



THE GRAND RECEPTION.

GIVEN THE PAPAL DELEGATE, MGR. FALCONIO, BY THE SCHOOL CHILDREN OF ST. BONIFACE AND WINNIPEG.

Of all the incidents connected with Mgr. Falconio's, the Papal Delegate's visit to Winnipeg and St. Boniface, none could have proved more interesting and pleasing than the demonstration held by the school children of both sides of the River.

At 10 A.M. on Thursday was the 1st item of this pretty programme, carried out in the St. Boniface Cathedral, where the children from the local schools had assembled to welcome His Excellency. In all there were four schools represented. The Boys' Provencher Academy, Brother Anthony, headmaster; the girls' school attached to the convent of the Holy Names; the orphans from the convent of the Grey Nuns, Sister St. Genevieve, principal, and the Indian Industrial school. A very bright and pleasant entertainment was carried out with perfect success. After the hymn "Laudate Pueri," had been sung, the boys' school gave a capital dialogue, in which Victor Soucisse, Alfred Manseau and Henri Manseau took part, and they all presented a handsome bouquet to His Excellency. The band from the Indian school played two good selections. The girls from the school of the Holy Names, of which Sister Mary Lariviere is the able principal, gave a first-class dialogue and song. Those taking part were Antoinette Mondor, Elizabeth Chalet, Itha Bedard, Bertha Fafard, Alma Desourdis, Anna Lemay, Albertine Anger, M. J. Dubuc, S. J. Berube, E. Prendergast, M. Betournay, A. Laurendeau, C. D'Amour, Florence Prudhomme and Juliet Keroack; accompanists, Laura Gosselin and Anna Baril. Miss M. J. Dubuc presented a choice bouquet. The orphans from the Grey Nuns' convent also contributed a pretty song and dialogue, the parts being taken by Christina Wilson, Malvina Grenon, M. Anne Vigeant, Agnes Guichon, M. Degagnes, Eva Guibault, N. Dunthorne, who presented a lovely bouquet, and Regina Lambert. His Excellency gave a capital address, in which he thanked the children for their good attendance. He saw that they were all faithful Catholics, and he trusted that they would be always obedient to their church and their parents. The "Oremus" was beautifully sung, and the ceremonial of the blessing impressively performed by His Excellency, who was accompanied by His Grace Archbishop Langevin and Bishop Pascal, and a large gathering of the clergy of the diocese.

RECEPTION AT ST. MARY'S.

At 4 p. m. His Excellency accompanied by the archbishop drove to St. Mary's church, where he held a reception of the children of the Catholic schools of Winnipeg. There was a large congregation, who greatly enjoyed the singing and spirited speaking of the children. The proceedings opened with a march by the organist, Mr. Evans. The boys then sang in chorus, "A Welcome Song." An address of

welcome to His Excellency from the boys' and girls' school was capitally read by Harold Conway and Beatrice Champion.

THE ADDRESS.

To His Excellency the Most Reverend Diomedo Falconio, Archbishop of Larissa, Apostolic Delegate. May it please Your Excellency:

Since some time we had been apprised by our devoted and beloved teachers of your excellency's intended visit to this, our fair province, and we now feel happy to see its accomplishment.

We respectfully tender your excellency the expression of our filial gratitude for the great honor your excellency bestows upon us, in thus gracing, with your presence, this assembly of the children of the Catholic schools in Winnipeg. Your excellency may rest assured that we shall long cherish the remembrance of this joyful event.

In your person we revere the official representative in Canada of Our Most Holy Father, the Pope, the Vicar of Christ and the visible head of the church on earth.

It is therefore with the liveliest sentiments of reverence that we greet your excellency, in your capacity of apostolic delegate, and that we desire to render to you the homage due to your excellency's important and exalted position.

We also pray your excellency to be pleased to convey to His Holiness the profession of our most profound veneration for his sacred person, likewise our promise of remaining forever submissive children to the spiritual and infallible authority of his divinely instituted office.

We sincerely hope that your excellency will be able to obtain for our venerable archbishop the accomplishment of his most cherished desire, to wit: that of our full rights with regard to the Catholic schools in this province.

Begging your excellency to bestow the favor of your blessings upon our parents and teachers, our schools and ourselves, we are your excellency's most devoted children.

THE PUPILS OF ST. MARY'S.

