

TO THE VERY REVEREND AND REVEREND CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

DEAR REV. FATHERS:—A Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites has just reached us, whereby our Most Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., yielding to the postulation of a large number of Bishops, signifies his warm approval and recommendation of their pious suggestion that all the children of the Church, who this year united most devoutly and religiously in the celebration of the Sacred Jubilee of His Holiness, should assemble again before the year closes and make solemn thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the perennial fountain of divine mercy poured out upon us all. The form in which he desires this act of Catholic homage to be offered in return for the joys and signal blessings vouchsafed to Himself and the whole Church throughout this year of Jubilee, is the following:

1st. "In all Cathedral and Parochial Churches, and others, as the Most Rev. Ordinaries may allow, the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist shall be exposed for some time to the adoration of the faithful for special worship of the Divine Heart of Jesus on the last day of the year, the 31st of the current month of December."

2nd. "During exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament five decades of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary shall be recited, the *Te Deum* and *Tantum Ergo* shall be sung, with the prayers *Deus cuius misericordiae et Concedere*, and the Collects *pro Papa* and *pro Ecclesia*; after which the people shall be solemnly blessed with the Divine Host."

In accordance with Our Most Holy Father's recommendation, We ordain that the foregoing order of public devotion be observed in the principal church in each diocese of our diocese on the evening of the 31st of this month, at the hour which the pastors respectively shall judge most convenient for the assembling of the people.

To all who, having confessed their sins and received worthily the body of the Lord, shall devoutly assist at this solemn act of religious worship, we impart with faith and confidence our forth prayers to the Most Sweet Heart of Our Saviour Jesus Christ in thanksgiving for the favors above mentioned, and also for the tranquility and peace of Holy Mother Church and the Apostolic See, and for the conversion of sinners, the Sovereign Pontiff grants a Plenary Indulgence in the usual form of the Curia, applicable also to the souls in Purgatory.

We earnestly exhort Our Clergy to explain to their congregations the nature and spirit of this great Catholic demonstration of gratitude in which the common Father of the faithful asks the children of the Church throughout the world to unite with him in the last hours of this year of Jubilee. Gratitude is due to God for His favors, natural and supernatural. The year that now approaches its term has witnessed most abundant outpouring of God's love and bounty upon His Church and the Supreme Pontiff, her visible head on earth. The heart of the universe has been stirred with religious feeling and veneration to the great Pontiff who, unarmed and defenceless in a worldly point of view, and closely surrounded by hosts of wicked enemies, sits serenely on the throne of spiritual monarchy in the capital of Christendom, holding in his hands the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and delivering to the kings and peoples of the earth and teachers of the faith philosophy and science every where, the oracles of revelation delivered to the custody of Peter and his successors forever by the Son of God, whose imperishable word of delegation in this: "I have prayed for thee that thy faith may not fail; and thou, once converted, confirm thy brethren." The voice of Pope Leo XIII. has been raised amidst the tumult of error and false maxims vainly, proudly proclaimed and diffused zealously throughout society on such popular subjects as freedom of secular education, freedom of human thought, freedom of religious profession and worship according to individual fancy, reciprocal rights and duties of governments and subjects in the political order of life. He has flattered none, he has concurred no popular error; he has uttered forth with no uncertain sound the great primitive truths of Christianity to which all must return if they would be truly free and would enjoy the blessings of assured peace in society organized on the Christian model. Nevertheless he has won the respect of all classes of men, whose innate love of truth and religious earnestness has not been stifled by passion and senseless prejudice. Kings and Emperors representing ancient dynasties and mightiest political sway; Presidents of republics, elected by popular suffrage, the living embodiment of divine national thought; nobility in its manifold character, typifying illustrious deeds in the past or eminent services to society in the present or superior brilliancy of genius; democracy, speaking through its thousand voluntary associations, have vied with one another in publicly attesting by means of formal addresses and substantial presents and organized pilgrimages to the Eternal City and the Pontifical Throne, how highly esteemed and venerated and beloved is the Supreme Head of the Catholic Church in all parts of the civilized world, Catholic and Protestant, Christian and Infidel. We should all feel proud of this unexampled testimony to the moral influence of our holy religion, extending far and wide beyond the borders of the Catholic communion.

