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From the Ottawa Citizen, 8 May, 1888. The following lines were composed on the ceremonies conducted at the Glouces-ter Street Convent on Saturday, where the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist were conferred on nine young

Nine Graces at God's altar knelt,
In pure bright Innocence attire;
A vision fair that well might melt
Cold hearts to tears and love inspire.

Oh what a joyous sight to see
These serial forms serene and gay;
True types of God's own slohemy,
Approach their yet untrodden way.

Approach the altar to receive,
From their High Priest with cros
raised,
The seven gifts of the Author of Love,
And then, anon, by faith well stayed.

Approach their loving Jesus' feast,
With hearts as pure as crystal str
Receiving in their ice-chaste breast
Him who did this world redeem.

Ah, precious moment in life's span,
When children to their hearts unite,
The Father and the Word made man,
The Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.

Around that sacred edifice
The sweet sacred music peal'd.
Oh, God! how like a Paradise
That loved senctuary appeared.

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The celebration for the first time of the festival of the beatified John Baptiat De La Salle, founder of the order of Christian Brothers, was an occasion of joy, of exultation and of thank-giving for the entire Catholic world. Salutary instructor of the poor—teacher of science to youth—confessor and founder of a new religious family—such are the titles with which the Church has seen fit to honor him who served her so well whilst upon earth. 'Tis but a few weeks since the glad tidings of the beatification reached us—but a few days since the Courch and all her faithful children offered to the Almighty praise and gratitude because of this noble addition to the ranks of those whom she hath called Blessed. Wherever the order of Christian Brothers is established—and in what country is it not to be found?—the festival has been celebrated with all the pomp and splendour of the ritual of the Catholic Church. In the Province of Ontario the Brothers have religious houses with large schools, at Toronto, St. Catharines, Kingston, Ottawa, and in all of these was De La Salle honored and God glorified in an especial manner. Nowhere, however, was the feast solemnized in a more fitting manner than in the metropolis of Ontario.

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On Sunday, the 30 h of April, a pastoral letter of His Grace the Archbishop, read in all the churches, announced to delighted congregations the glad tidings of the beatification and of the approaching fete. Monday and Tuesday, busy days for the good Brothers, were devoted to the congenial task of preparation. This labour of love was conducted with the same energy and zeal which the Brothers throw into their work of education, and the results achieved certainly could not have been more creditable.

On Wednesday the triduum appointed by the Holy Father for the celebration opened. The Holy Sacrifice was on that day for the first time in Toronto offered under the invocation of the Blessed John Baptist De La Salle. The mass was the "Oommon of a Confessor not a Bishop," justus ut palma, with special collect, secret and post communion. The music was furnished by the boys attending the Brothers' schools. In the afternoon all the pupils approached the Sacrament of Penance, and a large number visited the cathedral to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, in order to gain the one hundred years' indulgence granted by him In the evening Rev. Father Hand preached an impressive sermon, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given. Thus closed the first day.

Thursday, May the 3rd, opened in a most pleasing manner. The pupils of the Separate Schools throughout the city approached the Holy Table at the early masses in the various churches. What edification and pleasure must it not have afforded parents to witness their children thus display genuine Catholic plety and devotior, fruits of their training received at the hands of the good Brothers! The masses in the cathedral to-day were, as on Wednesday, in honor of the Blessed De La Salle. In the afternoon the children again assembled in St. Michael's, and after they had sung several appropriate canticles, listened to an interesting instruction from the Archhilshop. His

Salle. In the afternoon the children again assembled in St. Michael's, and after they had sung several appropriate canticles, listened to an interesting instruction from the Archbishop, His Grace, in the course of his sermon, directed the attention of his hearers to the noble qualities for which the saint was renowned, and recalled many beautiful and touching incidents in his life, especially those which proved his great love for children and his devotion to their interests. Prayers to gain the indulgence granted by his Holiness closed this second day.

But on Friday—the third and last day—the most imposing ceremonies in connection with the celebration took place.

