

THE NEW PASTORS.

The Archbishop at St. Mary's.

On Sunday his Grace the Archbishop introduced Father McCann to his new duties as pastor of St. Mary's Church. Father McCann at an early Mass took occasion to express the pleasure he felt at being sent to the parish. He had served as altar boy in the first church, been ordained in the second,



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served part of his ministry in the third, and was now sent as pastor of this last great monument of the zeal of a truly Catholic people.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S SERMON

His Grace said: It is not news to you, dear brethren, to be told that I have appointed Father McCann as pastor of this important parish. The new pastor does not need an introduction to you, for he is well and favorably known to you all. He went to school here. He stood himself at this altar—in the old church. He was ordained a priest among you, and after many years of honorable service in the holy ministry elsewhere, he comes back to you. I sincerely hope and trust that this appointment will redound to the glory of God, will redound to the honor and progress of religion and the salvation of your souls. In this connection, I believe it to be a duty to say that Father Cruise and the young priests associated with him during the long illness of the venerable Monsignor Rooney performed their duties with fidelity and efficiency. They did their duty in a manner creditable to themselves, profitable to you and satisfactory to me. I hope that the virtues and the will which they displayed will continue to develop as years pass by until they shall be crowned with honor and dignity in their old age. But after all dear brethren, the office of the priest is to labor for the benefit of the people in the service of Christ. The Christian priesthood in itself is the greatest proof of the infinite goodness and love of God for men. The Christian priesthood is the true priesthood of Christ. Still, what can the priest do for the sanctification and salvation of souls? Christ is the great High Priest. He is the shepherd of the souls of men. He was ordained in the high heavens as a priest of the Order of Melchisedec. He offered the sacrifice which was required, and fulfilled the office of his priesthood by the shedding of his blood on the tree of the Cross; and that blood wiped away the handwriting of death against us. The sacrifice of the order of Melchisedec was a sacrifice of bread and wine. Our Saviour must, therefore, have instituted a sacrifice which would coincide with the sacrifice of Melchisedec in appearance; but it is infinitely more valuable. He took bread and wine in His blessed hands, and said, "Take ye and eat; this is my body." And

taking the chalice in his hand, he said, "Drink you, all, of this; for this is my blood, which is shed for man." These words, my brethren, simply, but powerfully, created a sacrifice of the new law—the oblation of His body and blood under the appearance of bread and wine and in this manner He became a priest of the Order of Melchisedec. Our Saviour was not always to remain on earth in a visible form. He was to go to Heaven; and therefore He appointed His apostles to be priests. He said, "Do this that I have done. I authorize and commission you to do this until the end of time"—in other words—"Turn bread and wine into my body and blood." The Catholic priest takes bread and wine into his hands at the altar; he is one with Jesus Christ in priesthood. When he stands at the altar and takes bread and wine into his consecrated hands he pronounces the words of blessing; and the Son of God leaves His throne in Heaven and becomes flesh and blood in that bread and wine. He is there to discharge the mission from Heaven—to consecrate the body and blood of Jesus Christ. How pure must those hands be that can touch the virginal flesh of the Son of God. How precious and venerable to the people should be the place of the Christian pastor—the man of

God amongst them—who does the work of Jesus Christ, who announces the message of heaven, the gracious word of God, the word that Jesus Christ spread down from heaven to earth. That word is the living Word. It is like lightning. It lights up the world as in ancient times the Roman Empire civilized temporal kingdoms, established new principles of government, created a new civilization. So the Catholic priest has shed a lustre on the world, and is authorized by God to do it. "Go teach all nations," said the Saviour, "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I command you."

PRIESTS AND PEOPLE.

In the days of suffering and sorrows, in the darkness of night, the priest comes to his people, he lives with them, shares their sorrows and their joys, and is held in the hearts of the people in undying love and affection. Here then I would commend those good priests among you to your loyalty and affection. They will be true to you in every spirit. They will share your sorrows and your joys; they will prepare you by the holy word of God's inspiration, by the sacrament, and bring words of hope into your heart and soul; and their prayers will ascend to the judgment seat to plead for mercy to the men and women they have worked for. Let peace and concord dwell among you. Let Catholic love prevail. Let the peace of God which passeth all understanding bind together in harmony all people, so that you may sanctify yourselves and walk together in holiness all the days of your life.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL.

High Mass was sung by Rev. Dr. J. P. Treacy. Rev. Father Ryan after making the announcements referred to the petition concerning Separate Schools in Manitoba. Since the petition had been decided upon, it was as well to have it as numerously signed as possible. Father Ryan deplored the absence of His Grace the Archbishop who had gone to attend the installation of Father McCann at St. Mary's. He was well sure that Father McCann would receive a hearty welcome from the people of his new parish. He would certainly be regretted by those of St. Michael's. Father Ryan supposed that both Father Rohleder and himself could assume that the kindly remarks of His Grace on last Sunday

might suffice as an introduction to their new office of Chancellor of the Archdiocese and Rector of the Cathedral respectively; otherwise he took the opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Archbishop for his marks of confidence and for his words of kindness. Under his careful and paternal direction they hoped to satisfactorily discharge the works entrusted to their charge. He had had already some experience of the piety, generosity and devotion of the people of this parish, and while he could recall very many and varied experiences of a like character and in many places, he was able to say that of none had he thought more highly than of the present. He liked the parish and was not without hope that he would prove acceptable.

