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The Requiem Mass of Month's Mind.

For the Repose of the Soul of Archbishop Walsh.

Eulogy Pronounced by Right Rev Dr O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough—Large Gathering of Clergy—Meeting of the Bishops.

A solemn requiem Mass of Month's Mind for the repose of the soul of the late Archbishop Walsh was celebrated yesterday in St. Michael's Cathedral. The impressive ceremonies, which began at ten o'clock, were attended by a large gathering of the clergy of the province, and by a congregation that filled all the space of the church.

The Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., administrator of the archudiocese, was celebrant of the mass, the Rev. Father Sullivan, deacon; and the Rev. Father Gibney, sub-deacon. The Rev. Dr. Treacy, of the cathedral, acted as master of ceremonies

The three bishops of the ecclesiastical province—Right Rev. Dr. Dowling, of Hamilton; Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, of London; and Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, of Peterborough—were present, as was also the Archbishop-elect of Kingston.

Among the visiting clergy present in the sanctuary were Vicar-General Kelly (Kingston), Dean Masterson (Prescott), Father Davis (Madoc), Father Collins (Trevellyan), Father O'Gorman (Gananoque), Very Rev. Dr. Flannery (Dean of Windsor), Father Moyna (Orillia), Father Fogarty (Stratford, Father Kreidt, O.C.C. (the Falls), Father Murphy, O.C.C. (Clifton), Father Tiernan (London).

Diocese of Hamilton—Mgr. McEvay.

Diocese of London—Rev. Dr. Kilroy.

Among the clergy of the archdiocese in the sanctuary were Rev. James Walsh (Our Lady of Lourdes), Very Rev. Dr. Harris (Dean of St. Catharines), Rev. Frank Ryan (rector of the Cathedral), Rev. Dr. Teefy, C.S.B., Rev. L. Brennan, C.S.B., Rev. Wm. Bergin (Toronto Junction), Rev. J. J. McEntee, Rev. J. L. Hand, Rev. James Dollard, Rev. William McCann, Rev. P. Kiernan (Toronto Gore), Very Rev. Father Ward, C.S.S.R., Rev. C. Dodsworth, C.SS.R., Rev. S. Grogan, C.SS.R., Rev. J. B. Hayden, C.SS.R., Rev. M. Cline, Rev. H. Canning, Rev. L. Minehan, Rev. P. Lamarche, Rev. J. M. Cruise, Rev. J. Kilcullen, Rev. K. J. McRae, Rev. C. Cantillon, Rev. E. J. Kiernan (Collingwood), Rev. P. J. Coyle, Rev. M. J. Gearin, Rev. James Minehan, Rev. T. F. Laboreau, Rev. E. Gallagher, Rev. J. Trayling, Rev. J. C. Carbery, Rev. J. E. Crinion, Rev. P. McMahon (Thornhill)

BISHOP O'CONNOR'S SERMON.