In it we may recognize a pledge of vanishing prejudice and the steady advance of Catholic truth throughout the world of religious thought. For this let us pray that it may be a permanent result of the glorious festivity of this year's Jubilee, whilst we unite before the Blessed Sacrament on the altar in singing the *Te Deum* of thanksgiving for the favors bestowed upon the Church and the Pontiff this year by Him who rules the world from on high and governs the hearts and minds of men by His sweet and merciful Providence.

The clergy are requested to teach the faithful that the devotion prescribed for the last evening of the expiring year are ordained to the special worship of the Divine Heart of Jesus; that our homage of thanksgiving is to be rendered directly and immediately to that Most Sacred Heart; and our supplications for the

tranquility and peace of the Church and the Apostolic See, and for the conversion of sinners, are likewise to be addressed to the "Most Sweet Heart of Our Saviour Jesus Christ," in accordance with the expressed wish of the Holy Father. For the Heart of the Man-God is the living centre of the love and sympathy of Jesus, our brother, our Saviour and our King, who is the Son of the Virgin Mary, and of the Eternal Father. The human heart of Jesus, the Son of God, is the divine heart of Jesus, the Son of God, in whose person it abides and lives and feels and loves. Its virtues and affections are His. Its agonies and the outpouring of its life blood in the garden of Gethsemane, at the pillar of flagellation, in the crucifixion of Calvary, were all His. He and His Heart are one. In adoring this divine Heart as it throbs with undying love and compassion for the children of men under the mystic veil of the Blessed Sacrament, we adore Jesus Himself: in rendering thanks to this adorable Heart we render thanks to the Son of God: in supplicating the favor of the Heart of Jesus, we supplicate the Person of the Incarnate Word, who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth in unity of Godhead forever and ever.

The Confession and Communion usually made by the faithful in the Christmas season will suffice for obtaining the Plenary Indulgence on the present occasion.

Given from the Bishop's Palace, Kingston, this 12th day of December, A. D. 1888.

† JAMES VINCENT CLARY, S. T. D., Bishop of Kingston.

THOMAS KELLY, Secretary.

SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC RECORD.
SILVER JUBILEE OF VERY REV. D. O'CONNOR, D. D.

On last Tuesday morning the grounds around the reading to Assumption College presented an animated appearance. Priests from almost every parish in London diocese and Very Rev. Vicar-Generals and dignitaries from the State of Michigan were arriving in batches of threes and fives at every hour until noon, to pay their respects to the Very Rev. President, and offer to him their hearty congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Precisely at one p. m., the college bell summoned all within hearing of its silvery tones to the well-lighted, well-ventilated, spacious dining hall, where a sumptuous and well-ordered repast was awaiting the numerous guests.

At least one hundred and fifty sat down to the banquet of meats and delicacies, interspersed with humming flags of Girard's excellent Concordia, that "chereth but doth not inebriate." Priests, students, professors and Very Rev. dignitaries seemed to enjoy themselves to their heart's content. Bon mots, repartees and peals of genuine laughter were heard on all sides. It was as truly a patriarchal convivial gathering as was ever witnessed, where every one felt at home, and each and every one enjoyed the poet's realization of "the feast of reason and the flow of soul."

The Very Rev. host, Dr. O'Connor, occupied the place of honor. On his right sat Very Rev. Dean Wagner, on his left Very Rev. Dr. Kilroy, *vice* master, Very Rev. Father Jones, ex-administrator, and Very Rev. Father Hennrich, V. G., with Dean Van Laune and Rev. Father Dempsey, chancellor of Detroit. The other gentlemen who sat near were Very Rev. Dean O'Brien, of Kalamazoo; Father Fieldland, Detroit; Very Rev. J. M. Laurent V. G., president St. Michael's College, Toronto; Father Ferguson, Rev. Father Torman, Chancellor of London; Rev. Fathers Flannery, Gerard and Bavard, with Hon. Senator Casgrain and Mr. Ernest Girardot. The other priests who participated in the festivities were Rev. Fathers Van Antwerp, McManus, Garry, Bisey, Dr. Gaubler, Garry and Mackler, of Detroit diocese, Rev. Fathers Northgrave, Crozier, Waters, O'Connor, Villeneuve, Marselles, McKeon, Hodgkinson, Ronan, Dickson, Aylward, Schneider, Bechard, Lapierre, Langlois, Lorlon, Scanlan, Nonan and McRae, of London diocese; Rev. Fathers William, and Michael, O. S. F., Chatham; besides Rev. Fathers Ryan, O. S. B. of Amherstburg and Rev. Father Grantham, Franchon, Bayley and Grand, O. S. B., Detroit; Rev. Fathers Burke and Mongovan, Hamilton. Toward the end of the grand repast the College Glee Club sang in chorus: "Praise ye the Lord," by Gounod, which was loudly applauded.

