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SILVER JUBILEE OF REV. FRANK O'REILLY AND REV. ANDREW O'NEILL, OAKVILLE.

After five and twenty years of faithful labor in the holy priesthood, Rev. Frank O'Reilly, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Oakville, celebrated on Tuesday, 1st Sept., the Silver Jubilee of his ordination. The occasion was intended to be observed only by the solemn and joyous celebration of the Mass by the Jubilarian; but it happened upon the anniversary day that a mission was closing in the church and Rev. Father Urban, C. S. S. R., Toronto, who was conducting the exercises, made reference to the Jubilee of the beloved pastor. The mission was a renewal of the mission preached by the Redemptorists in Oakville a year ago. Father Urban at nine o'clock, spoke of the faithful and fruitful ministry of Father O'Reilly. He pointed to his early vocation, the influence of a saintly mother and a family renowned for its piety, his education and his public influence as a citizen which won the admiration of non-Catholics as well as Catholics in the various parts of the province in which he had been stationed. Father Urban then dwelt upon the joy of a sacerdotal jubilee and wished Father O'Reilly, after the labors of another quarter of a century, the blessings of a Golden Jubilee.

The congregation of St. Andrew's in the afternoon waited upon the pastor. The Mayor and other representative citizens were also on hand with friends from Milton, Hamilton, London, Toronto and Ottawa. Telegrams of congratulation were received from the clergy far and near, and many lay friends in Oakville, and other places sent silver gifts. Mayor Kelly, who is a Presbyterian, presented a handsome cane, Mr. and Mrs. Rose, Mr. John Heney, the ladies of the Sodality of St. Andrew's, the C. M. B. A. of the Milton congregation, added their presents. Father O'Reilly had a reception, which was of the most enjoyable nature. Speeches were made by Mayor Kelly, and several others. Among those present were Father Urban, of Toronto; Father Crofton, of Hamilton; Rev. O'Neil, of Hamilton; H. S. Rose, Oakville; Hugh T. Kelly, Toronto; J. F. White, principal Normal School, Ottawa; James Ryan, Oakville; M. O'Donnell, Toronto; John J. McDermott, Wm. McConville, Joseph A. O'Connor, W. Weir, Milton; P. F. Cronin, Toronto; B. J. Regan, Thos. A. Reynolds, president of the congregation, and the ladies of the congregation. The following addresses were also presented: To Rev. Francis O'Reilly, Oakville: Reverend and Dear Father—We, the members of your congregation, cannot allow this occasion to pass by without trying to give expression to the feelings of love and veneration that fill our hearts for you our beloved pastor, and to show our appreciation of the great and noble work you are doing for us in Oakville.

Since you came amongst us you have worked ably and with unceasing energy for the spiritual and temporal welfare of each one of your flock. All the affairs of the congregation prospered under your wise direction. By your many great qualities of mind and heart you have won the respect of the people of all denominations and by your tact and courtesy have fostered a spirit of good will between our neighbors and ourselves that is doing much good in our community. We pray that God will spare you long to continue His work on earth. As a slight token of our esteem and gratitude please accept this gift. Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, John J. McDermott, Joseph Doyle, Charles A. McDermott, Henry Stacey, H. S. Rose, Jas. Sheerin, P. Shaughnessy, Jas. McDermott, Thos. A. Reynolds, L. V. Coyle, B. J. Regan, David Cronin.

Burlington, Sept. 1st, 1903. Rev. and Dear Father O'Reilly—On the occasion of your silver jubilee, which you are celebrating today, we, your parishioners of Burlington, wish to tender you our hearty congratulations and express to you our high appreciation of your labors in our behalf. During the short time you have been our pastor you have worked so earnestly and zealously for our spiritual and temporal welfare that you have endeared yourself to us one and all, and as a testimony of the grateful sentiments which fill our hearts, we ask you to accept the accompanying gift, praying that God may bestow upon you every blessing, and spare you many years to direct and guide us. Signed on behalf of the congregation, Charles McDermott, Edward LeMahre, J. C. Campbell, Chas. J. Slebert.

On behalf of Branch 626, C. M. B. A., an address of congratulation was signed by Mr. J. McDermott, President, and C. A. McDermott, Financial Secretary. The congregation of St. John's Church, Burlington, presented the following address, accompanied by a purse: Rev. and Dear Father—We, the members of this part of your parish, beg leave to tender you this our message of love. Prompted to do so by the many sacrifices you have made and the frequent acts of kindness you have shown towards us, and taking advantage of this occasion, viz., the celebration of your Silver Jubilee, we beg you to accept this gift as a slight token of the warm regard with which we hold you, and that Almighty God may give you many more years to labor in His vineyard, is the heartfelt prayer of the flock at Milton. Signed on behalf of the congregation

CONVENT SCHOOL, COBURG.

OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDING.

Tuesday was an auspicious day for the pupils of the Convent School when the school building was blessed by Bishop O'Connor, of Peterboro, and opened for the fall term. The building is a handsome structure, and with the addition of the two new rooms makes a very pleasant, comfortable and convenient living place for the children and teachers during school hours. We had the pleasure of attending on the opening day, and must say that outside the new Collegiate Institute, the pupils of the Convent School have the most beautiful school building in town. The new building faces the west, and is entered by a large hall with an arched doorway. The school consists of four large rooms, each 35 feet by 25 feet, with ceilings 11 feet high. Each room averages in attendance from 40 to 50 pupils. They are heated by two large radiators. The ceilings and walls of the two south rooms, which are in the old building, have been covered with metal from the Peddie school, and two north, or new rooms, are finished in white plaster. The floors and radiators are of the best quality. The system in the building is as perfect as can be obtained. The two upstairs rooms are occupied by the senior pupils, and the two rooms down stairs for the junior pupils. In the senior fourth room the individual desks have been introduced, while in all the rooms new desks have been placed. The opening took place on Tuesday morning, when Bishop O'Connor, of Peterboro, blessed the school building. The attendance of pupils and parents was a large one. The proceedings of a most satisfactory nature. The Bishop spoke in words of praise of the work done, expressed his admiration at the taste displayed in the decorations of the hallways and rooms, the metal work and painting. He thanked the members of the School Board for their zeal in the many efforts made in the making of a new school fully up to all the demands of the present day. He wished them every success and blessing, which they had as their guide in all matters connected with parochial work, one who has always been renowned for his tact, talent and ability, as well as his performance as pastor, Rev. Father Murray.

At the conclusion of His Lordship's remarks our reverend pastor thanked him for his too high eulogy and expressed his gratefulness for his presence on this occasion, when so many were present to witness the opening of the school. His labor was a labor of love, when engaged in any work that was for the advancement of religion and the benefit of his people. He had the duty of a society which he took up, but all was made easy with the help given by his side, in the person of the Separate School Board, and the Knights of Columbus, who were under the charge of the efficient teaching staff which our school possesses, in the Sisters of St. Joseph. He had the pleasure of seeing the new equipment of the school which would be made more pleasant for teacher and pupil.

Archdeacon Casey, of Lindsay, in his remarks expressed his satisfaction at being present to witness the completion of another great work for the Church of God by his old time friend and ally, the Knights of Columbus, through the fine rooms of this building, with its decorated metallic ceilings and walls without a sense of admiration for the design. It was a pleasure to him to see such fine work; it was a proof of the interest taken, in having everything connected with education planned and carried out. He had been invited to the opening of the new building, and he hoped that his friend, the worthy pastor of Cobourg, would visit him at the school. Dr. McNicholl, superintendent of the Cobourg Asylum, in his usual characteristic style, expressed his surprise at what had been accomplished in the new building, and the remodeling of the old school building. He was convinced from the outset that nothing would be left undone that a long time engaged his attention, but he was more than surprised at the work he had seen in its outline, and in every detail, with a sense of gratification coupled with reverence and love, we profit of this new occasion to express our high appreciation of our pastor's untiring efforts in behalf of his people; and I am sure that I am voicing the sentiments of each member of St. Michael's congregation in the expression of our unbounded confidence in our worthy pastor. Our school has been for the past twenty years under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Every year in that period of time has added new proofs of the efficiency in the teaching and training of our children. The high order of that efficiency has been manifested annually in the large number of pupils who have successfully passed the entrance examination. He had not the slightest hesitation to say that whenever it was in his power he would be glad to see the school in the future, as in the past, among the very best in the land.

FROM CHEPSTOW.

The Rev. Zettler, of Chepstow, is to be congratulated on the success of his picnic on Tuesday last. Many prominent gentlemen from various parts of the country were present. More than five hundred people took luncheon at the tables, and satisfaction was universally expressed with the service. A particularly pleasing feature of the gathering was the fact that Mr. Bauman, the hotel-keeper, at the request of Father Zettler, refused to sell strong liquor to the crowds, and confined their thirst to the use of soft drinks and lager beer. As a consequence of this precaution there was no sign of any intoxication on any one in the large gathering. It was a very creditable feature of the picnic. Father Zettler is building a new church at Chepstow, which is already roofed in, and otherwise sufficiently advanced to enable observers to determine its general appearance when finished. It is a Gothic design, planned by Mr. Holmes, the celebrated church architect of Toronto, and is a remarkably fine piece of work. Hitherto Formosa has enjoyed the honor of possessing in the county. But the Chepstow Church, though not so large, will far surpass it in style and proportion. Father Elena, who planned the Formosa Church, was a man of great learning and wide knowledge of the finest church buildings

