## London, Saturday, June 13, 1891. in session in Detroit, concerning the

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commencing on the 29th of June and benefit will be derived from these days of meditation and retirement and the tion Christus exaltatus Salvator excellent and practical instructions of the missionary priest.

THE Bishop of London is at present engaged making pastoral visitations in different portions of the diocese. Last week visits were made to Stratford, St. Mary's, Raleigh and St. Thomas, in all of which places His Lordship must surely have been most edified by made in the interests of religion. Most pleasing, also, is it to be enabled to note the affectionate regard entertained by priests and people for their new chief pastor. "Good will" seems indeed to be the watchword in every place amongst the entire Catholic population. This being the case, what a world of good works will be the outcome of the Bishop's labors.

onded, but the matter was finally This week's edition of the RECORD referred back to the committee, and conveys the pleasing news that the the design was altered to suit the views Archbishop of Kingston is once more of the fastidious ones. in the midst of his devoted flock, and it must have been to him a consolation of priceless value to note the hearty welcome he received from the noble and faithful Catholic people of Kingston. Not alone to the people of that archdiocese is his return the cause of joy and his recovery a reason for thankfulness to Almighty God. In all parts of the country satisfaction will be expressed that this great and good prelate will once again be enabled to continue the good works he has begun, and in which his heart's affections are centered. Welcome home, Your Grace! and may you be spared to the Church in Canada for many, many years!

ONE of the amusing features of modern newspaperdom is the fact that the Toronto Mail finds fault with the Prince of Wales and his circle because of their gambling proclivities, while it has been carrying on in its columns for the past couple of months a gambling scheme of its own; and, worse still, has identified a number of ministers of the gospel in its baccarat undertaking to raise the wind.

WE GIVE in this week's issue a rethe re-opening of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, which will, we fee assured, be read with pleasure by the Catholics of the Dominion. Since the elevation of His Grace Archbishop Walsh the work of advancing the interests of the Church in the Archdiocese has gone forward with a vigor, an earnestness and a perseverance truly marvellous. Everywhere is to be seen that activity which proves that a capable and earnest hand directs the bark of Peter in her onward courseeverywhere the light of faith is brought to shed its holy rays on souls thirsting for that spiritual food which will enable them to reach the better home when the world and its belongings fade away from them as they are about to sleep the long sleep of the tomb. Long may the good Archbishop live to continue his blessed labors in the midst of the devout and grateful Catholics of Toronto Archdiocese!

THE East Belfast Independent Conservative Association think it a favorable time to bespatter Mr. Decobain, M. P., with their praise, now that he is a fugitive from the country to avoid the punishment he deserves for crimes which should not even be named among Christians. They have passed a formal christians. They have a gentleman of Christian principle." Mr. Decobain meantime declares that he will not return home, as his character and life are in danger from the wicked enemies who have conspired against him. He adds, forsooth, that his duty as a Christian does not oblige him to make such a sacrifice; and so he will continue, we presume, to edify by his conduct and teaching the English Protestant congregation in Madrid to which he is now giving his services, at "great personal sacrifice."

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We give our most heartfelt thanks to the Church of Kingston, and soon the distressing uncertainty respecting Your Grace free full of severity. Your Grace's letters were full of severity. Your Grace's letters were full of severity. Your distribution was in the past, but that the threatened daager to your vision passed away also, even to the surprise, we have been told, of the skilful oscilist who had charge of Your Grace.

We rejoice with you on this happy issue of events that had filled us with apprehension. We join heartily with the universal sentiment of sympathy and felicitation felt throughout the length and breadth of the Archaloese from the will continue, we presume, to edify by his conduct and teaching the English Protestant congregation in Madrid to which he is now giving his services, at "great personal sacrifice." resolution that he is "a gentleman of

The Catholic Record. An amusing debate occurred while the Presbyterian General Assembly was corporate seal which should be adopted. The committee appointed to consider THE Catholic ladies of London and the matter made an elaborate explanavicinity will be pleased to know that tion of the various devices which had the annual retreat will be given at the been used in the Church, and recom-Sacred Heart Convent in this city, mended one especially which had been of common use, namely, a serpent terminating on the 3rd of July. Much entwined around a cross with a rising sun in the distance, and the inscrip-("Christ the Saviour lifted up"), to gether with the designation of the Assembly. The majority of the delegates certainly understood the reference to the exaltation of Christ, "even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert;" (St. John, iii, 14;) but it was made clear that Presbyterians generally are not so well drilled in bibical symbolism as they would have us bethe evidences of solid progress being lieve : for Dr. Rice, of San Francisco, stated that "a great many people do not understand the symbolism and history of the matter, and wonder why the serpent is there." He therefore de-