The artistic work in the address was executed by Mr. D. J. Ferguson, of the Massey-Harris staff, here. The body of the address was in old English and engrossing text, and was relieved with richly illuminated capitals, and a beautiful border of foliage, such as can be seen in the ancient missals in the famous collections in the old world. The whole was surrounded by the coat of arms of his excellency, in the proper heraldic colors, forming a striking heading to a beautiful piece of work.

Choice bouquets were also presented by two pretty little girls, the little Misses Prudhomme and McPhillips. His Excellency, who spoke in English, and seemed very pleased with his welcome, again thanked the children for their offerings, and especially noted their allegiance to the Roman Catholic church, and he noticed their reference to their beloved archbishop and his work for the Catholic schools. He urged them to do their duty at home and in the church, and so prove themselves good citizens and good Catholics. "Let us pray for our Pontiff was sung and also the Benedictus, the proceedings closing with the blessing. The addresses were beautifully illuminated and were choice works of art. Father Guilet

had the able charge of the arrangements.

FRIDAY'S WELCOME.

One of the most pleasing of the many entertainments held to welcome His Excellency Archbishop Diomedo Falconio, the apostolic delegate, was given Friday evening at the St. Boniface Industrial school by the pupils of that institution. The band of the school took a prominent part, playing a number of selections, including a couple of polkas and a march, very effectively. A couple of choruses were sung, one of them being a festal song in the first part, and a concluding song, "God Bless Our Pope," at the end of the second part. A recitation by M. J. Contois, entitled "A Contest," and one by M. Sinclair, from "The Flowers of St. Francis," were further interesting features.

The chief event of the programme was a drama in three acts, the title of which was "The Shepherdess of Lourdes, or The Blind Princess." The principal character, that of Bernadette, the Shepherdess, was very well taken by M. Sinclair. She entered very fully into the sentiment, pronounced her words with admirable distinctness, and showed that she possessed an excellent memory by the length of her parts in the dialogue, and correctness with which she recited. The part of Rosabella, the Blind Princess, also showed good progress in the learning of English, and power to appreciate the sentiment of the dialogue; it was taken by J. Contois. The girls, generally, recited their parts with good effect, showing that great pains had been taken in their teaching. While their accent showed that English was not their native language, it was gratifying to know that pupils who a short time ago could not speak English had been taught and had succeeded so well. The cast was as follows: Bernadette, the shepherdess, M. Sinclair; Louisa, her mother, M. Chatelain; Elenora, Princess of Valencia, A. Grandbois; Rosabella, her blind daughter, J. Contois; Lucilla, her young daughter, P. Morin; Laurinda, a governess, A. Swampy; Antonio, lady of the palace, M. Bruyere; Gertrude, castle keeper's wife, A. Chatelain; Agnes, her daughter, J. Rolette; Marie, Bernadette's young sister, B. Contois; Josepha, Amalia, Inez, Helen, children of Lourdes, J. Thomas, C. Sutherland, S. Swampy, A. Katons.

ADDRESS TO THE DELEGATE.

The following address was then read to His Excellency by one of the larger boys:

May it please Your Excellency,—
The staff and pupils of this institution, highly honored by your presence here to-day, beg to present to Your Excellency the homage of their cordial thanks and of their profound respect. The dutiful reverence and love we cherish for our holy and beloved father, the pope, receive to-day a new impulse. Your Excellency's visit to our humble school is a special proof of the unremitting zeal of the saintly pontiff for the welfare of all the children of their flock. Had Your Excellency not inherited the love and charity of our holy father for the poor children of all nations, you would not have laid aside your numerous and imperious occupations to procure us the consolation we heartily anticipated and that we now enjoy. The

present occasion will stand foremost among the many festivals of our dear industrial school. And when in after years our thoughts will revert to the days spent here, Your Excellency's fatherly visit will be gratefully and fondly remembered. To complete the happiness of this memorable day, we humbly solicit your blessing for the success of the school, for our dear parents, and especially for your grateful and respectful children here present.

THE REPLY.