Father Ryan's sermon was based upon the two important facts of the day's gospel, the Purification and the Presentation. The facts of this feast are to be considered as among the most monumental and instructive. St. Augustine prayed that he might know himself and that he might know God. From the lesson of the Purification we derive the knowledge of ourselves; from that of the Presentation we attain somewhat of the knowledge of God. The rite of Purification was that in the observance of which Mary the Mother of Jesus went up to the temple with gifts that she might be purified according to the law—which thus acknowledged the taint of sin. She who was without sin went with her lowly offering and stood among the poorest of those that were there. We have here the contemplation of the Holy Mother, she who has the first place in the universe, performing an act of self-effacement and humility. It has been remarked that the greatest saints have constantly charged themselves with sinfulness. Their words had been looked upon as exaggerations. Not so. Saints know what sin is; they come also to know somewhat of the attributes of Divine sanctity, of the greatness of God and the unrighteousness of men. They know too that everything that is from God, and how much man is dependent upon Him. None surely knew these things so much as she, the sinless one. She complied with her duty and she effaced herself before heaven and earth. That was her glory. We naturally look for the first place. Self-assertion is what we are accustomed to. Yet all faults seem to arise from pride, and of this humility is the opposite and therefore the foundation and mainstay of all our virtues. Should it be the will of God that we be cast down, let us accept the humiliation; even we should go further and efface ourselves.

The Presentation reminds us of the greatness of God. From our own nothingness we recognize His great glory. He has said, "I am who am. I am the Lord God and beside Me and outside Me there is none other." It was ordained that the first born should be presented as a symbol of the dependence of the family upon God. But to the end that there might be full and adequate representation of the whole human race it was necessary that the Son of the Most High should be presented. This is Jesus Christ the offering of Whom to His Eternal Father is this day celebrated. "All things are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

His Grace the Archbishop left on a visit to Archbishop Cleary of Kingston on Tuesday.

Ven. Archdeacon Kelly of Kingston preached at Our Lady of Lourdes on Sunday.

Few consumptives believe they are in danger till medicine is of little avail. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral taken in the early stages, has prevented further progress of the disease, and saved many a life. At any stage of phthisis, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral affords great relief.

A. O. H.

At the second last regular meeting of Div. No. 1 held in Temperance Hall, after the installation of officers took place, a highly and well deserved address was presented by Brother F. McKeague, P.P., of which the following is a copy:

To Bro. F. McKeague, Past President of N. 1 Div., A. O. H.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—We, the members of Div. No. 1, particularly your supporters in the election of President, wish to present you with this address to show you the manner in which we have appreciated your services in the past as presiding officer.

The contest over this election was a close one—just enough majority to decide one or the other—the choice of the Division, but as your opponent was an ex-President you certainly had a rival to deal with; but as society elections fluctuate at the annual election of their officers, we have no cause for surprise, hoping that your worthy successor in office will follow some of the outlines of your exemplary character. He is like yourself, Irish, and proud of it, and combining your honored and noble title, Hibernian, first, last and always.

We see, sir, motives of tranquillity, coolness of debate, energy in your enterprise, integrity in your principle, and sound judgment in your ruling at all times, which leaves no room for suspicion but wholesome impressions in the minds of the members. You have, sir, been County Secretary, Secretary for Division No. 1 and President to this division in the past, and now Financial Treasurer, which is an honored and a very important office, for which you were well chosen. In the past offices which you have held, you have always been a punctual attendant, and on committees you have executed the work incumbent upon you we are sure with many inconveniences to yourself, but your efforts and ability so ably handled the work of your mission that success was accomplished to crown your labor.

By your exemplary character during your term as President our division increased largely in numbers and as you are still among the officers of this division we feel by your tireless devotion, intelligent zeal and consummate ability you will continue with that fidelity of conscience and loyalty to the country we live in. Every Hibernian is a true patriot and cherishes the hope of expecting to see the land of his forefathers free from slavery at some future time. You can rest assured Div. No. 1, with our new President and your sterling support always keeping before us our glorious motto, Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity, our membership will grow rapidly and remain the banner Div. of the County.

Your Fraternally,

In behalf of Div. 1,

M. J. CANNON,

Div. Ins. Sec'y.

The P.P. then responded in a few well-chosen words thanking the members for the confidence and esteemed manner in which he is held by them and hoping the future it will be the same. He then resumed his seat with loud applause.

Division No. 1, held a very successful meeting on Sunday afternoon February 3rd. The meeting was ably presided over by President Brother Joseph Rutledge. Many important matters were taken up and thoroughly discussed to the satisfaction of the Division. An invitation from the officers and members of Division No. 3, was kindly accepted to attend a Church parade to St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning March 17th. A special committee reported on behalf of the Union Concert to be held on Monday evening March 18th that they have procured some of the best talent of the City and intend to spare no time or means to make it the grandest event of the season. A smoking concert will be held under the auspices of the Division in Occident Hall cor. Queen and Bathurst sts. on Friday evening February 22nd, and will be without doubt a pleasant evening for the members of No. 1, and their friends.

The membership of No. 1, still keeps greatly increasing; there were three more applications present at last meeting which were handed to a committee for investigation. There was many visiting Brothers present from other Divisions of the city. Among those who addressed the meeting were Brother H. McCaffrey Provincial President, Brother J. L. Lee, President Division No. 2, Brother Wm. Moore, President Division No. 3, who all delivered elegant addresses touching on different parts of the Order. The meeting then closed in usual form.

WM. RYAN,
Secretary.

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If the Baby is Cutting Teeth

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