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St. Michael's Palace, April 5th, 1899.

It will be learned with pleasure that the new Archbishop of Toronto has been chosen by the Holy See.

I am authorized to state that the Most Rev. Denis O'Connor. D.D. Bishop of London, received his official appointment as Archbishop of Toronto last week. The Installation will take place in St. Michael's Cathedral probably the first week in May. Due notice will be given of

the precise date of this imposing ceremony.

In the meantime the Very Rev. Administrator will continue to

look after the affairs of the Archdiocese.

The "To Doum" will be sung after the late Mass on next Sunday in all the city churches as a thanksgiving to the Almighty.

JOS. J. McCANN,

Administrator Archdiocese of Toronto.

SKETCH OF THE ACHBISHOP.

The news of the appointment of Bishop O'Counor, of London, to the archipiscopal See of this city, though not unexpected, is a great gratification to as many as know him.

It is now going on forty-seven years since he made his first visit to Toronto his purpose, or rather that of his parents, being to secure him that higher Catholic education which the then now institution, now grown into St. Michael's

He was one of the first students, entering the same month the college opened as he was then but cloven years old, and has been with it ever since—becoming a member of St. Basil's Community at the end of his course—it is obvious there are few in Ontario who have had better opportunities of knowing the country thoroughly both in its history and

After Philosophy at St. Michael's, under the venerable and able Father Soulerin, he spent some time in Europe, despening and strengthening but knowledge in many departments, more especially mathematics and physics for which he had rare abilities.

On his return to Canada, in 1863, he was ordained priest at St. Mary's church, in this city; and then entered upon that life work which has turned out so honorable to himself and so useful to the church.

The first years of his ministry were spent as professor, but to this very early added the supervision of the temporal affairs of the college; and in both relations he showed such talent for business and direction that before the age of thirty he was appointed Superior of Assumption College in Sandwich, which the late Archbishop Walsh—then of London—was striving to put on a new

Circumstances and opportunity, it is said, play an important part in every one's They did here, at all events, by furnishing an opening for the exercise of those qualities in which the young priest was specially strong.

A great work, material and moral, was imposed upon him. For the buildings of the institution were in a mi-erable state of repair, berides being quite insufficient in size and accommodations; means were limited, or to speak more correctly, were entirely wanting, and a long series of mishaps had thrown a lowering tinge over the whole prospect. Only clear sound judgment, with great swering tings over the market the difficulties in sight. But those were just Father O'Conner's special characteristics. His penetrating business insight showed him at once what such an institution required both inside and out, and revealed the means and combinations by which it was feasible to meet and overthrow difficulties. And seeing them was, in his case, pretty nearly the same as securing them—if that was possible by any kind of For work to him, then as now, was like broathing to the rest of us, natural, easy and refreshing.

He could work as many hours in the day as any man I ever met, and with such method withal, and order and despatch, that he could finish sore before breakfast-often did-than many would care to tackle in the whole

also for the ease of his relations with those serving under him. He always did his own share fully, throwing no part of it on anyone, and not infrequently stretching out a ready hand to lighten the burden of his assistants, wh

great General at Lodi was not content to order his men to advance, but waving the banner in his own hand, in front, called out to them was the tactics of the Superior of Sandwich, a strong, courageous leader, and mabled him always to command what forces he needed for his projects.

But full success does not always follow this capacity to work, and make work. There may be, as we all know, power enough in the boiler, but if the machinery is not rightly set up, each part fitting and n its own proper place, the greater the power the surer the catastrophe we may

ader of meu, whether in church or state, must be able to guage the

strongth and aptitudes of his assistants, put each in his right em ployment and exact of them only so much as they are fit for, or he can never secure the fullest results. And in this capacity these who know Dr. O Conner best rank him amongst the highest.

In addition he is a brilliant man; not indeed with that brilliance which consists chiefly in smartness, rattle, and cheap show Towards this he has neither feeling nor relation, unless it be of almost unnecessarily volument soors. But as marble shines from its solidity, and precious stones because they are pure his scholarship is at once deep and ready, and wielded by a mind to vigorous be on barrassed by its own riohes, and so clear in its decisions and quick in enforcing them, that he can do the highest work with the least possible display. All learning, to be effective, must be an instrument to au end, a help to doing, and this is emphatically the case in the instance of the

With such endowments of mind and will, inspired and directed by a deeply religious nature, it is not a matter of wonder that his advance has been uninter

The old structures he found in Sandwich were, in a few years, replaced by oue of the linest educational buildings in western Ontario, the clouds were converted into saushine, the number of students increased five hundred per cent. in less than twenty years, and the fruitfulness of the toaching may be learned from the glowing words of Rt. Rev. Bishop Foley on the memorable 19th October, 1890.