The sermon was preached by Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, who took as his text the words:—"And I have heard a voice from heaven, saying to me: Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. From henceforth now, sayeth the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, for their works follow them"—(Apoc. xiv., 13). He then said:—Right reverend, very reverend, reverend fathers, and dearly beloved brethren, our holy mother, the Church, in her great love of her children, follows them beyond the gates of death, and in fear lest the slightest sin might retard their entrance into the eternal joys of heaven, she prays and beseeches for mercy for their souls. Hence her daily memento at the altar, hence her Month's Mind for those who have been called away from the labours and dangers of this world. One month ago the Most. Rev. John Walsh, the illustrious Archbishop, passed from our midst—today we are assembled to commemorate his name and offer up prayers for his eternal repose. From this cathedral, as well as from many other sanctuaries, have been announced in fitting and eloquent language the virtues and the noble deeds accomplished by him during the many years spent in the service of his Divine Master. The tributes of respect paid to his memory by many who are not of his faith are convincing proof of the pre-eminent qualities of mind and noble principles that distinguished this prince of the Church, whose loss is greatly mourned by his affectionate priests and people. To say a few words in reference to the life of the deceased Archbishop is a more difficult task for me than for those who have already spoken of his works and virtues. To all of you he was a guide, a father, a teacher, a friend, and hence your deep grief at his removal from your midst. Whilst I unite with the clergy and laity in greatly lamenting his loss to the Church, I have the further personal sorrow and deprivation of an older brother and wise counsellor for over forty years. The numerous delegations from all classes present at his funeral obsequies testified to the universal esteem and veneration entertained towards him. I shall call your attention to a few of the many noble traits that distinguished him as a devoted priest and a faithful prelate. Imbued during the early days of his boyhood with all the traditions of the Catholic faith that are implanted so deeply in the hearts of the children of Ireland, he resolved to devote his life to the spread of that faith in the soil of Canada. Shortly after he had received the sacred unction of the priesthood, at this very altar, his superior qualities attracted the attention of his bishop, and within a few years he was appointed pastor of the important parish of St. Mary's, in this city. So great was his success that within three years he was transferred to the rectorship of this Cathedral, and made vicar-general of the diocese. The older residents can bear testimony to the truly apostolic zeal, with which he devoted all his energies to the preservation and spread of religion in those early days of his priesthood. But Almighty God destined him for a higher office in a more extensive field of labour. After a fruitful ministry of thirteen years in the diocese of Toronto he was selected to be Bishop of London. In his new office he long manifested the same zeal and devotion to his duties. What are the duties of a bishop? He is an ambassador of God, a prince of his people, appointed to teach and preserve the true doctrine of Christ, to administer the sacraments, to care for the lambs and sheep of his flock. How did this prelate fulfil his duties as Bishop? At the altar of God before his consecration he promised to teach his people both by word and example the divine law of God. Has he not at all times, both in season and out of season, fulfilled this holy mandate? His eloquent and instructive sermons, his learned pastorals, his devout and exemplary life are testimonies of his fidelity in expounding the laws of God and leading others to live in conformity with those divine commands. He had promised, with God's grace, to preach and practise charity and peace towards all men. Has he not done so? Who has given a nobler example of promoting these virtues and inspiring others with a holy desire of practising them than he? Has he not sought to imitate the Divine Bishop of Souls in forgiving his enemies and praying for those who would persecute him? Such was the love of Jesus, and such the spirit of Archbishop Walsh, who strove to imitate his Divine Master and to promote harmony and good-will amongst all classes and creeds. This country needs many such leaders in Church and State, men of broad and noble views to build up our people in the principles of Christian charity and mutual forbearance. As a bishop it was his duty to provide for the spiritual needs of his flock, and to advance the interests of religion by providing his people with pastors and churches. How did he fulfil this duty? I need but refer to the wonderful increase in the number of priests, churches, and institutions of religion and charity during the twenty-two years that he governed the diocese of London with ability, zeal, and prudence. In his report to the Holy See in 1876, he gave an account of the religious growth of his diocese during the previous decade, and in the abstract of its contents given to his people upon his return from Rome, after referring to the $35,000 debt paid, he stated:—"Twenty-eight new churches have been raised to the glory of God, and four institutions consecrated to the purposes of religion. All these edifices with few exceptions are of brick or stone, and