Master M. J. Dowling then advanced, and on the part of the pupils of Assumption College read the following address:

Very Rev. Dennis O'Connor, D. D., Superior Assumption College:

VERY REV. AND DEAR SUPERIOR:—Amongst the many who to-day gather around you in congratulation and friendship there can be none whose duty it is so plain as ours: for none are under such obligations.

Those, indeed, who take even a passing look from outside, on the great institution you have built up here cannot but admire your earnestness and energy, directed and put to fullest profit by rare business capacity. But it is only within the house that a true and fitting estimate can be had of those high qualities of head and heart by which you are best known to us.

True, there is not a brick in this noble building—now equal to any the Church possesses in our fair Province—but has cost you anxiety and labor; not a provision amongst the many made here, as for our personal comfort, so also for facilitating the work of our studies, but is owed to the soundness of your judgment and readiness to make any personal sacrifice.

But though these and many like things attest your high executive ability, yet are they a poor measure of the work you have accomplished. That work—the work which challenges our admiration and inspires our gratitude to-day, and every other day, lies in quite another sphere.

The eye must be withdrawn from the glare of outward things, and look with quickened perception into the souls of men, or it will miss the sight of your true deserving. For the really great mind disdains whilst it uses mere worldly instruments, whose products, like themselves, are perishable and seeks to edify the souls of men, not their bodies. To rub off the rust of ignorance, to polish and strengthen intelligence in what is

fairest and highest, to turn the spirit's eye ever upward and so bathe the whole man in the full shining of divine principles that he may give back in all his conduct, a true image of his Creator, in truth, in purity and in love—this surely is the noblest of works, the highest ambition of greatest men. And in this spiritual architecture the remarkable success of this school from such small beginnings shows both the proficiency and extent of your talent.

Your daily conduct before your students, the most effective of all teaching, has been the model in which we were always best when we copied closest.

A constant zeal for unimpaired Catholic education, a strong hand in enforcing order and teaching that first element of all victory, the victory over self, a manly kindness habitually and a tempered severity when required, all equally sustained by a nature whose most pronounced characteristic is a love of equal justice and fair play to all those, which are simply the factors of genius in a teacher, are the features by which you are best known to those who know you best.

Of your varied scholarship it is not for us to speak. The Holy Father himself has spoken for us by his gift of the Doctorate in Divinity.

With no little pride, as well as more than a little feeling, that we offer you on this happy day our full, warm, gratitude the homage of our respect for your many-sided superiority; and—furnished by the rule to make any presentation in its place we promise to pray earnestly to the good God whose glory has always been uppermost, if not in your words, at least in all your motives of action, that He will reward your benefactions to us, by a prolonged, happy life here and the unfading crown hereafter.

Rev. Father Flannery, then rising, said that he was deputed by the committee to read an address conveying to Dr. O'Connor the sentiments of his confreres, the priests of the diocese of London. He begged to say, however, that he was selected for this pleasant duty not through any personal merits, but because he was one of the pioneer priests of Ontario who had a share, though ever so humble, in the foundation of the flourishing colleges now directed by the Fathers of St. Basil in this province.

In September, just thirty-six years ago, in company with Very Rev. Father Malloy and Rev. P. Maloney, all three now deceased, and enjoying their reward in Heaven, and also with Very Rev. C. Vincent, now provincial of the Order of St. Basil, but then, like himself, a young levite, he had the honor of being associated in laying the foundation of St. Michael's College in Toronto. Since that time the college passed through many vicissitudes of triumph and of trial, and many of those who taught or who studied within the walls of St. Michael's have come and gone, some have occupied prominent positions in the world, and many have crossed the borderland of time.