in Europe. But he was at the same time a man of remarkably good taste. This fact is especially must account for his failure to carry out the splendid Gothic idea with which he started to build the Formosa Church. Father Zettler is building the new church at Chepstow, which will be a monument to his zeal and good judgment. The cost of the church will be from \$18,000 to \$20,000, of which sum the Rev. gentleman already has \$13,000 in hand. The Chepstow congregation is numerically no difficulty in providing the balance necessary to finish the work.—Bruce Herald, Sept. 3, 1903.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

NEW COUNCIL FORMED IN KINGSTON.

On the 7th instant (Labor Day), a new Council of the Order of Knights of Columbus was formed in Kingston, and the following report of the proceedings in last week's "Canadian Freeman," published in that city: Sunday and Monday were indeed very busy days in Kingston, among the members of the Knights of Columbus, as it was made the occasion of the formation of a Council of the Order in this city. There were over one hundred visiting Knights from the following Councils:—Oswego, Watertown, Ogdensburg, Medina, Geneva, Clayton, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Auburn, Fulton, N. Y., and from Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke and Peterborough—among whom we noticed many representatives of the Order from the various Councils. Among the clergy we noticed a very large number from different parts of the United States and Canada, thus showing the great interest in the Catholic cause in this country. The meeting met early on Monday morning in front of the City Hall, and after forming in line marched in procession to St. Mary's Cathedral, where they attended Pontifical High Mass, which was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop; Rev. Father Davis, of Perth, as deacon, and Rev. Dr. Egan, of the Cathedral, as sub-deacon. The sanctuary being taken up by visiting priests from all parts of Canada and the United States, who all belonged to the Knights of Columbus. The Mass was preached by Rev. M. P. Fallon, D. D., of Buffalo, Father Fallon, before concluding his magnificent sermon, paid a beautiful tribute to the Order of Columbus, by the Knights of Columbus, and read extracts of reports of what it had accomplished for the poor Catholic clergy in the United States. He also spoke in grateful terms of our beloved Archbishop, and returned to His Grace, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, their most hearty congratulations, and the warmest personal interest he had taken in the formation of a Council in the good old city of Kingston. The sermon was a masterpiece of oratory in every particular, being listened to with rapt attention by the large congregation. Many of the American Knights had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Fallon for the first time, and they were very glad over the fact that they belonged to such an order that had within its ranks such an able and eloquent advocate as he is.

The speaker who came to Kingston to take part in the ceremonies, they were also delighted to hear again the voice of their former pastor, and especially in his advocacy of a society which they take such an especial interest in. After Mass the procession re-formed and marched back to the City Hall, where the work of conferring degrees took place. The first degree was conferred at 11 a. m. by Grand Knight M. J. Gorman, Chancellor Hon. P. R. Latford and Deputy Grand Knight E. J. Daly, of Ottawa Council. At three o'clock the second degree was given by Grand Knight R. J. Donoghue, of Ogdensburg, assisted by Dr. Egan, of Rochester, and Dr. Buckley, of Prescott. At eight o'clock in the evening the third degree was exemplified by J. P. Dunne, of Ottawa, State Deputy for Canada, assisted by Captain C. R. Barnes, of Rochester, and Warden McCracken, of Montreal.

After the third degree was conferred, a banquet was given in the hall, at which speeches were delivered by several prominent Knights. The Knights left for their homes after the banquet, well pleased with their stay in the "old Limestone City." The new Council starts with a membership of sixty-five, composed of the leading Catholics of Kingston, including four Priests.

Rev. Father Whelan, the respected pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Ottawa, was among the prominent members. The visiting Knights left a magnificent impression of the kind of material that this Order is composed of. Manager Martin, of the B. A. Hotel, which was practically headquarters for them, were in the city, told the FREEMAN that in all his experience in the hotel business he never met such a fine lot of socially men. Every one of them are perfect gentlemen in every sense of the word. District Deputy J. J. Heney, of Ottawa, had charge of the work of the formation of the new Council, and was ably assisted by John J. Behan, who was already a member of Ottawa Council.

Hon. Senator Sullivan accompanied the Knights in their morning procession to High Mass in the Cathedral. The venerable Senator received many warm congratulations from the Knights as they passed by his carriage.

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