many of them are splendid and costly structures. Besides, five churches have been greatly enlarged and improved. Seventeen commodious presbyteries have been built for the accommodation of the parochial clergy. An episcopal residence, second to none in the province, has been constructed and not a cent of debt is left upon it. Three convents have been built. Mount Hope has been purchased and paid for, and a splendid orphanage has been erected upon it. And besides a handsome new college in Sandwich has been built by the self-sacrificing zeal of the Basilian Fathers. In fine, more than a quarter of a million dollars has been actually expended in church improvement within the last nine years. These facts are extremely creditable to the public spirit of the laity of the diocese as well as to the zeal and self-sacrifice of the priests." Archbishop Walsh loved the beauty of God's house, and the place wherein His glory dwelleth. Look at the magnificent Cathedral of London, a worthy monument of his zeal and of the faith of the priests and the people of that diocese. Nor did his zeal and energy diminish when nine years ago he was called to the higher dignity of Archbishop of Toronto. Behold the improvements and decorations that were made in this sacred edifice, and the number of churches that have been erected in this diocese. At his consecration he promised to be kind and merciful to the poor, to the homeless, and to the indigent. How has he kept his promise? The numerous institutions of charity and benevolence that have been built throughout the dioceses of London and Toronto during his thirty years' administration bear witness to his love for the poor and needy. Well, too, did he imitate his Divine Master in his love for children, as the large number of schools and academies established by him testify. In sickness we are helpless. We are entirely dependent on others. Then do we feel especially grateful for the least relief, or comfort, given us. This kind hearted prelate knew this, and hence one of his first noble acts after his installation as Archbishop of Toronto was to found St. Michael's hospital, where thousands of the sick and suffering of all denominations received scientific treatment and tender care. What shall I say of his burning desire to save neglected youth, who, cast amidst the many snares and temptations of this world are exposed to the danger of losing their faith and of dropping into the grade of the criminal class. The loving heart of this good shepherd was greatly troubled at the thought of these dangers, and he gave himself no rest till he had found a means of coming to the relief of this class of children, which he did by establishing St. John's protectorate at Blantyre park. Many a prayer will be offered up for his eternal welfare by those whose steps he turned from the ways of sin and perdition to the paths of truth and virtue. Truly can it be said of Archbishop Walsh that he was a loving father, a watchful guardian of the widow and the orphan, a strong support of the poor, the helpless and the afflicted. How faithfully has he not fulfilled the promises made at his consecration. How have not the prayers been heard then offered up by the bishops, priests, and people for the Divine assistance to aid him in the discharge of his heavy responsibilities and onerous duties? He was truly an ambassador of God, a prince of peace, a father to his people. Has not his ministry been a ministry of reconciliation in word and deed? Has he not been the faithful servant whom the Lord set over his family to give them food and raiment in due season? Did not his pastoral staff when used in correction press but lightly on the shoulders of delinquents? Did he not love his priests with the tenderest affection, and was he not beloved by them? He shared with them their joys and their sorrows. He encouraged them in their trials. He helped them up when they faltered. He loved his people. He gloried in their steadfast faith, fervent piety, and generous charity. His people were proud of their venerable and illustrious Archbishop. They loved him, they revered him with the tender affection of devoted children. Well for him that he lived not for man alone, but also for God. What are the pleasures, successes, and glories of the world when we come to die! Happy the soul that has laboured for the one thing necessary. To his expansive and universal charity he was a great Christian, whilst his wise and firm rule, and his many remarkable works in the cause of religion and divine charity have stamped him a great prelate. We have lost a father, a pastor, a friend, whose memory shall be revered while life lasts. We have lost one who was our guide, our consoler, and our model. He has fallen asleep amidst the deep regrets of his loving flock and the profound sympathy of the people of this country. He has gone, but he has left behind him an example well worthy of imitation. Well has he done his work in his day God grant him now the reward of the faithful servant: Well done, thou good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over few things I will set thee over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord. Matt. XXV—21. With firm hope do we trust that there is reserved for him a crown of justice and of glory, which the Lord whom he served so faithfully will render to him. But it is still our duty, a duty of faith, and most of all of gratitude, as his loving children, to offer up to Heaven our sacrifices and prayers that if any sin of human frailty remains unexpiated, the Lord may hasten the time of his deliverance and speedily bestow upon him the crown of everlasting glory. Amen.

