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MOST REV. FERGUS PATRICK McEVAY, D.D.

TORONTO RECEIVES ARCHBISHOP IMPRESSIVE AND BRILLIANT CEREMONIAL

Great Gathering of Church Dignitaries—
Apostolic Delegate Celebrates Mass—
Archbishop McEvay Receives Allegiance of Priests and People.

With all the dignity and magnificent ceremonial with which both tradition and custom have environed the entry of a bishop into the cathedral church of his diocese, the entrance of the Most Rev. Fergus Patrick McEvay, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto, was made on Wednesday morning, into St. Michael's Cathedral, the chief church of his jurisdiction. The beautiful edifice in the bright hues of June sun and festive adornment was in keeping with the joyous occasion. The day saw gathered within the walls of St. Michael's now historic church, the most eminent ecclesiastics and dignitaries of the Church in Ontario and many from the sister Provinces. Government and Civic officials were also present and from the diocese of London, the late charge of Toronto's Archbishop, a large contingent had travelled to pay a parting tribute to the prelate who had labored for years so successfully amongst them. Toronto, had its hundreds of representatives from every parish, and the Archdiocese sent forth almost its entire army of priests to honor and grace the occasion, and to pay willing and loyal fealty to their newly appointed spiritual head.

Ten o'clock was the time at which the inaugural ceremonies were scheduled to begin, but long before that hour hundreds had gathered and awaited the opening of the doors which would reveal to them one of the most impressive and attractive scenes in the history of the now historic church of St. Michael. The cathedral in brightest adornment awaited its new incumbent. The papal colors, yellow and white, stretched in graceful lengths across the dome of the sanctuary, terminating in the centre in a cross of purest white. Heavy folds of lace of gold covered the scarlet ante-pendium of the altar and the same rich hue appeared on the floor and covered the prie-dieu within the sanctuary rails. A throne canopied in crimson awaited the Apostolic Delegate, on the epistle side of the altar, while another draped with the Papal hues awaited the Archbishop of Toronto. Enveloped in a blaze of light, a profusion of bloom added further adornment to the altar, while stately palms stood sentinel within the sanctuary gates.

able spot except the centre aisle, down which the procession would pass, was occupied. As notice of the expected approach was made, Very Rev. J. J. McCann, the Vicar-General of the Archdiocese, in cope of gold and accompanied by Rev. Fathers Coyle and Traying, wearing dalmatics of the same costly fabric, moved down the aisle to meet the procession at the door.

As the surpliced train entered the immense concourse of people rose and to the strains of musical note from organ and from sweet-throated boys, the procession slowly made its way down the aisle. First came Rev. J. McCann in surplice and dalmatic of cloth of gold, bearing aloft the golden processional Cross. Supporting him were six acolytes and following these was a large contingent of the black-robed Brothers of the Holy Sepulchre. Next in order came the priests of the diocese and visiting clergy, one hundred and sixty in number, and as they reached the sanctuary rails they opened ranks to allow the purple-casocked bishops and their attendants to pass. The prelates were Bishop Macdonald of Alexandria, Archbishop McCarthy of Halifax, Bishop O'Connor of Peterborough, Bishop Scollard of Sault Ste. Marie, and Bishop Dowling of Hamilton. Archbishop Gauthier of Kingston followed and lastly came the new Metropolitan, Archbishop McEvay, in mitre and cope of gold, and carrying the crozier of office. He was preceded by Father O'Leary of Collingwood, bearing the golden Cross of the Delegate. The Knights of St. John, who had formed a guard of honor at the Cathedral door, lowered their swords as the last of the processionists entered the Cathedral and closed the lines, their rich, dark uniform heavily trimmed with golden lace, making a pleasing note in the sea of environing color.

As the bishops entered the Sanctuary, Archbishop McEvay knelt for a few moments, after which the initiatory psalms were chanted.