Doar Bishop Walsh was too ahrowd an observer of character not to see early the treasure he possessed in the youthful superior of his college, and in con-sequence called him into his council, used his advice and honored him in every way.

Many of our readers remember the outhusiasm with which pricets and people gathered to the college on the ninth of October, 1889, when the good Bishop aunounced his authorization by Rome to coufer upon Fathe O'Connor the title of Doctor of Divinity, in acknowledgement of high ability and

That was, indeed, a notable occasion for Assumption. For not merely the clergy and Catholic people, but the whole population around Sandwich caught the spirit of the day, and crowding to the college expressed their delight and approval by address and presentation.

"It is not for his religious profession," said one of the highest public functionaries, "I honor Father O'Connor; I consider him the best business head and the most enterprising citizen of this neighborhood."

When, in a short time, Bishop Walsh was called to Toronto, reasons such as we have been dwelling upon pointed out the new Doctor as his most likely And when in due time the announcement came from the Holy Father, people said, as they are now saying: An admirable appointment-just what we

Since that time his life and work have been so much before the that there is no need to dwell upon their here. Gentle by disposition and choice, firm whon firmness is necessary, indistible where the rules of the Church are in question, a strength to the zealous, an encouragement to the timid, and immovably just to all, he has won from the priests and people of his diocese

St. Patrick's Day in Loudon.

Tho St. Patrick's Evo Banquet at the Hotel Cocil, London was the most successful function of the kind over held. All that is best in the rank and file of Irishmen in London was represented in the hall, which altogether presented in the hall which all refences to this topic were received left no doubt in the mind of anyone of the universal desire now existing among Irishmen over here that the time has some when all fende shall be nested to the universal desire now existing among Irishmen over here that the time has some when all fende shall be nested to the universal desire now existing among Irishmen over here that the time has some when all fende shall be nested to the universal desire now existing among Irishmen over here that the time has some when the time has been desired to the universal desired one and the universal which marks the remnion of and which speaks of union amongst the sone of the scattered Gael all over the earth—and the earth is ringed round to the universal desired one of the scattered Gael all over the well such the present of the scattered Gael all over the earth—and the earth is ringed round to the work of the scattered Gael all over the earth—and the earth is ringed round to the scatter of th

union that would mak. Iroland strong was obedience to the majority of the light representatives and to the leader choson by them (appliance). And no man could claim to be a true Irishman who put personal feelings before obed ience, which was the real road to unity (appliance). If a man could not work with his party, and give obedience to the majority, there was surely an alternative at his command. Luch him retire into the bosom of his family, or go into a mossatery and pray for the success of the Irish cause choices and laughter).

Death of ex-Aid, Woods.

Ex Ald. John Woods died at his residence, Dovercourt road and Dundas attect, at 10.20 on Wodoesday, March 29, after a lingering illuess. His death had been expected for soveral weeks. For the past six months he had been centre of the past six months he had been feeling unwell, and on Feb. 2 was compelled to take to his hed. Sinco then he had been a great sufferer from heart trouble and at times would be unconscious for several minutes.

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His iron consiliution was apparent to the last. Early in the evening he was very low, and about 80 minutes before he passed away he was able to recognise his family, who were all present, as were also City Treasurer Coady and a number of friends.

The news of his death soon apread throughout the city, and inside of a few hours a large number of decades old friends called at the become of different called at the become of the sevent country their last respects to a highly esteemed citizen.

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In his business he was always honest to which he attributed his prospority.

In 1881 he was asked to run for the City Council, and on going to the polis was elected to represent St. Stephen's Ward by a tromendous majority. The following year he was again the propies to holde, but after the was again the propies of the control of the contro

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A Notable Conversion.

WASHIVATON, D.C., March 27.—One of the notable conversions of the year is that of Hon. Goorge P. Fisher, who was received into the Chritch and died in the full communion of the falls on the load of February, at his home in Wash Insten.

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Judge Fisher was born in Milford, Del., October, 12, 1817, and descended from a branch of the family that gave as a martyr to the church the saintly Bishop Fisher, who was a victim of Henry VIII.'s persecution.

He was educated partially among the Salpician Fathers of St. Mary's Cofloge, Baltimore, one of his instructors being the famous historian, Father Fredes, and one of his classmates the Rov. John Samner, atterwards stationed for years at Georgetown College, as a member of the Society of Jesus, and one of its valued instructors, even in that distinguished faculty that has given a Secchi and a Hagen to the world of science. From the Sulpician College Judge Fisher wont to Dickinson College, Ponnsylvania, where he graduated, and later entered the law office of Hon. John M. Clayton. He was shark of the State Senate in 1840 and in 18. was a member of the Delsa

To all who find themselves with health gradually slipping away, Kidneys and Liver to disorganized that they are in the control of the control