After the Mass the Right Rev. Dr. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, gave the Absolution.

The Music of the Mass was furnished by the Cathedral choir, under the direction of Rev Father Murray, C.S.B., with Rev. Father Rohleder presiding at the organ.

MEETING OF THE BISHOPS

The Bishops of Hamilton and Peterborough arrived in the city on Tuesday evening and drove to St. Michael's College where they put up during their stay in the city. Dr. Gauthier, Archbishop Elect of Kingston and went to residence on Jarvis street of Mr John Ryan, an old friend and former parishioner of all Gauthier's in Brockville. On Wednesday afternoon, after the Month's Mind, the Bishops met at St. Michael's palace to select three names for nomination—Dignus, Dignior and Dignissimus—to the Pope for succession in the vacant archdiocese of Toronto. The names chosen will not be announced, according to custom, and the choice of Rome will be the first intimation the public will have of the name of the next Archbishop of Toronto. Almost as a matter of course, although not necessarily, the Pope is likely to approve of the first choice of the bishops.

ORDINATION AT ST. BASIL'S.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of London, assisted by Rev. Dr. Teeby and Father Murphy, yesterday, at 8 o'clock ordained to deaconship in St. Basil's church the following:—Rev. C. H. Collins, of Maidstone, Ontario; Rev. Terence Finnegan, of Toronto. To subdeaconship:—Rev. P. Howard, of Worcester, Mass. Minor orders wer conferred on Mr. Albert Hurley, of Peterborough, and the tonsure was given to Mr. John Ryan, of Cobourg, and P. McNulty, of Peterborough.

FATHER BRENNAN'S RETURN.

Rev. Father L. Brennan, C.S.B., pastor of St. Basil's, and Rev. Father Fogarty, curate, of Stratford, returned on Tuesday last from a trip to the Old Country. They were two months away. Both come from the diocese to which the late Archbishop Walsh belonged. The evening papers containing the despatch from Toronto announcing the Archbishop's death, came under Father Brennan's notice as he stood in the midst of a group of clergymen in the grounds of St. Mary's College, Rathomines, Dublin. In the party were missionaries from Africa, east and west coasts, from Australia, and from America, and of those it is a remarkable fact that six belonged to the diocese of Ossory, from which the Archbishop came. More remarkable still, all of them knew him personally. Speaking to a representative of The Register, who happened to meet him yesterday, Father Brennan said:—"It is needless for me to say that there is but one feeling among the clergy in Ireland, that of profound sorrow over the loss which the Canadian Church has sustained in the death of the Archbishop of Toronto. The people, too, who knew him by reputation through his well known work for the Irish cause, deeply deplore his early death. The resolution passed by the Irish Parliamentary party but faintly expresses their heartfelt regret."

It is cheering to learn from Father Brennan that there are bright expectations of a good crop this year, which must surely relieve the suffering of the peasantry on the west coast. Father Brennan, whose holiday was undertaken to recruit broken-down health, returns to his duties perfectly restored.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

A combined meeting of the League of the Sacred Heart, and the Catholic Truth Society, of St Michael's Parish, was held in St. John's Chapel, last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Father Ryan presiding. Resolutions of condolence were passed, with the Administrator, Very Rev. J. J. McCann, on behalf of the archdiocese, and Rev. Father Walsh, on behalf of the family, in the great affliction suffered by them through the death of our venerable and beloved Archbishop Walsh. His Grace always took a great interest in the work of both of these societies, encouraging and aiding them in every possible way, and his loss is very deeply felt by the members

New Dean Flannery of Windsor.

ST THOMAS, Aug 29.—Rev Dr. Flannery, for 28 years priest of this parish, has been promoted to the Deanery of Windsor. He will be succeeded here by Rev Joseph Bayard of Windsor. Regret at the departure of Dr. Flannery is not only felt by the members of his own congregation but by citizens generally. During his long residence in the city, by his liberality and broad mindedness he has gained the respect and esteem of all. Next Sunday he preaches his farewell sermons. A meeting of the congregation will be held on Wednesday night to arrange for giving him a fitting send off and to mark their appreciation of his 28 years' ministry.

Oak Hall.

Visitors to the Fair should call at Oak Hall, one of the finest ready-made clothing establishments in the Dominion. Whether in men's or boys' suits the stock at the Hall is full and complete. The goods are in material and make first class; and the prices, always very reasonable, are at this season a shade lower than usual.

"I hope you will excuse what may seem to be a liberty," said the young man. "Certainly," replied the merchant, "I am sure that you will not presume on your position as a trusted employe——" "It is just that that I desire to mention. I heard you speaking of me to one of your friends the other day as 'a trusted employe,' and I wanted to ask you as a special favour to call me something else. After all that's been happening I can't help feeling that it causes me to be regarded with a suspicion which I do not deserve."

C. M. B. A. Grand Council.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE OF THE REGISTER.)

The eleventh biennial convention of the Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was opened in the city of Quebec on Tuesday, 23rd Aug. and continued in session until Thursday 25th.