When the Archbishop had taken his place upon the throne prepared, the Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann ascended the pulpit and read the Papal Bulls appointing Archbishop McEvay to the See of Toronto. They were dated at Rome the 23rd of April. At the close the priests of the Archdiocese gathered round the throne to kiss the ring of the new Shepherd and to give public testimony of their allegiance. During this touching ceremony it was noted that a grasp of the hand, a smile or word of welcome was given each. The Archbishop smiled kindly and pleasantly and he appeared, what he doubtless is, a man dignified without being austere, strong with the strength of inherent qualities, yet one whose rule

will go unquestioned, but who will nevertheless govern more through love than fear.

PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS
CELEBRATED

Before the Mass the address from the priests of the diocese was read by Very Rev. Dean Morris of St. Catharines, and that from the laity by Hon. Justice Anglin.

Meantime the Papal Delegate, Most Rev. Donatus Sbarretti had vested for the Mass at which he was celebrating, the deacons of honor being Rev. J. L. Hand and Rev. T. Sullivan of Thorold, Rev. Father Coyle and Rev. Father Traying. The Vicar-General was assistant priest and Rev. Father O'Donnell master of ceremonies. The Archbishop was assisted at the throne by Very Rev. Dean Morris and Rev. H. Gibney.

The music furnished by the choir under Mr. J. Dickinson was the finest heard in the Cathedral since the change in church music. A Salve Regina was sung at the Offertory by Mr. Leutierrez in magnificent voice and with fine interpretation.

At the close of the Mass the Very Rev. Vicar-General read an address of welcome to the Papal Delegate, to which the latter made a reply, eulogizing the Church and concluding with the words: I desire to express another lively and ardent wish that I cherish, namely, that the faithful laity, the clergy, and the bishop will be always united, that the bonds between you will become stronger and stronger, and that you will be as a family, in which all the members love each other, obeying cheerfully the guidance of its head. I pray Almighty God that harmony and good will reign supreme among you. I am sure that the new Archbishop, like a good father, will love you as his dear children in Christ. I have no doubt that the good priests of this diocese, regular and secular will work zealously in union with him, and I feel confident that the faithful will respond cheerfully to all the care and solicitude shown in their behalf. I may close with the words of Christ: "Pater sancte serva eos in nomine tuo quos dediste mihi ut sint unum sicut nos"—"Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, that Thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are one."

At the conclusion of the Delegate's reply the Te Deum was splendidly sung by the choir, after which the priests filed out and the immense congregation dispersed, all feeling that an epoch-making event had taken place in the history of the Church in Toronto.

Rev. Father O'Donnell of St. Mary's, had charge of the entire arrangements and was assisted in the work of arranging for decorations by the Altar Society of the Cathedral and the Brothers of the parish, Brother Pius in particular proving an able assistant.

ADDRESS FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE.

To the Most Reverend Fergus Patrick McEvay, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto:

May it please Your Grace,—

We, the priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto, are assembled to-day

to bid you welcome as our spiritual chief. The Holy Father has been pleased to appoint you Archbishop of Toronto and Metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province. With respectful reverence we hail the appointment. Peter has spoken through Pius; the apostolic authority has been exercised and its decision meets with nial obedience from the clergy of the archdiocese. We recognize in your appointment the continuation of the world wide commission of Christ to the apostles, "Going therefore teach all nations. . . I am with you all days." Your mission has its source in God. Your selection was the choice of the Holy Ghost. Your appointment was made by the Vicar of Christ in his office of Ruler of the Universal Church. It is in this full Catholic sense of faith and love that we pay our homage to you to-day.

We are not unmindful of your personal merits of piety, learning and fidelity to duty. Your distinguished career of faithful and fruitful service in the dioceses of Peterboro and Hamilton is well known to us. Your successful administration of the diocese of London marked you as worthy to wear the pallium and bear the archiepiscopal dignity.

The history of the Church in Canada is one of which every Catholic has reason to be proud. For three centuries the province of Quebec has been the citadel of Catholicity in North America. The chapter on the Church in Toronto tells a story which fires the heart of the most cynical. It was within the boundaries of the archdiocese that the heroic Jesuit missionaries to the Indian tribes laid down their lives for the faith of the crucified Saviour. If the blood of martyrs be the seed of faith, then a rich harvest of souls should be the portion of the Church in these parts.