There was no laboratory in those days in St. Michael's, no museum, no library. We rented a two-story house on Queen street, and a room fourteen feet square answered for study hall. Four pupils entered the first week, and about ten more before the close of the scholastic year. Many have died since, both of pupils and of professors. But the four boys who entered the first week are living still: One is Rev. Father Northgrave, the able editor-in-chief of the CATHOLIC RECORD (cheer); Another is Very Rev. D. O'Connor, of Barrie, Bishop-elect of the diocese of Peterborough (great cheer). The third was a young, uneducated boy from Arjia township. He is now on my right head here, one of the shining lights of Ontario, Rev. Father Ferguson (great cheer). The fourth was a little boy who had never left home previous to his entering college. He was very shy, and timid; in fact it was with difficulty he was reconciled to college life. But he did become reconciled; he grew up to be a priest, and to-day he is the happy subject of our admiration and of our honors, Very Rev. Dr. O'Connor, president of Assumption College. In the midst of the excitement, and cheer after cheer which this announcement produced, Rev. Father Flannery opened a parchment scroll, and while all were standing read the following address of the priests of the diocese:

To the Very Rev. Dean O'Connor, D. D., President of Assumption College:

VERY REV. AND DEAR FATHER:—The priests of the diocese of London have assembled here to-day to unite with your parishioners and with your devoted pupils of Assumption College in offering to you their sincere and heartfelt congratulations on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood. Your talents of administration, both as vigilant pastor of souls and president of a successful and far-famed college, your sternness of discipline, blended with mastery and soundness and paternal discretion, have been fully recognized and accepted as the nearest approach to perfection in government. Let those who have so largely benefited by your wisdom and determination of character in the zealous fulfillment of every duty, sound your praise to-day and give voice to their well-earned gratitude. We, the priests of this diocese, can only congratulate them upon the blessed opportunity given them of acknowledging, on this happy occasion, their deep indebtedness to the Author of all good gifts in having provided them with so enlightened and so prudent a guide, and so efficient and exemplary a pastor.

As a confere and co-operator in the sacred ministry, we approach you to offer you the well-merited tribute of our profound esteem and affectionate respect, while we hail you as a worthy and exemplary member of the sacerdotal order to which we have the honor to belong. We have always known you as a true priest, ever dignified, ever devoted to your sacred trust, ever abreast of your arduous responsibilities, while you were never wanting in solicitude for the well-being and honor of your colleagues in the sacred ministry.

Already a considerable number of the priests of this diocese have received their education and religious training under your paternal guidance and vigilant superintendence. Their gratitude is boundless and their attachment to you personally is sincere and affectionate.

All in the diocese who sought direction and wise counsel from you in time of difficulty, benefited immensely by your careful, paternal and prudent suggestions. None, we may say, ever departed from Assumption College without having experienced your generous hospitality and anxious solicitude for their temporal and spiritual welfare.

Indeed it is no exaggeration, and we shall not be accused of flattery in saying that we have always found in you a reliable and constant friend, a cheerful counsellor, a deep and erudite scholar without pedantry, an exhorter without austerity, and a dignitary without affectation.

Well, indeed, Very Rev. and Dear Sir, have you deserved both of church and of society, and while we acknowledge with sincere gratitude the merits of the zealous priests, members of your order, who share in your labours and sacrifices, we offer you, as the head that guides the bright destinies of Assumption College, the homage of our most profound esteem, and affectionate acknowledgments. As evidence of our sincerity we beg your acceptance of the accompanying testimonial.

With our most heartfelt and earnest wishes for your future prosperity and happiness, ad multos annos.

VERY REV. DEAN WAGNER, VERY REV. DR. KILRY, REV. FATHER FLANNERY, REV. FATHER GERARD, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, REV. FATHER BAVARD.

At the close of the address the College Glee Club sang very sweetly "No meeting," by Sheppard, after which Dr. O'Connor rose and said:

DEAR REV. FRIENDS:—I have on many occasions experienced from the priests of London diocese the most delicate proofs of their kindly feelings towards Assumption College and the Society of St. Basil, and I thank you very much for the handsome manifestation of your good-will which you have made to-day, and which while it is addressed personally to myself, I regard as more merited by the College and the Community of which I am an humble member.

The Rev. Father Flannery has his own inimitable happy manner of presenting his thoughts, and I feel deeply sensible to the kind words in which he has expressed the sympathy of the clergy for the work in which we are here engaged. The moral support which has always been accorded to us by the clergy, and especially by our beloved Bishop, has always been to us a great encouragement, and it is especially so on the present occasion. His Lordship found it impossible to be present to-day owing to the fact that he is engaged in diocesan labors which require his presence in the northern part of the diocese, but he did not omit to manifest his good will, as I received from him a most kind letter of congratulation on the occurrence of this silver jubilee of my ordination to the holy priesthood.