From all sections of Canada delegates flocked into the city on the Sunday and Monday previous to the day set for the opening of the convention, and it was well they did, for never in the history of the C.M.B.A. have delegates found such difficulty in securing accommodation. Quebec was the meeting ground at the same time for the delegates to the medical convention and the representatives of Great Britain, the United States, and Canada who were connected with the International convention. Besides these there were an unprecedented number of tourists who had found their way east to view the historic features of Quebec and the wonderful picturesqueness of St. Lawrence and Saguenay.

On Tuesday morning at nine o'clock the delegates, numbering about 300, and 400 local members assembled at Tara Hall whence under the direction of Grand Marshal Montreuis and Guard Weinert, they marched, headed by the city band to St. Roch's Church where grand solemn High Mass was sung by Mgr. Gagnon, with Rev. Father Tiernan, of London, as deacon, and Rev. Father Burke, of Prince Edward Island, as subdeacon. The music was rendered by the combined choirs of the city aided by a full orchestra, and a remarkable feature of the choir is that their gallery is immediately over the altar.

The Rev. C. E. Carrier, Superior of the Levis College, Chancellor of Branch No. 96, preached the French sermon, which was followed by an English sermon by our old friend Rev. Father Henning, who was for a number of years connected with St Patrick's parish in Toronto but is now rector of St. Patrick's Church, Quebec. It was indeed a pleasure to listen again to the clear and powerful eloquence of Father Henning, recalling as it did the many delightful recollections of his stay in Toronto. After mass the procession returned to Tara Hall, where addresses of welcome in English and French were presented to the officers and delegates by the combined branches of Levis and Quebec. The Grand President Hon M. F. Hackett replied in English, and Dr. Bellevean the 1st Vice President thanked the members in French.

Bro. Hon. S N. Parent, M.P.P. Mayor of Quebec, also presented addresses in English and French to the visitors, extending to them the freedom of the city.

At the afternoon sitting the report of the Grand President was read, in which he pointed out that two decades had now passed since the organization of the Association, and that the C M B A. compared most favorably with the best societies of a similar system; that five years had elapsed since we severed our connection with the American order, but that we never had any occasion to regret it; 2 500 new members had been initiated into the order since the Ottawa convention and 30 new branches had been established. He recommended that organizers be secured for the various Provinces, for, at the last convention, the matter was brought up and since then the executive had appointed Bro. W. P. Kellackey for a few months as grand organizer. The work done by this official was such that the Grand President was of the opinion that it would be advantageous to the Association to have one in each Province. The Reserve Fund which was only established a few years ago now amounted to the handsome sum of $80 500 which is invested in gilt-edge interest bearing securities. The general fund never was better. He also referred in a very touching manner to the numerous deaths in the Catholic Hierarchy since the Ottawa convention. Among those who have passed to the reward of their zealous labors were His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau, their Graces the Archbishops of Montreal, Kingston, Turon Rivers and last of all, but mourned most, His Grace Archbishop Walsh of Toronto, who from the inception of the C.M.B.A. had been its Grand Spiritual Advisor, as well as member. His Grace had not been an officer in name only, but on the contrary he had on numerous occasions given to the Association the benefit of his advice, and it is needless to say his wise counsels were in all cases respected. Immediately upon the close of the Grand President's report which was received and the recommendations concurred in, a committee consisting of Revs Dr. Flannery, Father Burke and Father Phelan was appointed for the purpose of drafting suitable resolutions of condolence in connection with the deaths of the above prelates.

A cablegram was received from His Holiness Leo XIII. bestowing upon the association the Apostolic Benediction. The report of the Grand Treasurer showed that $360,700 had been paid out in death claims during the past two years and that in no instance was there any litigation on the part of the C.M.B.A. in the payment of this large sum. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of good this money has and done will do. The Finance Committee presented their report stating they had audited and examined the various accounts and books of the Secretary and Treasurer and had found them correct in every particular.

The Board of Trustees reported that all of the officers of the Grand Council having anything to do with the finances of the association and all branch financial secretaries and treasurers had given bonds to the proper amounts in an Incorporated Guarantee Co. authorized by the Insurance Department to do business in Canada.

