

AN IMPORTANT PASTORAL.

The Catholic Bishops of Quebec Province on Education.

On Sunday last a lengthy and important pastoral letter from the Archbishops and Bishops of Quebec was read in the pulpits of the English-speaking Catholic churches of the city. Part of it had been read the Sunday previous in French. It is a most powerful document, and sets forth some very important principles. We have taken the following extracts from the English translation, and reproduce them in the hope that the truths therein laid down may be impressed upon the minds of our readers. The letter treats of the education of youth, in the family and in the school:—

"The parents, who have received children from God with the authority to bring them up properly; the pastors whose duty is to teach and to enforce the divine law; the heads of the state, whose duty it is to support intelligently and efficiently the pastors and parents; the educators of children, whose mission is to complete in the schools the work of the parents; all those who love the church and their country must have it to heart to see that that education is sound, and such as to form excellent Christian, honest, virtuous and learned citizens, devoted to their country.

"Over the schools, which are founded by private initiative or by the state, it is the duty of the church to exercise an attentive oversight, in order to exclude any teaching which might be contrary to Catholic doctrine. Moreover, as religious education should progress by the side of intellectual culture, the ecclesiastical authorities can and should require that no one destined to the teaching of the Christian doctrine shall be chosen and appointed without the ratification or previous approval of those whom Jesus Christ has entrusted with the care of preserving intact the sacred deposit of faith. . . . These sacred rights of the church it is our duty and firm intention to maintain in all their entirety. No doubt, very dear brethren, in a mixed society such as ours, that is composed of widely differing religious elements, it would be difficult to expect that people will recognize in the Roman church certain prerogatives which it might enjoy in an exclusively Catholic country.

"The Catholic church, whose origin on this continent dates from the cradle of American civilization and which has not ceased during more than three centuries, through its apostles and missionaries, to spread the light of Christianity over this country, can legitimately claim, without, therefore, being saddled with a double school tax, the right of bringing up the children who are entrusted to its care in the faith of their fathers, and of giving to these children an education consistent with the religious principles which they profess. There is in that, we proclaim it, a question of justice, of natural equity, of prudence and of social economy which is intimately connected with the vital interests of this country. The Canadian episcopate has never hesitated, as is well known, to teach on all occasions peace, concord, mutual confidence, a sincere loyalty to the British Crown, and it hopes that, thanks to the wise and firm intervention of our legislators, and thanks also to the fairness and spirit of conciliation of the several elements which make up the population of Canada, the uneasiness which actually exists in certain provinces shall soon be replaced by a feeling of general satisfaction."

This letter will be sent with another from every bishop to the clergy of his diocese.

Cardinal Taschereau adds: "His Grace Mgr. Tache, Archbishop of St. Boniface, has just published an excellent memoir on the question of the North-West schools, in reply to the report of the Privy Council on that matter. I invite you to secure that pamphlet. It will give you an idea of the just claims of the Catholic minority and of the flagrant injustice of which it is now the victim. It is well that you should be versed on this question, which now agitates so many minds, and on the solution of which largely depends the religious and national future of our patriots in the North-West."

Footballer's motto—"After the ball."

Naval engagement.—A lady's acceptance of a sailor's suit.

VIRTUE'S PATH.

At first it seems a lonely way,
Dark and forbidding, thorn-straw,
And o'er its narrow confines falls
The shadow of a cross rough-hewn.

Impressive silence reigns around,
And mysteries float upon the air,
With God alone the soul communes
Uplifted on the wings of prayer.

Full soon a deeper, truer light
Upon the soul's radiance throws,
A knowledge of eternal truths
O'er the awakening spirit flows.

Nearer to God at every step
Of daily life the spirit mounts,
And wrapt in contemplation holy
Draws life from heavenly fountains.

Deep draughts of peace divine are quaffed
From wayside wells of God's own grace;
The whirl of hovering angel wings
Floats softly near the holy place.

And yet the mind and heart imbued
With worldly love, affrighted, turn
To broader ways to seek for peace
Where only pain and passion burn.

The path seems steep, tortuous, rough,
Its silent, peaceful calm appeals,
Discordant notes of empty joy
To festal scenes the spirit calls.

O Think ye of the Living Bread
That feeds the soul for realms above,
The strengthener of the spirit's life
The priceless treasure of God's Love.

O let me tread the silent path
A pilgrim 'neath the cross's shade,
Till death shall mark my spirit's flight
To paths of bliss that ne'er shall fade.

K. DOLORES.

PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. John B. McDermott, of Montreal, having presented to the City Council of Kingston, Ont., a portrait of the late Rev. Father Dowd, is in receipt of the following hearty thanks:

[COPY.]