To the pupils of the college, also, who have expressed so much attachment to the institution, I desire to return my sincere thanks, and the thanks of the faculty. No doubt, as you have stated in your congratulatory address, some have been at times troublesome, and have caused us considerable anxiety, but we have been always much encouraged by the generous and well-considered advice, and your wish to be obedient to the rules, and we have received from you moral and financial support in our endeavor to carry on the good work in which we are engaged, of rearing good members of society and of the Catholic Church.

In this great work I have not been left alone, for I have always been blessed with the co-operation of a staff of teachers devoted to their duty, and zealous in fulfilling it. You are yourselves best able to judge what has been our success.

The reference of Father Flannery to the first pupils of our Community who studied in St. Michael's College, Toronto, when it was first opened, cannot be passed over in silence. Only four of them survive to-day, including myself, and of the other three I must say what all will acknowledge, that they are an ornament to the Canadian clergy; and the faculty of the College feel an honest pride in them. They are the Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop-elect of Peterborough, Rev. George R. Northgrave, the successful editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD, and Rev. Michael Ferguson, who is engaged with us in our college work.

I desire also to express our gratitude to the rev. gentlemen from the dioceses of Detroit and Peterborough who have honored us with their presence here to-day. Our college owes to them a grateful recognition for the material aid which they have afforded in the past, a continuance of which I hope we may merit also in the future. From Detroit diocese we have always had many pupils, owing to the interest manifested in our work by the priests of that diocese, and it affords me great pleasure to see so many of them here to-day. To the Very Rev. Fathers Jones and Hannett and Father Kuhn especially, and to the Very Rev. Dean Laurent of Lindsay, we are greatly indebted for the interest they have always shown for the prosperity of the institution in charge of the Basilian Community. We hope that the Assumption College may continue to merit your esteem, and that the pupils whom you have encouraged to study within its walls may continue to do so to your satisfaction in silence and in the practice of our holy religion.

The Glee Club again favored the visitors with a chorus, "The Bill of Fare," and a humorous melody, which brought to a happy close the most delightful and enjoyable day ever passed inside the hallowed enclosure of Assumption College.

Letters regretting impossibility of being present were received from Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Bishop of London; Right Rev. Dr. Foley, Bishop of Detroit; Very Rev. Fathers Rooney and Laurent, administrators of Toronto; Right Rev. Dean O'Connor, Bishop-elect of Peterborough, and others.

Rev. Father Cote, O. S. B., who conducted the Glee Club, and Rev. Father McNulty, who saw to everything and was everywhere with the other rev. gentlemen of Assumption College, were untiring in their efforts to minister to the comfort of their guests. But nobody was neglected and nothing was left undone to make Dr. O'Connor's Silver Jubilee one of the most pleasing and most successful of happy celebrations.

SPECIAL TO THE CATHOLIC RECORD. ECHOES FROM "THE PINES," CHATHAM, ONT.

The annual retreat of the young ladies of the Ursuline Academy finished on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The exercises were given by the Very Rev. Father Hennig, O. S. S. R., Superior of the Redemptorists and pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Toronto.

It is needless to remark that the instructions, of which there were four each day, were practical, most interesting and listened to with marked attention by all present.

At the termination of the retreat took place the yearly procession of the members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. The young ladies, robed in white and bearing lighted tapers, assembled in their beautiful oratory where they formed a procession, headed by the President and Vice President, carrying a statue and an exquisitely painted banner of the Immaculate Conception, whence they proceeded to the chapel chanting the praises of our spotless Mother and Queen.

Here the impressive ceremony of reception took place, at which Rev. Father William, O. S. F. P., director of the Sodality officiated. Several new members were received into the society, and rejoiced in the earnestly desired title of "Children of Mary." Then followed the election of officers. Miss H. Simmons was re-elected President; Misses B. McGonagall and A. Carroll, Treasurers; Miss M. Casey, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss K. Sicklested, Sacristan; and Miss A. Brothers, Librarian.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.

On Tuesday, the 11th inst., Rev. Mother Mary Xavier, foundress of the Ursuline Monastery of Chatham, Ont., celebrated her Golden Jubilee. The numerous congratulatory letters, valuable presents and rich floral offerings which this venerable lady received on this auspicious occasion, attested the affection and esteem she has won, not only in the diocese of London, where she has labored long and faithfully, and which she has enriched with imposing buildings surrounded by beautiful and spacious grounds, but also in Canada and the United States, and especially in her local native land, sunny France.

