

Jesus said to his disciples. Whom do you say that I am?

Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art Christ the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to thee, that thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I shall give to thee the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven. S. Matthew xvi. 15-19.



Was anything concealed from Peter, who was styled the Rock on which the Church was built, who received the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the power of loosing and binding in Heaven and on earth?—TERTULLIAN Prescrip. xvii.

There is one God, and one Church, and one Chair founded by the voice of the Lord upon Peter. That any other Altar be erected, or a new Priesthood established, besides that one Altar, and one Priesthood, is impossible. Whosoever gathers (scattered) whatever is devised by human frenzy, in violation of the Divine Ordinance, is adulterous, impious, sacrilegious.—St. Cyprian Ep. 43 ad plebem.

All of them remaining silent, for the doctrine was beyond the reach of man, Peter the Prince of the Apostles and the supreme herald of the Church, not following his own inventions, nor persuaded by human reasoning, but enlightened by the Father, says to him: Thou art Christ, and not this alone, but the Son of the living God.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem. Cat. xi. 1.

Calendar.

- November 5—Sunday—XX after Pent, II Nov Patronage of B V M G Doub.
- 6—Monday—Of the Octave.
- 7—Tuesday—Of the Octave.
- 8—Wednesday—Octave of All Saints com &c.
- 9—Thursday—Dedication of our Saviour's Church at St John Latern Doub I class with Oct.
- 10—Friday—St Andrew Avellinus C Doub com &c.
- 11—Saturday—St Martin B C Doub com &c.

CONSECRATION OF BISHOP GUIGUES TO THE SEE OF BYTOWN, CANADA.

The following article is taken from the "Bytown Packet," (Canada paper) of August 5th, with which we have been kindly furnished by a correspondent.—Ed. TABLET.]

On Sunday morning, July 30th, the Catholic Bishops of Montreal, Kingston, and Carthage proceeded to the consecration of the Very Reverend Joseph Eug. Guigues as Bishop of Bytown. The Right Reverend Regimius Gaulin officiated, and the ceremonies of the Church usual upon such occasions were observed with the utmost pomp. About twenty clergymen attended from different parts of the province, and a very efficient choir assisted on the occasion, whose efforts were much aided by the Rev. Messrs. Dandurand and Mirabeau. The Rev. Mr. Morreau was present as Master of the ceremonies. The Rev. Mr. O'Reilly, of Montreal, delivered an eloquent discourse in which he urged on his countrymen the necessity of joining together in support of the Catholic Religion, and encouraged them to obey the instructions of the Fathers and Bishops of the Church, especially of the Bishop to whom has been confided the charge of the new diocese, and pointed out the necessity of union with their French Canadian brethren, and of good-will to all.

In the evening his Lordship took formal possession of his see, and an able discourse was delivered by the Very Rev. Mr. Mignault, of Chawbly, whose venerable appearance, added to the touching manner in which he placed before the people the sacred obligations which bound them to their chief pastor, enchanted the attention of his audience.

After the evening service, the first Pastoral Address of the new Bishop was read. We subjoin the principal passages:—

"To the Clergy and all Faithful of our Diocese health and benediction in Jesus Christ:—

"In taking possession of our new Diocese, we feel the necessity of addressing you in order to explain our intentions and desires.

"Thanks to the vigilant solicitude of the Sovereign Pontiff, the Catholic Faith daily takes possession of new territories, and there communicates the benefits of her celestial Hierarchy—Not content that men endowed by God with an ardent soul and an undivided devotedness, call to the light those who are in the shadow of death, or inspire nations with the vivifying spirit of charity, the Supreme Head of the Christian world likewise desires that Bishops to whom he has confided the charge of governing in the Church, may be established to confirm the acts of the Priests by the force of their authority, and provide for all emergencies. Therefore does the Catholic behold with admiration the numerous Sees rising in so wonderful a manner in every part of the globe, illuminated with the rays of the Catholic Church.

"Could America escape the ever-attentive eye of the Supreme Pastor? Owing to its wise institution, does not America seem destined to rival with those countries which Catholicity covers with its protecting shade? The numberless children of emigration penetrate in crowds into those regions where the step of man never reached—where we behold, rising, as it were by enchantment, those colonies which bring with them their strength and their industry; but even there are they preceded by Bishops, who display before their anxious gaze, on that land of liberty, for every creed, the sacred and venerable standard by which all nations are invited to civilization and to charity.