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Solemn Ceremony of Thanksgiving in St. Mary's Cathedral for the Return of His Grace Home in Health and Strength. – Large Atendance of the Rev, Clergy and

Yesterday morning a solemn High Mass of thanksgiving, at which all the priests of the Archdiocese, without exception, assisted, was offered up for the restoration of His Grace the Archbishop to health and his return to Kingston. Monsignore Farrelly officited as celebrant, attended by Fathers Murray and Spratt, as deacon and sub-The Very Rev deacon respectively. The Very Rev. Deans Gauthier and O'Connor were assistant deacons of honor at the throne assistant deacons the Archbishop. The boys and girls who received first Communion last Sunday occupied the front pews in their feast-day costumes ; whilst the children of the schools were present also with their teachers. There was a vast congregation, who came to testify their respect for the Archbishop, and unite in the universal act of gratitude and congratulation for His Grace's safe return home.

At the conclusion of the Mass Mons Farrelly, V. G., read, in the name of the priests, who grouped around him, the following address. He prefaced the reading with a few, earnest words port of the proceedings connected with the re-opening of St. Michael's Cathe-clergy felt the happiness of seeing their beloved Archbishop once more among hem, and how united were they wit the sentiments of the address:

ADDRESS FROM THE PRIESTS OF THE

To His Grace, the Most Rev. James Vincen Cleary, Archbishop of Kingston:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE—The meeting of the priests of the Archdiocese with Your Grace, their illustrious Archbishop, on the present occasion is specially important, as marking the happy termination of a grave crisis seriously affecting religion in the Metropolitan See of Kingston. This is, indeed, a day of thanksgiving and sorbil concratulation.

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We stand about the Archiepiscopal Throne, in this majestic cathedral this morning, with hearts overflowing with grateful emotion to the Lord and Giver of health and life, who, in response to the fervent prayers of priests and people, has mercifully liberated us all from the painful thraldom of suspense which oppressed our spirits during the course of Your Grace's protracted absence from the Archdiocese.

When you left home late in January last we were aware that Your Grace's strength and vigor were seriously impaired by long months of arduous and uninterrupted labor. We were, however, nowise apprehensive about your health, which, we believed, needed only a period of rest and freedom from the anxious cares and weighty concerns of the episcopal office to be completely restored and established.

Your Grace may well imagine, then, what an alarm was created by the message of our venerated Administrator, the Right Rev. Mons. Farrelly, inviting the united prayers of your whole flock, for the alleviation of the severe and painful malady in your eyes, which threatened the loss at least of vision in one eye, not to speak of the possible, and even more serious, consequences liable to follow considering Your Grace's weakened condition of health at the time. Our fears were seriously aroused, and for many weeks a painful suspense lung over the Archdiocese, and grievously alarmed both priests and people.

affectionate and filial welcome home. We congratulate you once more on your happy recovery, and we pray that God may extend your years to rule this Metropolitan See in the peace and union and love of an obedient priesthood and a faithful people for the honor of God and the glory of His Church. HIS GRACE REPLIES.

His Grace, who was deeply affected, made a brief but very feeling reply, sion" removed. Other members also as follows: objected, and one moved that the seal be adopted with the exception of the