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The 4th of May is neither the anniversary of the saint's birth nor toat of his death. Born on April 30th, 1651, he died on Good Friday, April 7th, 1719. It is the anniversary of the translation of the body of the Blessed De La Salle from the chapel of St. Yon at Rouen to the chapel of the Brothers' Normal School, which occurred on May 4th, 1835. St. Yon had been the Mother House of the Christian Brothers until the French Revolution. Taken from them at that time, it has never been restored, and is now used for a Godless State Normal School.

On Friday morning low masses were selebrated at 6 o'clock and 5 o'clock in the Oathedral, and a large number of the laity received Holy Communion. The Pontifical High Mass was sung by His Grace the Archbishop at 9 30 o'clock. The deacon and sub-deacon of Honor were Rev. Fathers Harold and Shanshan; the assistant priest, Very Rev. Father

The deacon and sub-deacon of Honor were Rev. Fathers Harold and Shanshan; the assistant priest, Very Rev. Father Laurent, V. G., and the deacon and sub-deacon of the mass, Rev. Fathers Laurent, V. G., and the deacon and sub-deacon of the mass, Rev. Fathers Hand acted as Master of Ceremonies. All the priests who assisted in the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice had been pupils of the Brothers. Amongst the other priests present were Rev. Fathers Lamarche, McBride, Gavan, McGuire, Corduke, C. SS. R., Chalendard and Cruise. Before the mass began the pupils of the Brothers and Sisters, who were present to the number of over 2,000, all joined in singing the hymn, "Mary Mother Dear," led by Rev. Brother Odo on the cornet. The rendition of this hymn, as well as of the entire mass, was all that could be desired. The immense volume of sound produced by over 2,000 voices singing in unison can more easily be imagined than described, and its effect in the grand cathedral of St. Michael's—which possesses such remarkably good acoustic qualities—will never be forgotten by those who were so fortunate as to be present. The Mass selected for the occasion was the Gregorian Messe des Anges, and was sung in alternate verses by the boys in the choir-gallery and the clergy and assistants in the sanctuary. The Introit, Alleluia and Communion were chanted by the choir of St. Michael's College. The Offertory, Iste Confessor, was sung by all the boys present, as was also the hymn, "The Earth, O Lord, Rejoices." After Mass Very Rev. Father Rooney, V. G., delivered the sermon, which was a masterly discourse, reviewing the chief events of the life of the saint and the history of his order to the present day. The cathedral was crowded to the doors during the authority of the chief of the saint and the history of his order to the present day.

masterly discourse, reviewing the chier events of the life of the saint and the his tory of his order to the present day. The cathedral was crowded to the doors during the mass. This immense congregation was composed chiefly of pupils of the Separate Schools and Catholic religious institutions in Toronto, and, looking down from the choir gallery, it presented a most edifying and gratifying spectacle. In the evening at 7.30 o'c ock another large congregation assembled to close in a worthy manner this glorious triduum. After the recitation of the Rosary the choir of St. Michael's cathedral sang very effectively the choruses "Regina Caeli," Lambillotte, and "Sit nomen Domini," Cagliero, and the trio "Jesu Dei vivi," Verdi. Then followed a magnificent sermon by Reverend Father McCann. The virtues of the saint, the grand work of his order and the duties of Catholics in matters of education, were the principal

his order and the duties of Catholics in matters of education, were the principal topics of his discourse. If the Rev. Father did not succeed in giving to the Brothers all the praise and all the credit which their achievements deserve, it is only because in mere words this could not be done. After the sermon and during the Benediction of the most Blessad Sacrament the following music was rendered, "O Salutaris," Cherubini, sung by Mrs. Anglin, the canticle "Te Deum," by the choir and sanctuary assistant in alternate verses, with the versicle, response and prayer appointed for the occasion, and grand "Tantum Bryo," Millard, by Mrs. O'Hara, soloist, and the choir. The choruses were sung with much precision and were considered unusually fine. The choir of the Cathedral is to be congratulated upon the success of their portion of the

and were sung with much precision and were considered unusually fine. The choir of the Cathedral is to be congratulated upon the success of their portion of the celebration. Thus worthily terminated this grand festival. The rain during the evening did not prevent a very large number of persons from attending. The altar during the solemn Benediction offered a grand spectacie and with the decoration of the church formed a veritable triumph of decorative art.