DEAR SIR,—On behalf and by direction of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Kingston we beg to acknowledge the very interesting gift to it of a portrait of the late Rev. Father Dowd, of Montreal. Known, as the reverend gentleman was, throughout the land for his liberal mindedness, his learning, and his eloquence, for his high sense of duty, his constant devotion throughout a long life to the welfare of the poor and unfortunate, which many institutions, established through his efforts, attest, his portrait can call forth but the kindest feelings and the highest respect from all, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant, who view his venerable features. But the portrait is also of interest to our citizens in connection with the fact that the original had been offered, as we are informed, the Bishopric of the Diocese, which offer his devotion to the people, among whom he so long labored, compelled him to decline. By direction of the Council his portrait was immediately after acceptance hung in the City Council Chamber. On behalf of the city we desire to thank you for this excellent memorial of a good man.

Yours very truly,
Committee. {ALD. MUNDELL,
{ALD. SKINNER.
Kingston, March 21st, 1894.

BROAD VIEWS CONCERNING THE CHURCH.

The following are extracts from a sermon of Rev. E. P. Parker, a Protestant minister of Connecticut:

Dr. Parker gave instances of Catholics who hated Protestants, but they were Catholics only in name, and said Protestants who hated Roman Catholicism might be Protestants, but they were not Christians. He considered the present Pope to be the wisest and best man who had occupied that position for centuries. Dr. Parker said that he rejoiced with all his heart that Dr. Tierney had been promoted and he congratulated the people of Hartford that he was to be elevated to the episcopate. "He's a noble, devout and loyal Christian, and when recently, in response to my congratulations, he

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Dear Sir—Two years ago I was pale and emaciated, food fermented in my stomach. A physician pronounced my case "Catarrh of the Stomach," but he could not help me. I lived a month without solid food and when I tried to eat I would vomit. At this time I began taking Doctor Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, and in two weeks I was decidedly better. I am now in good health, and never felt better in my life. I have a better color, eat more, and have no distress after eating—having gained thirteen pounds since I began taking them.
Yours truly, MARY ANGUISH.



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saluted me as 'Your brother in Christ,' I knew he meant it. We respect each other and ought to be on terms of Christian friendship.

"Some say that the old dominating spirit of the Church will assert itself when it gets a chance, but I don't believe it. It wouldn't if it could and it couldn't if it would. The old conditions have gone by forever. . . . The world has moved on upward until religious tolerance is regarded as a part of modern faith.

Some shake their heads at the beautiful edifices the Catholics are erecting everywhere, but if they spend \$1,000 where we give \$100, I for one honor them for it, if they are willing to support them. Whatever I may think of their judgment, I do admire their devotion. They are loyal, and their unity, harmony and corporate power rebuke us. They have an adaptability to gather all classes together in one grand worship, and when we can so appeal through eyes and ears to the noble and peasant, the civilian and soldier, the rich and poor, the young and old, the learned and ignorant, as they do, we shall have advanced a great way."

Dr. Parker dwelt at length upon the good influences of the Roman Catholic Church upon the foreign element and speculated upon what might have been their condition without some adequate moral and spiritual control. The Irish in America owe everything to the Church, more than they are aware of. Who ever heard of an Irish Catholic anarchist, a nihilist or ultra-socialist? The Roman Catholic Church is a mighty bulwark; she holds her people in martial array for the faith. She stands as a powerful witness for truth and faith. She believes in some things and testifies to it. She believes in many things we do not, but she does not bow down and worship idols, and behind it all is the groundwork of Christian faith. Said Dr. Parker: "I find myself more closely allied to the Roman Catholic Church than to many Protestants, who by their rationalist belief have taken away my Lord. I could worship with them with some pauses."—Sacred Heart Review.

BOURGET COLLEGE, RIGAUD.

HONORING THE REVEREND PRESIDENT—A GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

On Tuesday evening, April 3rd, the pupils of Bourget College, Rigaud, P.Q., honored their beloved President, the Rev. Jos. Charlebois, O.S.N., with a dramatical and musical entertainment, in honor of the anniversary of his holy patron's feast. The evening's proceedings began by a choice selection executed in a praiseworthy manner by the college band. After the harmonious strains of the band died away, addresses of congratulation and good-wishes were presented to the Rev. Father in French and English, to which he responded in a very eloquent and appropriate manner. The chief feature of the evening was the beautiful and interesting drama in five acts, "Le pris du sang," which was rendered in a praiseworthy manner by all the respective actors, who received showers of applause from the distinguished audience. Between the acts the College choir rendered skillfully several quartettes—the College band delighted the attentive hearers with several choice pieces—gymnastic exercises were also a prominent part of the programme. Although the roads were impracticable, they did not prevent a great many members of the clergy, friends of the college and parents of the students from coming to congratulate the Rev. President. Taking a retrospective glance at the whole entertainment, we must pronounce it a decided success in every respect and tender our heartfelt and earned congratulations to the actors and their moderator. The following is a copy of the English address, and Rev. Father Charlebois reply:—