Throughout my weary spell of illness in a distant land my thoughts continually reverted to my Canadian home, my diocese, my clergy and home, my diocese, my critical condition had given rise to, and the inconvenience occasioned by my absence, more especially in such of your missions as demanded the first steps to be taken in early spring for the execution of works that must be completed before the return of winter. Believe me, I felt lonely and home-sick, and the consequent distress of my mind aggravated my bodily infirmities. The daily prayers offered throughout the Archdiocese in my behalf, according to the instructions of the Right. Rev. Administrator, found an echo in my soul and harmonized with my unceasing petitions to God for the spiritual and temporal welfare of you, my loyal fellow-laborers, and my whole flock. To those fervent supplications sent up to the Throne of Mercy by you and your congregations each morning, as you knelt before the altar in sight of the adorable Victim of Propitiation; by our religious communities with their school children, their orphans and the sick and indigent under their charge; by all Catholic parents with their families in every home within our borders, I inhesitatingly concur with you in attributing my unexpected recovery from a grievious malady, which had reached its most alarming stage at the moment when you began to offer those public and private suffrages for the speedy recovery and safe return of your chief pastor. Thanks be to God for His mercies! Thanks also to you, my faithful priests, to our religious Sisters and Brothers, to all the heads of families, their children and domestics throughout the length and breadth of the Archdiocese of Kingston! All have been sharers in my pains and mental anguish; all have helped to my restora and all rejoice to-day that we are once

It is for public manifestation of this holy rejoicing in the most sacred and solemn form you have left your homes and assembled in this cathedral church to-day for oblation of the great Eucharistic Sacrifice in union with me and my faithful people of Kingston City.

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God's kingdom in Eastern Ontario.

We lay our grateful hearts upon the altar and beg the High Priest of the New and Eternal Testament to offer them to His Heavenly Father in union with His own.

Oftentimes in the past decade of years you have gathered around me to present your felicitations and good vishes, and make declaration of your loyalty to me and my office, and your arnest desire to co-operate with me in all my undertakings for the promotion

and restoration so complete in every particular that those who have not visited the church in the interim will have difficulty in recognizing the gloomy old edifice of the past in the magnificent interior rich in harmonious tintings and decorations and refulgent with light as it now presents itself to the enraptured gaze alterations and improvements have been so many and important that a brief account of the building as it now stands will not be without interest.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ALTERATIONS. The change which will impress the visitor most on entering the building is the abundantly increased light which floods the sacred edifice in every corner; particularly is this noticeable in the upper portion where the new clerestory vindows, eight on either side, admithe glorious beams of the noon-day sun or the more subdued rays of the evening's twilight; and the appearance of airiness which is thus obtained is augmented by the graceful clustered pillars which have taken the place of

the bald, flat surfaces of the old piers. On either side of the chancel or sanctuary are beautifully designed oak screens of the decorated Gothic style in harmony with the general architecture of the church. These screens are composed of a series of finely traceried and moulded and crisped arches, with carved pillows, graduated buttresses, gabled and crocketted pinacles, and richly carved and battlemented cornices. The new Communion rail in front of the sanctuary and the imposing archiepiscopal throne are further additions to this section of the interior, and are in thorough harmony with their surroundings. At the western end of the church the improvements have also been of a marked character, the common old wooden stairs leading to the organ gallery having given place to a handsome iron spiral staircase of easy incline, beautifully ornamented and conveniently located; while in the entrances and great vestibule cut stone steps and landings occupy the positions once filled by the delapidated and footworn wooden steps of a bygone age. The body of the church has been reseated throughout with substantial and comfortable oak benches of ornate deign; and a very desirable improvement, which, though unseen, will be none the less appreciated is the renoval of the old decayed floor beam of life and duty, and are ready to work and the substitution of powerful steel together, as hitherto, in prosecution of the grand undertakings to which Holy Church invites us for the extension of

THE DECORATIONS. Of the superb and artistic frescoing of the interior any description will convey but an imperfect impression; it must be seen and examined to be under stood and appreciated. The walls and vaulted roofs of the sanctuary, chapels nave, transepts, etc., are each and all frescoed in their proper ecclesiastical symbolic colors, both in fields and emblems, and while each section of the work is in itself a study, and every panel and design a thing of beauty, the tout ensemble presents a spectacle of magnificent splendor which will place St. Michael's in the front rank of the sacred edifices of the continent.