"The Sovereign Pontiff has not left unperceived that immense tract of territory the grand river bathes with its waters, uniting countries the most remote and still in their pristine wildness, with the rich and civilized lands of Lower Canada, as if to afford to the children of Canada and of Ireland, the facility of possessing those lands which their labours may render abundantly fertile. Already, it is true, the zeal of those great and virtuous Prelates, who, in the See of Quebec, perpetuate piety and disinterestedness, had maintained those Priests who, at the greatest sacrifices, went in quest of the poor savages to furnish them with the Bread of Life—already, also, had the pious Prelate who governs the Diocese of Montreal, whose ever active zeal no limits can confine, manifested the effects of his charity towards those rising Missions, which, thanks to his solicitude, become daily more developed; yet, it was not deemed sufficient by generous souls, who, in performing the greatest labours, think they never do enough. They called for aid to enable them to bear the burden of the responsibility with which they were overloaded.

"As it is on us his Holiness has deigned to cast his eyes—on us whom most sacred engagements had devoted to solitude and recollection, or to the charge of assisting and fortifying those on whom that duty is imposed, that voice of the Sovereign Pontiff struck us with amazement and awe, but has not confounded us; for confiding in Him who calls us, we shall follow his voice and accomplish his work. Already does our courage revive, and we feel that a firm resolution can overcome all difficulties. Unite with us, then dear brethren, for your salvation and our happiness are already the object of your desires. Every day our prayers ascend to Heaven for those children that are given to us. Your happiness shall constitute ours—your joy shall be our felicity—your souls shall be as dear to us as our own. Unite, then, with us, that God may bless the Pastor and his flock at the same time and that he may also bestow His benediction on the words, the interest of his glory and the welfare of our souls demand.

"Already have several Priests consecrated to it their sweat and labours. Those generous Apostles were among the first to plant the banner of Faith on these new countries. Already several Missions were formed around them, and they heartily rejoice on beholding the children they have begotten to Jesus Christ or confirmed in the Faith. Ere long their zeal shall no more suffice for every urgent call, for day after day the Canadian youth leave their homes to establish themselves on the lands already prepared by their labours. More numerous bands will very soon follow; bringing, like their predecessors, their Faith—their polite manners—their industrious habits. Joyfully shall we welcome them, and support their courage by the help of religion. From the moment of our departure from our

native land, it has been our duty to reanimate the Faith of a people most anxious to hear us; beholding the Canadian Clergy welcome us, and and so often invite us to come and participate with them in their arduous labours, witnessing their urbanity, their amiableness and true zeal. Canada has become for us another home—our second country, and to it we have consecrated all our labours. Must, not, therefore, all its dearest interests be ours? We shall aid with all our endeavours the Priests who are already labouring in that work of salvation, and gratefully receive all the happy inspirations that may contribute to the welfare of your souls and the prosperity of your temporal interests.

"And you, also, generous children of Erin, calculate on our support and our tender solicitude. Your name has ever sounded in our ears as one of the sweetest melody. Your faith—so firm, so heroic, that no tribulation can shake—your ardent proselytism, which in every part of the globe whereupon your sufferings have cast you, invites new children to the Catholic Church—your generosity, which, in the midst of poverty and indigence, still finds the generous might to erect temples and altars to the living God, and maintain His Priests, have made you long since dear to our heart. You shall still find these Priests in the lands where you have sought a refuge, and where new emigrants shall, like you, find a resting-place. And should it not be possible to prepare them ourselves for the ministry, we shall invite them from distant climes to minister to your wants.

"Children of Canada and Ireland, whom we name separately, but who, nevertheless, form but one peaceful family, since you are both Catholic, let not the slightest cloud ever disturb that mutual charity which should ever possess your hearts. Are you not heirs to the same inheritance? Do you not sit at the same table to partake of the same life-giving bread? Are you not united by bonds the most firmly cemented, those of Faith? Are you not by your Faith, by your attachment to the interests of Religion, placed among nations the most devoted to the cause of Catholicity?