REVEREND AND MUCH BELOVED DIRECTOR: It has always been your endeavor to instill into young hearts sentiments of gratitude, a virtue which you have taught us to admire and to cultivate, as being perhaps the fairest flower that should adorn the garden of youth. You will not, therefore, be surprised if we have thought it our dear right, as well as our filial obligation, to express to you our very sincere thankfulness, our strong and lasting affection, and also our hearty good wishes, on this the thrice welcome anniversary of your saintly patron's day. To this day we have looked forward for satisfying the necessity we felt, of acknowledging in an especial manner our indebtedness to you for the multitudinous benefits we have enjoyed under your kindly direction.

On an auspicious occasion such as this, we love to applaud your deserved promotion to the position of trust, of responsibility and

honor which you now occupy—a trust which you so faithfully keep, a responsibility which you sensibly feel, and an honor which you always nobly uphold. Your untiring labors in our special behalf, your ever watchful and indeed fatherly care, so unparagonably bestowed, and especially your lessons and examples of piety are all eloquent and abundantly evident proofs of how deeply we should hold ourselves under obligations to you, and how very justly and sincerely we thank you and wish you many, many more years of a life, indeed full of arduous self-sacrifice, but also full of grand merits and of consoling results. May we enjoy many years of your mild direction, and as best proof of our true esteem, may we ever follow faithfully the principles and high aims which have been taught to us, and the excellent examples which you have constantly shown us, and thus may we always remain true and worthy children of Bourget College.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING PUPILS OF BOURGET COLLEGE, RIGAUD

FATHER CHARLEBOIS' REPLY.

My dear friends,—I am exceedingly thankful to you for the kind words and good wishes expressed to me in your address, which is "last but not the least." I would here avow that I am personally opposed to any such demonstration as this, for I believe very little in what is merely written on paper, and I consider action by far the better expression of your feelings; however, I cannot complain that your action belie your words. I have been, in general, well satisfied with your behaviour; wherefore it is more acceptable to receive your thanks, congratulations and well wishing, and it is even perhaps safe enough to consider them sincere. Again, I do not accept these manifestations of your respect and esteem for me personally, but for the principle, the authority, which I represent, the body that is assigned me to direct. Yes, my dear boys, gratitude is a grand, a noble virtue, and it is, I say it candidly, the more appreciable in youth as it is less generally a characteristic of the young. Gratitude, inborn, instinctive, self-acting, is very rare in the thoughtless unappreciative years of childhood and even in the teens. It is the mark of a more advanced and more considerable age. But, oh! how gratifying to find that fair gem adorn the soul of youth. Milton, in his "Paradise Lost," speaking of gratitude, says:

"A grateful mind
By owing owes not, but still pays, at once
Indebted and discharged."

On the other hand, "Ingratitude is a monster, to be strangled in the birth, not to be cherished," as Massinger says.

Do learn, then, ever, even now, to appreciate what is being done for you, and be persuaded that you can scarcely better repay your benefactors than by manifesting how deeply grateful you are for kind offices.

Every boy should have his head, his heart and his hand educated. Let this truth never be forgotten. By the proper education of the head he will be taught what is good and what is evil, what is wise and what is foolish, what is right and what is wrong. By the proper education of the heart he will be taught to love what is good, wise and right, and hate what is evil, foolish and wrong. And by proper education of the hand, he will be enabled to supply his wants, to add to his comforts, and to assist those around him. The highest objects of a good education are: to reverence and obey God, and to love and serve mankind. Everything that helps us in attaining these objects is of great value, and everything that hinders comparatively worthless. When wisdom reigns in the head, and love in the heart, the man is ever able to do good; order and peace reign around, and sin and sorrow are almost unknown. So, my dear boys, never forget the object for which your kind parents have placed you in this College, that is, for your intellectual, moral and physical training. Always be faithful to the lessons you receive here, and you will always be an honor to your parents, to your religion, to your name, to your country and to your Alma Mater.

Once more, I thank you in my name and in that of your zealous professors, who, as I, are constantly around you and spending their best energies in your behalf.

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In one of our large cities a short time ago an editor was met by a friend, who, taking him by the hand, exclaimed: "I am delighted to see you. How long are you going to stay?" "Why, I think," said the editor, "I shall stay while my money lasts." "How disappointed I am," said the friend. "I hoped you were going to stay a day or two."

Dear Sirs,—I have been using Burdock Blood Bitters for boils and skin diseases, and I find it very good as a cure. As a dyspepsia cure I have also found it unequalled. MRS. SARAH HAMILTON, Montreal, Que.