudiana.

THE library of Catholic books published in E gland during the last half century and sent as a Jubilee offering to the Holy and sent as a Judice offering to the Holy Father, consist of about 1500 volumes— translations, prayer books, school books, and books of minor fiction being excluded. It is not unlikely that their final resting place will be in the English College,

BESIDES the exquisite copy of the Constitution of the United States presented to be Holy Father, President Cleveland made a personal gift to him. This was a magnificent j-welled card case with a plush base beautifully embroidered by Mrs. Cleveland. A cordial letter accompanied the gift. The copy of the Constitution was placed on exhibition with the

IT IS now estimated that fully one thousand human lives were destroyed by the late dreadful blizzards in the west, School children, who died of cold and exposure while going home, were smong the most numerous class of victims. Many cases of heroism are reported of persons who rescued others from destruction at the luminent risk, and even at the loss of their own lives.

In view of the kind expressions of the Cz r in his jubilee congratulations to the Holy Father, there is good reason to hope that the position of Catholis in the Russian Empire will-con be ameliorated. This is implied in the closing words of

with Austria, and the military movements of both Germany and Austria, is generally considered to leave matters in the same state as before. Russian and French jurnals generally state that the speech tudicates peace. However, some journals consider that there is in it a haughty tone calculated to wound the susceptibilities and amour propre of other powers, and that the indications of peace are not at all

THE grand jury of San Francisco, Cal., n making their annual report, paid the following deserved tribute to the good Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Mag-dalen Asylum: "We find this to be a model institution for the reformation of young girls who have become reckless. Too much praise cannot be given the Sisters in charge for their zeal and self-sacrifice. We recommend that a larger appropriation be made to the Industrial School fand for the purpose of taking care of more of these unfortunate girls in this asylum." young girls who have become reckless.

THE story of the fainting of the Pope on the day of his jubilee is denied by a special Roman correspondent of the Catho. lic Times The correspondent says: "The Holy Father was quite vigorous on jubilee day, and the report of his having fainted is a fable. He satonished everyone by his power." Dr. Steffins also writes: "Foreign papers say that the Holy Father fainted several t mes during his Jubilee Mass. This is a mere invention. I myself saw him during the whole service. He looked very pale, indeed, but he did not faint. I was surprised at his quick movements and to see how The Holy Father was quite vigorous on his quick movements and to see how easily he made the deep genuflections after the consecration, and when he gave his blessing after the Mass his voice was so strong that its sound was in every part of the extensive edifice."

An anonymous writer in the Mail of the 10 h inst., pretending to be a Catholic, abuses His Grace the Archbishop and the priests of Ontario, as oppressors of their flocks, "with their feet on the peoples' neck," and as devoid of morality, inasmuch as they think only of money making by any means, however money making by any means, however unlawful. This scribbler, whom we do not believe to be a Catholic at all, presumes to speak on behalf of the Catholics of Ontario: "The Catholics don't want S-parate Schools at all," and "we want the ballot." This is the kind of Catholic public opinion on which the Mail bases its interference with Catholic schools—the arrogant assumptions of men who are held by their own neighbors as firebrands whose opinions are of no men who are held by their own heighbors as firebrands whose opinions are of no account. The Catholics of Pickering, from which township this scribbler pre-tends to write, have no sympathy with men of his class, but repudiate him and his originous. his opinions.

POSTPONEMENT.

The occasion of the conferring of the Joseph's building fund of Chatham, Ontario, which was fixed for February 1st, has been postponed until 25th June next. The value of the prizes exceeded the amount received from sale of tickets, hence the postponement. As the object of the prize drawing is purely a charitable one, it strongly appeals to the hearts of all good Cathorics and true Caristians, who should feet it a duty to assist by purchasing one or more tickets. If any tickets be sent to persons who are not able or willing to persons who are not able or willing to purchase them, they are kindly reques-ted to return them to the Franciscan Fathers, who have charge of the parish, since that will at least save expense of printing anew.

HYMENEAL.—On Wednesday, the 1st inst., were married, at Ingersoll, George Gurnett, E-q. Etitor and Proprietor of the Ingersoll Chronicle, and Miss Agnes Brady, hird daughter of Jas Brady, E-q. The marriage was celebrated by Raw. Jaseph P Molphy, P P, assisted by Rev. George R Northgraves, editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD We congratulate our conferre of the Ingersoll Chronicle on the confrere of the Ingersoil Chronicle on the confrere of the inversor Chronice on the suspicious event, and wish him and his accomplished bride long happiness and acroperity. Mr and Mis Garnett went West for their bridal tour, accompanied by the best wishes of their large circle of f.iends

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GOLDEN WEDDING —A large number of immediate relatives and friends assembled, on last Wednesday, at the house of Mr and Mrs. Denis Regan, of North Yarmouth, to greet them on the happy occasion of their fittieth weddingday. Their only surviving daughters, Mrs D Coughlin and Mrs. B. Coughlin; their sons, Messrs. Wm. Regan, of Bothwell, and Denis and Cornelius Regan, of Yarmouth, were present. Messrs. J. T. Yarmouth, were present Messrs J. T. Coughlin, Reeve, and J. C. Coughlin, Mr. Jos. Dayle, and grandchildren and nephews and nieces incumerable, made nepnews and neces into meracle, made up a very happy and or joyable gather-ting rarely witnessed. The R.v. Fither Francery blessed the table, and the old patriarchal joys of ancient times seemed