The supervising medical examiner's report was a most interesting one. It pointed out the many difficulties the examiner had to contend against, and urged upon members not to find fault if a candidate was refused admission into the C.M.B.A. Other associations had in some instances accepted risks not considered good by us but had been called upon to pay death claims for such parties shortly after the admission of such parties. 2,847 applications had been submitted to him during the past term, of which 2,689 were passed by him.

Grand Solicitor Latchford, was pleased to say that no serious matters had been brought before his notice, excepting in the payment to the proper parties of the beneficiary moneys. He urged upon the members not to make any changes in their certificates without the advice of the grand secretary, grand solicitor, or the members own solicitor, for it sometimes happened that through the want of knowledge on the part of a member his widow and children were made to suffer on account of an improper assignment of the policy.

In future the conventions will be held triennially instead of biennially, and no branch shall be entitled to more than one representative. Heretofore a branch having as r. member an officer of the association was also entitled to send a representative, but this will be done away with in future, which will effect a saving of about $1,000 at a convention. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Grand President, Hon. M. F. Hackett, M.P.P.

1st Vice-President, Dr. L. Bellivean.

2nd Vice-Pres., J. E. Loughrin, M.P.P.

Grand Secretary, S. R. Brown.

" Treasurer, W. J. McKee, M.P.P.

" Marshal, J Galvin.

" Guard, J. Weinert.

" Trustees, Rev. Father Tiernan, J. J. Behan, J. Chisholm, P. J. Rooney and P. J. O'Keefe.

Committee on Laws, Hon. Judge Rouleau, T. P. Coffee and J. Murphy.

Committee on Finance, Jno. Ronan, E. W. Cook and C. D. Hebert.

Supervising Medical Examiner, Dr. E. Ryan.

Grand Solicitor, F. R. Latchford.

On Thursday the visitors were entertained by the local members. The Government yacht "Aberdeen" was placed at the service of the association. A delightful trip up and down the river for five or six hours brought the convention to a close Not a few of the delegates and their friends took advantage of the occasion and visited St. Anne de Beaupre before their return.

W. C. K.

Obituary.

Julia Mary Fitzhenry, daughter of the late William Fitzhenry, died at the residence of her mother, Front street, Toronto, on Wednesday, August 24th. It only a year or so since Mrs. Fitzhenry lost a son—a young man who gave promise of a long and useful life—and now she is called upon to mourn the death of a daughter whose gentle presence was the light and cheer of the household. Miss Fitzhenry was indeed an exemplar in all that gives character to the pious Catholic maiden. Affectionate as a daughter and sister, she was earnest and devoted in her religious duties; and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin had not on its rolls a more tender, a more loving member than she. The esteem in which she was held was shown at her funeral by the large numbers which attended it; and when the cortege arrived at St. Paul's Church, the body was borne from the hearse to the rail of the main altar by late Sodality companions of the deceased. Twelve of these young ladies acted as pall-bearers. Veiled and wearing a white mourning token on the right arm, their appearance was deeply affecting; and after the solemn Requiem Mass—which was offered up by Rev. Father Hand—they returned the body to the hearse, and bade farewell to all that was mortal of one whom they had prized for her amiable disposition and unobtrusive virtues.

Mrs. Fitzhenry and her family have the sympathy of all with whom they are acquainted in this new affliction which has fallen upon them. Their dear one, let us hope, has gone to the better land. May her soul rest in peace.

An Appointment by Mr Gibson.

Mr. Michael Doherty, who, who was formerly clerk in the Russin House, and more recently in business for himself both in Toronto and in the Peterborough district, has we understand received an appointment in the Crown Lands Department. Mr. Doherty is widely and favorably known throughout the province, and in regard to ability as well as to business training is competent for whatever post he has been placed in. He has been a life-long and very earnest liberal; but his friends are counted in both parties and they will all be pleased to learn that the position he has been placed in is worthy of the man Hon. J. M. Gibson has been well-advised in making this appointment which can give nothing but satisfaction because men of Mr. Doherty's type are a credit to the service.