In replying to the address His Excellency told the children he had never thought they could be instructed so well. How glad would be the Father in God, the Vicar of the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, to hear these children were so well educated. He asked them whether they had ever thought how great a grace the Lord had granted them by calling them from their homes to this institution. He wished them to be very grateful for all that the Government did for them; he wished them also often to recall to mind the great sacrifice made for their sakes by their beloved archbishop, the good sisters who had left their homes and friends and banished all the pleasures of the world to take care of them. He urged them always to be faithful to their holy religion and the laws of the country; and faithful when they went back to their homes, to show that they were good Christians and thorough Catholics, and faithful subjects to ecclesiastical and civil authority. His Excellency gave the pupils the pope's special blessing.

ST. MARY'S ACADEMY.

On Saturday evening his excellency was present at an entertainment given by the children of St. Mary's academy, under the able direction of Sister Mary Oswald, and her talented staff of teachers. The large hall of the academy had been beautifully dressed with flowers, and a specially decorated throne had been erected for the use of his excellency and party, which was tastefully draped with the pontifical colors.

His excellency arrived punctually at 8, accompanied by Monseigneur Langevin and Monseigneur Pascal. There was a capital and efficient programme, which opened with a selection well played, by L. Coyle, B. Champion, E. Lauzon, M. Bernier, A. Stark, M. Bernhardt, M. and A. Dubuc. Then followed a presentation of flowers by the following pretty young ladies, who were charmingly dressed in white with the papal colors: E. Landers, B. Marrin, M. Colloton, C. Forrester, A. Law and G. Burke. The next item was the chorus from "Athalia," especially well rendered by the Misses B. Hazel and F. Barry as soloists, with L. Coyle, A. Stark, M. L. Prud'homme and A. Dubuc as accompanists. A spiritedly delivered dialogue, "The Three Romes," came next, the characters being sustained by B. Champion, M. Bernhardt, W. Green, M. Marrin, A. Cornell, C. McPhillips, J. Bawlf, R. Cass, A. Sullivan, L. Smith and F. Barry. The Misses C. and M. Denholm gave an effective violin duet. Another dialogue followed, entitled "Petit Dialogue Allegorique," the speakers being R. Oliver, A. Prud'homme, C. Cauchon, K. McPhillips, Y. Picard, M. Weiss, A. Mennier, V. Poitras, R.

McLean, H. Gallivan, B. Sullivan, F. Madden, A. Dugernais, A. Courtney and B. Simon. The chorus "Oremus pro pontifice," was splendidly sung. The address of welcome was presented by Miss E. Prud'homme, and His Excellency made a very gracious and effective reply. He expressed his pleasure at seeing so many of the dear children present. He spoke of their duty to their parents and teachers; he trusted they would always be loyal to the church, and enjoy every blessing that God could bestow upon them. His Excellency seemed much touched by the warmth of his reception by the children, and their kindly greeting. The finale was a selection well rendered by L. Prud'homme, B. Simon, A. Stark, E. Prud'homme, M. Bernhardt and M. Bernier.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY MONSIGNOR FALCONIO.

A SONNET.

READ BY ONE OF THE ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE STUDENTS AT THE RECEPTION TENDERED THERE TO THE DELEGATE APOSTOLIC.

Ambassador of him who sits serene
In faith-firm Peter's never changing chair—
Of Leo wise and strong beyond compare—

We, who not yet may enter on the scene

Of worldly strife, but who can fondly glean

From loving elders all the speeches fair

Anent thy words and deeds of wisdom rare,

We fain would tell thee what our welcomes mean.

They body forth no hackneyed form of praise,

Nor merely ceremonious greeting; no,

Our welcomes, like the water of our wells,

From depths profound arise, our hearts upraise

An eager cry of joyous trust, for lo!

Round thee the truth alone can cast its spells.

THE SOLDIERS' SHELTERS.

BY AN ENGLISH BANKER.
(Written for the Review.)

In accounts of the sanguinary battles which have recently been fought in the course of the war in South Africa, reference has frequently been made to the ant-hills which the opposing forces have utilized as convenient shelters whence they could fire upon the enemy without duly exposing themselves. In the Western regions of Africa, however, where a warlike and pugnacious variety of the white ant abounds, the *Termes bellicosus*, these ant-hills are stated to be of very much larger dimensions than those in the Transvaal, attaining the great height of from ten to twenty feet. The buildings are constructed upon sound architectural principles. The interior, consisting of four distinct floors, containing a series of galleries, some of which converge upon a great pillared hall, the linear dimensions of which exceed, except in height, those of many a dwelling room; while others lead to the royal chamber, in which the queen resides, attended by a vast number

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