The decorations, the work of the Brothers, were acknowledged by ali present to be the most beautiful in design and arrangement ever seen in any church in Toronto. They may be described, but very inadequately, as follows:—

I. Long streamers from the centre of the roof in two sets, representing the two hemispheres in which the saint's disciples work, and in different colors to denote the many nations amongst which the labor of the Order is performed.

II. Pendants from the apex of this drapery, light and delicate, symbolical of the love of God which makes the tack of teaching light and agreeable in view of the reward, which is eternal.

III. Banging from column to column, letters cut from card in three colors, setting forth the distinguishing qualities of the good teacher as defined by De La Salle himself—namely: Gravity, silence, humility, prudence, reserve, wisdom, patience, discretion, meakness, firmness, zeal, vigilance, piety, good example and generosity. Between each letter was suspended a star, exemplifying the text: "They that are learned shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that instruct many to justice, as stars to all eternity." (Dan. learned shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that instruct many to justice, as stars to all eternity." (Dan. xii., 3.) and upon each column was fastened a circle of white roses upon a green circle, signifying:—purity of morals ever fresh—ever universal.

IV. The sanctuary decorations consisted of the usual flowers, colored lights, etc.

etc.

In different places in the church were three pictures of the saint. The first represented him a Founder of a Religious Congregation with a crucifix upon his table and a portrait of the Blessed Virgin Mary upon the wall, engaged in writing

protection, and who desire to follow thee as good children follow their mother and mis trees. Thou wilt ever be considered by them as their first superior, and they trust that God will give thee the government of a community, which is thine own creation. They have nothing worthy to present to God, but hope to obtain by thy gracious intercesson all the graces necessary for their salvation and the perfection of their state of life. Thou knowest best their wants and what they should ask. Refuse not thy powerful assistance; through thy mediation may they obtain ask. Refuse not thy powerful assistance; through thy mediation may they obtain light and grace from the Holy Spirit, so as to labor perfectly and fathfully in the instruction of those confided to their care. Above ell, Oh, Mary, Queen and Mother, grant that all, teachers and children, as well as those who contribute in any way to the spiritual advancement of thine, may be of the number of the elect, so that in thy society all may be one day re-united, to praise and love God throughout eternity. Such, in the year 1679, was the prayer of Sister Bourgeoys, as, prostrate before the

Such, in the year 1679, was the prayer of Sister Bourgeoys, as, prostrate before the miraculous statue of our Lady of Bonsecours, in the church under that invocation, she accepted anew the burden laid upon her in her re-election by her sisters as their superior and directress. The touching piety and humility of this prayer must have recommended it to her to whom it was addressed, and who for the past two centuries has obtained signal blessings for the congregation of which she is now, as she was then, the "first superior." There are few Catholics in Canada to whom the venerated name of Marguerite Bourgeoys is not familiar. The gentle whom the venerated name of Marguerite Bourgeoys is not familiar. The gentle maiden of Troyes, in her picturesque and modest garb, was as important a factor in the foundation of this great city as any of those other brave souls raised up by God to plant His cross on Canadian shores. Many of the readers of the RECORD have visited one or other of the convents of the Congregation de Notre Dame, but not to all of them has been accorded the privilege of a morning at the New Mother House, on the day of a reception ceremony, or as

a morning at the New Mother House, on the day of a reception ceremony, or as we call it in Montreal a price d'habit. The new Mother House completed about nine years ago is situated on the side of the mountain and adjoins the chief boarding school of the Congregation, Villa Maria. Not being learned in architecture, I do not know how to describe the vast and magnificent pile of buildings before which

novices in black and the twelve young postulants in white entered the sanctuary and knelt at the Bishop's feet, each receiving from the prelate a lighted taper. Most of these young ladies were strangers to me, but I recognized Miss Chisholm of Antigonish, Miss McInnis of Summerside, P. E. I., and Miss Florence Eaton of Halifax. When they had regained their priedieux mass began, the choir the while singing the Ave Maris Stella. At the commu-nion the novices and postulants received