The See of Toronto has been blessed by a line of illustrious churchmen, who, in season and out of season, devoted their talents and their lives to the building of the Church in the archdiocese. They laid the foundations deep and broad. With them there was no trimming of Catholic truth, no minimizing of sacred dogma. The lustre of their light was seen, and the effect of their power felt, beyond the most distant boundaries of the Dominion. To their valiant efforts in days of stress and struggle, the excellent school system, which the Catholic children of Ontario enjoy to-day, is chiefly due. Institutions of learning and homes of charity were planted and fostered by them. Everywhere in the archdiocese may be seen monuments of their zeal and labors. Their teaching and example were productive of a people of strong faith and patriotic spirit.

Such, Your Grace, is the heritage which comes into your hands to-day. The memory of the martyred missionaries, the fruits of the labors of five most devoted bishops, the garnerings of several generations of self-sacrificing priests, make a precious trust. This trust, we are sure, will be safe in your keeping. May your own reign add to the store of noble achievement of the prelates of Toronto.

Opportunity will not be wanting, the building up of a priesthood to meet the growing needs of the archdiocese, the developing of Catholic education along safe lines, the devising of ecclesiastical legislation, which will satisfy present requirement and safeguard the interests of the Church in the future, call for the exercise of skillful churchmanship.

In all your undertakings for the advancement of religion and the good of country, you may rely with absolute confidence on the unwavering loyalty and patriotic support of the priests of the archdiocese of Toronto.

May God bless your administration; may it be one of peace and prosperity. May the great Archangel, the patron of the archdiocese, guide your footsteps on the way; and when the time shall come to lay down the crozier, may you be able to say with the great apostle, "Bonum certamen certavi, cursum consummavi, non servavi. In reliquo reposita mihi corona justitiae, quam redet



MOST REV. DONATUS SBARRETTI
Apostolic Delegate.

ADDRESS FROM THE LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE.

To the Most Reverend Fergus Patrick McEvay, D.D., Archbishop of Toronto:

May it please Your Grace,—

On this memorable day when you assume the high office to which it has recently pleased the Holy Father to appoint you, on behalf of the laity of the archdiocese, we approach your episcopal throne to welcome you as our Chief Pastor, and to assure you of the good-will and the affection of your new flock.

While we deeply regret the cause which has impelled our late revered Archbishop to lay down the burdens and to free himself from the responsibilities of the episcopate, the selection of yourself as his successor has filled us with confidence for the future of this diocese.

Your designation by the Holy See as our Archbishop would suffice to ensure for you our loyalty and our allegiance as Catholics; the dignity of your exalted position of itself commands our respect. For the third time consecutively the Bishop of London becomes the Archbishop of Toronto. Our knowledge of the many excellent qualities of your illustrious predecessor, our appreciation of the splendid work accomplished by them, and our grateful recognition of the benefits which we have derived from their paternal solicitude and exemplary lives lead us to regard as most auspicious the appointment to Toronto of another Bishop of London. What we have learned of your own zeal and devotion as a priest first in the Diocese of Kingston, and afterwards in the diocese of Peterborough, of your untiring energy and of the success which attended your labors as Vicar-General in Hamilton, and of the esteem and affection in which you are held by the clergy and laity of the Diocese of London, which you have governed so successfully for the past nine years, justifies our confidence that Your Grace will receive from your people in this Archdiocese, not merely the loyalty and obedience due to their Archbishop, but an affectionate regard and esteem which only a noble and loving personality can inspire.

Under the administration of your immediate predecessor the churches and schools of the diocese have largely increased in number. The Catholic parishes in this, your metropolitan city, and its suburbs, now number seventeen; the Catholic population has grown until it approximates 40,000 souls. Your Grace's new vineyard is large, and, creditable as have been the achievements of the past, we realize that there is still much to be accomplished.