Among the many tributes of affectionate regard which were received on this anniversary, special mention must be made of a magnificent library and elegant wardrobe presented by old friends.

This dear mother was born in Brittany on the 17th April, 1815, and in early youth consecrated her wealth, her talents and her life to the service of the Divine Master.

Following in the footsteps of venerable Mother Mary of the Incarnation, foundress of the Ursuline Monastery of Quebec, she emigrated motherly adieu to her cherished Brittany and came to this native Brittany to labor for the salvation of souls in the far west, and many are the proofs to-day how right nobly she has fulfilled the work so courageously undertaken.

Tuesday being the anniversary of Rev. Mother Mary Xavier's solemn religious profession, was dedicated specially to spiritual rejoicing and congratulations in the midst of her devoted community, over whom she had been superior for almost thirty years.

Thursday was grand conge for the pupils who, during the evening, tendered a delightful musical and literary entertainment in honor of the occasion. The Ursuline recitations and songs were in French, compliments to this renowned mother, whose love for her dear France, time and absence has but increased. The following is a translation of the pupils' address:

DEAR AND VENERATED MOTHER:—On this joyous and glorious occasion, this happy anniversary, this golden jubilee of your solemn profession in early youth of your brilliant days in "La Belle France" we, the Ursuline novices, and the young ladies of the Monastery, and the dear and revered mother, courageously vowed your all of earthly treasures, devoted your life to the education of youth for the greater glory of your Divine Spouse. How faithfully you have fulfilled this youthful yet sacred vow, and how acceptable it has been to the Most Holy Father, past and the present, tell. By our works we have known that you have been instructed in faith and morals, honorably discharging life's duties in various avocations. Members trained to choose the better part, to follow the Lamb without spot and sing a new canticle in the heavenly Jerusalem, and lastly, this evidence of courage and industry, this grand and glorious jubilee, these handsome and precious gifts which surround the Monastery of "The Pines," all prove how acceptable was the sacrifice of home and friends so generously made, and later, succeeded by the heroic offering of an eternal farewell to "fondly loved sunny France," to labor for souls in the new world. We, dear mother, the Ursuline novices of the west, have enjoyed the great blessings your fervent zeal, firm resolution and unswerving devotedness have procured. Receive, dear and venerated mother, our profound gratitude for all you have done and suffered for us, for the unvarying patience, the holy instructions, the wise counsels and the fervent prayers for all we are deeply indebted to you. But we will not cease while life endures. We trust each and every pupil will be to you a consolation, that you may say, "Of all those given me I have not lost one." Past favors are an earnest of future blessings, hence we implore our Heavenly Father that He will grant you many years of usefulness, happiness and abundance of grace and spiritual favors. We will supplicate your glorious patron St. Francis Xavier to obtain that each succeeding year may find you surrounded by an ever-increasing community and a greater attendance of pupils, all growing in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. All join in the glad refrain to our revered and venerated mother, the first jubilee of Chatham, honor, gratitude, happiness, long life and heaven's choicest graces to the first Ursuline of Ontario.

Your loving and devoted children, THE PUPILS OF "THE PINES."

At the close of the entertainment Rev. Father William, O. S. F. P., chaplain of the Monastery, in his usual happy manner, proffered kindest congratulations to Rev. Mother Mary Xavier, and all

who had shared the blessing of her holy instructions and sound practical teaching, and spoke in detail of the good effected by her religious community.

Tribute of Affection.

Rev. Mother Mary Xavier, Chatham, Ont., on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee, Dec. 11th, 1888, from her sisters, the Ursulines of Timin, O.

DEAR REV. MOTHER:—When to-day, with souls trembling, fraught with holy jubilee, from the sweet Ursuline society all the Ursulines of the world, Heaven's eternal arch for thee, loving hearts will fondly greet thee, while all eyes will meet thee, bringing joys that taught can mar.

From beyond broad Erie's waters From Columbia's fragrant shore, Greeting from St. Ursule's daughters, Heartfelt prayers are thine full store. With the many thine orations, Gifts and tributes, freely bring. We would join the sacred orations, Praise about the notes we sing.

Memory turns with quaking pleasure To that happy day ago, When thy virgin heart's best treasure Thou didst give to poor me O'er; When before the altar kneeling In the rosy dawn of youth, Fourfold vows thy love revealing, Which to God was pledged in truth.