the Ave Maris Stella. At the communion the novices and postulants received two by two and the affect was prettler than if they had knelt all along the rall ing. After the mass the bishop preached from the text "Come and I will show you the spouse of the Lamb." A beautiful sermon, or rather instruction, given with all the grace and sweetness that has so endeared Monseigneur Soule to the people among whom he has sojourned for the past three months. The sermon over, the bishop donned a cope and seated himself before the altar, and the three novices in black holding their garlanded tapers entered the sanctuary and knelt at His Lordship's knees. "What do you wish, my daughters?" asked the bishop. The reply I could not catch. Then approached the Rev. Mother General and the mistrees of novices and presented for His Lordship's blessing three habits of black serge and three crosses of silver. These latter the bishop placed around the necks of the candidates; then clear and loud, each pronounced her vow of poverty, chastity and obedience. "Suivant la constitution de la Congregation de Notre Dame." After the newly professed nuns had returned to their priedleux the postulants entered the sanctuary and knelt before Mgr. Soule, who asked of them:—

"Mes filles que demandez vous ?"

Very distinct was the answer of each:

"Je demande la sainte habit de la Congregation de Notre Dame."

As these words rang through the chapel a pious Canadian kneeling beside me, and

tion de Notre Dame."
As these words rang through the chapel
a pious Canadian kneeling beside me, and
whose devotion I had remarked, burst
into a paroxysm of sobs, and with his face
hidden in his bands, wept as though his
heat would break.

hidden in his hands, wept as though his heart would break.

Poor father—from some distant country hamlet, whose daughter was perchance the light of your home; it was no small sacrifice that you renewed that morning at the elevation when you resigned your dear one to the God who lent her to you for the few short years of childhood.

LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY. MAY 19, 1888.

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The members of the Irish National Lesgue here, true to the instincts of their race, manifested their gratitude to the deceased rev. gentleman for the interest he took in their cause by contributing a beautiful floral wreath, in the form of a shield, with the motto, "Ireland's Friend." It was much appreciated by Mrs. Hunter, the family and friends. As a further tribute of respect a committee of the Irish National League, consisting of Messrs. M. T. McSweeney, President, Patrick Hart, Henry Arland, Wm. McDonald, and James Harrigan, waited on Mrs. Hunter Hart, Henry Arland, Wm. McDonald, and James Harrigan, waited on Mrs. Hunter at her residence, on the 14th, and presented her with the following resolution of condolence. It was beautifully engrossed and set in a magnificent gilt frame with a mourning border. Mrs. Hunter was deeply affected and feelingly expressed her gratitude. Rev. Dr. Burns, who accompanied and introduced the Committee, made a suitable reply on behalf of the widow, the family, hiraself, and the congregation.

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RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

At the regular meeting of the Hamilton Branch of the Irish National League, on Thursday, May3rd, 1888, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. Resolved, that we the members of Branch 649, I. N. L. express our sincere regret at the deplorable loss the Irish cause has sustained by the death of one of its noblest champions, Rev. Dr. S. J. Hunter, on April 30th, 1888. Animated with the true spirit of charity, brotherly love, right, justice and patriotism, he eloquently and fearlessly espoused the cause of Irishmen in their struggle to obtain their inherent right to make the laws to govern themselves.

selves.

His scholarly abilities, courteous demeanor, honorable and upright actions through life endeared him to all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

By his death the Irishmen of Hamilton have to mourn the loss of a true friend, a sincere and eloquent advocate of their cause; Hamilton loses one of her most respected citizens; the congregation over

fervently pray that God in His infinite mercy will sustain them to bear their sad bereavement and deep affliction with Christian fortitude.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. FROM ESSEX CENTRE.

Lest Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and Lot Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 3, the Catholics of this village had the plessure of hearing the Christian Doctrine taught and expounded in a most able and conclusive manner by the Very Rev. Dean Wagner, of Windsor. Mass was said each day at 9 a. m., followed by an instruction, Catechism and instruction for the children at 230 p. m. and the beads and a sermon 17 30 p. m.

at 7.30 p. m.

The services were fairly well attended, and will be productive of much good in a

and will be productive of much good in a spiritual sense.

The Very Rev Dean expressed himself as being well pleased with the neat and complete appearance of the church building; and complimented the congregation on the work they had done, and encouraged them to go on and not rest until they had succeeded in making a good parish out of the small beginning. He told them that they must work hard to pay off the debt on the church as soon as possible; which would then place them in a favorable position to support a resident priest if the Bishop saw fit and was able to give them one.