Our educational advantages of today are undoubtedly great as com-

pared with those of years not yet remote, but we believe that there is still room for progress and improvement in this field; and we are especially delighted to know that in the person of Your Grace, the cause of Catholic education, advanced as well as primary, has an ardent friend and advocate. We can assure Your Grace that in whatever measures you may deem it advisable to take for the welfare of your people, in whatever plans you may devise for the advancement of the sacred causes of religion and education, which we fully recognize cannot be separated, you may rely upon the active sympathy and the heartfelt co-operation of your people.

In conclusion permit us to ask Your Grace's blessing for ourselves and our families and for all the Catholic people of this Archdiocese, and allow us to express the hope that your incumbency of this See may cover many years and that those years may be fruitful of great and lasting benefits to the Church of Toronto, and also replete with happiness and benedictions for yourself.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of Catholic Laymen.

E. O'KEEFE, Chairman.
H. T. KELLY, Secretary.
Toronto, 17th June, 1908.

REPLY OF ARCHBISHOP TO ADDRESSES.

The Archbishop, in replying to the addresses, said: By the command of the Holy Father I have left the diocese of London, where my relations with its people were most cordial, and I have come to the Metropolitan See of Toronto to take the place of His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, whose illness, which was the occasion of his resignation, I regret, I had the honor of succeeding him in London and I appreciate the work which both as priest and bishop he did there, and it will be a pleasure for me to make happy in every way the declining years of his life.

The priests in their address referred to the work of the Jesuits in building up the Church in this country. We expect the same reward as they, said His Grace, and it is therefore but right that we, too, should make some sacrifices for the welfare of immortal souls. The first bishop of Toronto, Bishop Power, set a noble example in this respect, for he made the sacrifice of his life in order to bring consolation to the fever-stricken exiles who had lost everything but the hope of eternal reward. Bishop Charbonnel had his health broken, and like Archbishop O'Connor, resigned to make preparation for death. The lives of Archbishops Lynch and Walsh are still fresh in the minds of many present.

Coming to the present time the Archbishop said: I am not come to you as a stranger. As a student I spent many years in St. Michael's College and I recall many acts of kindness from both professors and students of that day. His Grace then referred to Catholic education and made a strong plea for the right of every Catholic child to receive the fullest in this respect. All parents were not in a position to give the child the necessary education, therefore teachers were engaged to educate the child for time and eternity. In Ontario and Quebec the legislatures had arranged that schools should give education religious and secular. They had also shown a magnificent example of the treatment of the minority. In this respect the great city of Toronto should be an example to the balance of the Province. They should not only give justice, but generosity. We grant to others what we ask for ourselves, said the Archbishop, and expect to live in peace and harmony with all.

Referring again to the address of the priests, he thanked them for their offer of assistance; a bishop without priests cannot do much. The charitable institutions and their work were also remembered, and Hon. Justice Anglin and Mr. Kelly, representing the laity, were thanked for their address. Some imagine, said the Archbishop, that the interests of priests and laity differ. This is a mistake. We fight the same battles and gain the same victories. It is the duty of both to defend our Mother the Church and when our work is done she will hand us over to our Mother in Heaven and to St. Joseph and the great St. Michael. In conclusion His Grace thanked the large gathering and all who had come from many parts of Canada and the United States to attend the installation. He thanked particularly those from his old diocese of London and ended by asking the blessing of God on all present.

ADDRESS TO DELEGATE.

Your Excellency:

On behalf of the priests and laity of the Archdiocese of Toronto, we extend to you a most hearty welcome on this auspicious occasion.

We behold in Your Excellency the representative of Our Holy Father, Pope Pius X., gloriously reigning over the Catholic world.

His noble watchword on the very threshold of His Pontificate, "To restore all things in Christ," gave token of his great love for the Redeemer of men and His burning zeal for the salvation of souls.

Hence, time and again, he raised his supreme voice to confirm the good and to reprobate the bad; and more recently to condemn the false teachings of the Modernists. With him we condemn their doctrines as a striking at the very foundations of Christian faith.

We wish to express to you, as Apostolic Delegate to Canada, our deep devotion and loyalty to the See of Peter, and our high esteem for your Excellency.

We are glad to assure you that, in our midst, good will reigns amongst all classes and even-handed justice is

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