Spouse of Christ, look back in gladness Through the golden mist of years— Years that bring to-day no sadness, Only peace and happy tears. Lo! before thy vision rise, Deeds that Heaven may well record, Great indeed before the Lord.

Of the chapel just completed Fifty years have been told, Decades ten, the blessed repeated On the towers of Zion hold. When they watch thy constant cleaving To the truths of Heavenly Lore, From that mystic chapel wearing Gems to crown thee ever more.

Fifty years of blessed labor In the vineyard of the Lord, A silver's shining gleams of Thabor, Mingling oft in sweet accord. Who would not your wealth inherit, Gems encased in golden bands, Who can tell your weight of merit Garnered erst by angel hands!

Now that life's calm eve is waning, And the golden sunset nears, Heavenly peace with thee remaining, Purchased by those precious years. To thy Master's service given, Bring unto Christ's dear old Precious souls, bright gifts of heaven, Spotted with dust, but still untold.

Aged none! like Israel's leader On the mount to day with thee, Be for us an earnest pleader, Following where thy firm steps tread. May our souls in sweet communion Join with thee in glad retreat, All we meet in eternal union And the Heavenly port we gain.

FUNERAL OF THE MARTYR ARCHBISHOP SEGHERS.

The remains of the martyred Archbishop Seghers who was killed in Alaska while there discharging his sacred duties reached Victoria, British Columbia, on 10th Nov. by the United States Steamer Thetis which was put at the disposal of the ecclesiastical authorities for the purpose, by the president. The remains were received by Bishops Lemmons and Brondel who were accompanied by a large number of the clergy of the diocese of Victoria. Bishop Lemmons solemnly offered up a prayer for the repose of the soul of the deceased prelate, which was responded to by the clergy and laity present. The British and American ensigns on the British and American warships present were set at half-mast, and the bell of the Thetis was tolled respectfully and mournfully. Many of the people of the city came to view the repose of the soul of their deceased chief pastor. The body was well preserved and the features were quite recognizable.

It had been stated that the Archbishop had been shot in the temple, but on examination of the body the bullet wound which caused death was discovered on the left breast above the heart.

Solemn Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Gross on the 16th ult. for the late illustrious prelate. Bishops Junger, Durieu, Lemmons and Brondel assisting. An eloquent discourse was delivered by Bishop Brondel, whose feeling allusions to the noble qualities and self-sacrificing spirit of the illustrious deceased brought tears to the eyes of the whole congregation. The usual five absolutions prescribed by the liturgy of the Church were made by the Bishop present, who were just five in number. When these solemn rites were completed the remains were deposited in a vault prepared for them beneath the church, along side of the late Bishop Demers.

A memorial card was erected bearing a likeness of the late Archbishop, and the following inscription:—"Remember your prelates, who have spoken to you the word of God, considering well the end of their conversation, imitate their faith.—Hebrews, xvii, 7. 'Pray for the soul of Most Rev. Charles J. Seghers, D. D., Archbishop of Vancouver Island. Born at Ghent, Belgium, 20th December, 1839; ordained at Mechlin, 30th of May, 1863; consecrated Bishop of Vancouver Island, at Victoria, B. C., 29th of June, 1873; appointed Archbishop of Ensenada, 1st April, 1884, and transferred to the Archbishopric of Oregon, 10th December, 1880; re-appointed to the See of Vancouver Island, 7th March, 1884; assassinated on the bank of the Yukon, near Nulato, Alaska, 28th November, 1888; temporarily buried at Fort St. Michael, 6th July, 1887; disinterred and taken on board United States steamer Thetis, 11th September, 1888; buried at Victoria, B. C., November 16, 1888. The Archbishop's last farewell: 'Adieu! I leave for Alaska, and God knows when or whether I shall return. Pray for me. Requiescat in Pace.'"

The above particulars we summarize from the Catholic Sentinel of Portland, Oregon, which appears with a black border, in testimony to the respect which is universally entertained for the deceased prelate who laid down his life while discharging the duties imposed upon him by our Lord and Master.

The United States Government have sent two war vessels to Hayti to release by force, if necessary, the steamer "Haytian Republic," which was seized by the Government of Hayti on the plea that she attempted to run the blockade which has been declared by the Haytian Government. The Haytiens will probably deliver up the vessel without waiting a resort to force.