The thanks of the Catholics of Essex The thanks of the Catholics of Essex Centre are due to the Very Rev. Beau, for the great service he has rendered them; and which they should appreciate highly; as also the successful efforts of their parish priest, the Rev. John O'Connor, in getting those services for them, because it was a great sacrifice for the Very Rev. Dean to leave his own large parish of St. Alphonsus', to give two days' instructions here.

There was also a mass on Monday morning at 5 30. At the three masses there

ing at 5 30. At the three masses there were about forty communicants, and had it been possible to continue the services a few days longer, there would have been several more without doubt. Let us give God thanks for so many graces, and strive to merit others. H. W. D.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD. FROM FRENCH SETTLEMENT.

IN HOROR OF THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.
Sunday, May 6th, the people of French
Settlement witnessed one of those scenes
that occur but seldom in the life time of
a parish; and never without leaving a
profound impression that always redounds
to the glory of God. The occasion was
the unveiling and blessing of a statue of
the Blessed Virgin, bought by the
ladies of the parish. A few of the
young ladies formed themselves into a committee, consisting of Miss Sarah
Ducharme, Josephine Denomy, Rosalle
Hetu, Larouse Durand and Sarah Dunp, to
collect the necessary funds. This they
did on condition, almost imposed upon the
pastor, that the statue would be in the
church for the May devotions. All went
to work with a will, and in the space of
only a few days the handsome sum of
\$51 was handed to the pastor, to erect a
monument that for years yet come will
speak to men's hearts—will draw closer
to the Sacred Heart of Jesus the devout
children of Mary, and proclaim to the
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world that, in spite of the implety of the nineteenth century, the Queen of Heaven still reigns over the the hearts of men. Special preparations had been made for the bleesing, and when the appointed hour arrived the church was crowded to the door with French, German, and Irish Catholics. Here and there were also seen a few Protestants. At 10.30, Rev. Father Walsh, of Lendon, wested in cope and a few Protestants. At 10.30, Rev. Father Walsh, of London, vested in cope and stole, preceded by a band of altar boys, and accompanied by the pastor, marched to the altar of the Blessed Virgin, at the same time Mies Josephine Denomy, who, in company with Miss Ducharme, collected thirty one dollars, advanced, and, amidst the most profound silence, solemnly unveiled the new statue. Immediately the beautifully sweet voices of Philomena and Celina Laporte sent forth in French the notes of a beautiful hymn, "Welcome to the Morning Star."

While this was sung, all had a good opportunity to examine the new statue.

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Father Walsh then proceeded with the

Father Walsh then proceeded with the ceremony of blessing, after which high mass was celebrated by the pastor. The choir sang exceedingly well during the mass, under Miss Sarah Dunn's leadership. This accomplished young lady has filled the position of organist during the past three years, without the least remuneration, and when any celebration is about to take place, she is ever ready to contribute her mite to its success. There was sung at the offertory

ready to contribute her mite to its success. There was sung at the offertory a beautiful hymn to the Mother of God, by the organist's little sister Emma. The communion plece, "O sponsi mi," sung by Miss Sarah Dunn and Miss Mary O'Meara, was a treat to those who heard it. After the first gospel Father Walsh preached an eloquent and instructive sermon in English, on devotion to the Mother of God. We need scarcely add that the sermon of the rev. gentleman was listened to with the closest attention. It was touching in the highest degree, and will doubtless leave a lasting impression for good in the minds of the people of French Settlement mission.

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In the evening the rev. pastor preached in the French language a powerful sermon appropriate to the occasion.

It is only a few years since this parish may be said to have assumed prominence among the other flourishing missions of the prosperous diocese of London. Under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Father Kelly this district, together with the mission of Zurich, is in a condition to bring joy to the heart of our good Bishop and respected citizens; the congregation over whom he presided a zealous and faithful pastor; his esteemed wife and family a kind and loving husband and father.

Therefore, as a slight tribute of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the I. N. L., we respectfully beg to tender to Mrs. Hunter and family our heartfelt condolence and sympathy, and