"Extend the same spirit of charity to those, also, who are out of the pale of the Catholic Church. If they have not the same faith as you, they are citizens of the same country—their labours fertilize the same soil—their children oftentimes mingle with yours in receiving the same education. On the standard of religion is engraven the Olive of Peace. May it constantly shelter the children of the same country, and unite them one day in the same Faith!

"Preserve, likewise, as a sacred deposit, those virtuous morals which draw down the benediction of Heaven with temporal prosperity. Divine Providence has confided to you a great mission; your number is yet small, but every day you receive accession to your ranks by crowds of children that arrive from the most distant climes. If you hold in horror the vice of lust, they will also avoid it—if you are religious, they will consider it their glory to walk in your footsteps—if you are temperate, they will, in like manner, shun those excesses that brutalise man and degrade the Christian, and at the present moment, when such noble efforts are being made in the neighbouring dioceses, shall we not use all our exertions to establish or to consolidate the great society of temperance? The welfare of our souls and those of our families, your fortunes as well as your happiness, now and hereafter, demand it; and the future prospects of those who are destined to people these lands are interested in it.

"It shall be our duty to maintain every zeal our undertaking which, in the various missions,

has receiving a happy impulse, and we shall promote such others as the welfare of your souls demands. To accomplish this enterprise, it is not on our own strength we rely, but on the grace of our God—on the aid of our Clergy, who already labour amongst you with zeal and devotedness—on the assistance of those who are united to us by the dearest bonds. You are not ignorant of their labours. Many of them have already exercised the ministry in Bytown—others in the midst of the forest—whither they followed the young men employed in the Chaptiers—others, in fine, to the extremity of this immense diocese, in quest of the poor savage who asks for the Priest. We shall continue the same labours, by them and with them; for it shall be our happiness ever to reflect that those rude and difficult missions are accomplished by brethren who edify us by their virtues, and render us participant of their merits; and when we shall have the pleasure of following them, we shall, with joy, bring to our recollection that the thought which encouraged our first steps in the Apostolic ministry was the desire of hastening to the assistance of the souls that were the most abandoned.

"Jos. Ego., Bishop of Bytown." The Catholic is far from being completely finished. But two weeks since it presented a wretched appearance—the floors being merely laid, and the pews of the old parish church transported to it for temporary use. Last Sunday, owing to the unwearied exertions of the Rev. Messrs. Telson and Dandurand, it presented a splendid appearance. Three beautiful altars were placed within the sanctuary, constructed in the most approved and classic style, while rich paintings and enlightening drapery completed the out ensemble of the style adopted in the oldest religious establishments in the province.

On Monday evening their Lordships the Bishops of Montreal and Bytown paid a visit to that romantic spot in Hull known as "the Chapel of the Voyageurs." They were here met by some hundred of the hardy Voyageurs of the Ottawa, who had assembled to greet the arrival of their Lordships. The Bishop of Montreal delivered an address remarkable for its extreme piety and kind feelings. His Lordship of Bytown followed, and after reviewing all that the Priests of his Order had already done towards their spiritual welfare, he promised to go still further; and as a liberal Government would not refuse a reasonable demand for the benefit of any portion of its subjects, he hoped to procure a grant of land upon the Upper Ottawa, which might in time be peopled by those who had the strongest claim to it, viz., the labouring class upon the river engaged in the Lumber trade. By promoting sobriety and piety, and honest industry, they would become useful members of society, and by saving their wages, most of which, it is to be feared, is now spent in dissipation, wickedness, they would be enabled to settle themselves comfortably in the evening of life, when unable to undergo the labours in which their past lives had been spent.

Their Lordships then returned to Bytown. On Tuesday morning they left in the steamer Porcupine, for Montreal. We regret to learn that the Bishop of Kingston was seriously ill on Monday, but we understand he was sufficiently recovered to leave on Tuesday.

At the close of this notice, it may be well for us to say something concerning the eminent individual who has been chosen to preside over the spiritual interests of those professing the Catholic religion in this quarter of the province. The Right Reverend Prelate is a native of Old France, from which country he was sent, as a Missionary, some years since in company with a number of