A striking feature in the decorations is a series of niches over the arche all my undertakings for the promotion of religion. But on no occasion did I experience a sweeter sense of pleasure in meeting my clery and listening to their expressions of sympathy and filial attachment than at present. Your presence cheers me like sunshine after desolation; your words of warmest welcome and congratulation on my reappearance amongst you in good health are a bahn to my heart, so long oppressed by pains and anxieties; and your renewed assurances of affectionate regard and entire willingness to work in cordial union with me and under my direction inspires me with high courage in resuming my labors for the spiritual welfare of my flock and the spiritual welfare of my flock and the spiritual welfare of my flock and the spiritual welfare of flow flows and the spiritual welfare of flows and the spir dividing the sanctuary and nave from the chapels and transepts. These contain ornamental Gothic scrolls bearing

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young.
The various chapels, four in number, viz., the chapel of Calvary, of the Blessed Virgin, of the Sacred Heart and of St. Joseph, are each a study in themselves, being emblazoned with their own appropriate emblems and colorings, in keeping with the general plan of the designer. Mention should also be made of the beautiful memorial morning chapel at the eastern exterior of the cathedral, connected to it and the place by cloistered passages, replacing the old St. Vincent chapel, familiar to many parishioners. A full description and explanation of the entire structure and its accessories, of which the above is but a brief sketch, will be given in a very interesting handbook in course of preparation. architect, whose skill and extent of reource has been taxed to the utmost in this work, is Mr. John Connolly, of this city, who has been ably assisted by Herr Carl Theo Schofer, the talented fresco artist of Buffalo. The decorative work, under these gentlemen, has been carried out by Mr. Matthew O'Connor, the brick and masonry work by Messrs. Herbert & Murphy, and the carpentering by Mr. John Hanrahan. The Toronto Cabinet Co. built the screens, and the throne and Communion rail were the gift of the Bennet Furnishing Co., London, Ont., who also supplied the pews. The total cost

hood of \$40,000. The restored cathedral was opened

resterday, when large congregations filled the sacred edifice. were of unusual grandeur and solemnity, and were attended with all the pomp and ceremony characteristic of the Church. Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at 10:30, the music being that of Haydn's Third Mass. The following dignitaries and clergy assisted in the ceremonies: Archbishop Walsh, Toronto; chaplain V. G. Mc-Cann; Archbishop Cleary, Kingston; chaplain Father Teefy, Superior of Duhamel, Ottawa; chaplains V. G. Heenan, Hamilton, and Father McGovern, principal Ottawa University; Bishop McQuaid, Rochester; chaplain Father Oberholzer, Bishop O'Connor, Peterborough; chaplain Dean Harris, Catharines; Bishop O'Connor, London; chaplain Father Flan-nery, St. Thomas; Bishop Macdon nery, ell, Alexandria; chaplain Dean Bergin, Barrie; Bishop O'Mahoney, Toronto; Chaplain V. G. Keogh chaplain Dean Celebrant of the Mass, Bishop Dowling Hamilton ; assistant priest, V G. Rooney; deans of the Mass, Fathers Keenan and Walsh. The remaining priests present were Father Marijon, provincial of Basilian Order; Dean Cassidy, Fathers McInerney, Groghan, Challender, McEvay, Hamilton William, Coyle, Egan, Thornhill: Whelan, Ottawa; Murray, Rohleder, leader of the choir, and Du Mouchel, master of ceremonies. The musica service, which was special, elaborate and impressive, included solos by Mrs. McGann, Misses Fletcher, Sheehan, O'Leary, McGrath, Murphy Spencer, and Messrs. Curran, Anglin,

of the home was safely guarded. Such was the state of the people; but St. Peter preached a new law. He tanght these despised men that they were equal to their masters in the sight of God—equal as brethren of Christ, equal as sons of God. This was not said to the privileged classes, but to the masses—to the very slaves; the lowest among them could lift up their heads, not in pride, but raised up by God, called by Him to be His chosen people; and from this none were debarred. With this doctrine of equality before God and in religion was that other great right of liberty of conscience. The princes of the earth cared nothing for the people; they compelled them to submit to the idolatrous practices of the times. Jesus Christ and His Apostles demanded obedience to the law and respect to superiors, but also obedience to that higher law of Heaven, and claimed for the Church freedom to follow God and abstain from Pagam worship. These two principles were at the bottom of that civil and religions liberty.

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The task before the Apostles was not an easy one. The Jews claimed rights of the Greeks and Romans, that is the Gentile Church, they would cast the yoke of the ceremonial law about the necks of the Christians. But God sent His Holy Spirit down upon these poor ignorant men and gave them power to accomplish the work before them and divers tongues to go forth into all the world. The policy of the Apostles was not to unduly interfere with local customs, prejudices and idiosyncrasies when these did not violate the teachings of the faith. Their tundamental guiding principle was to make all nations one people in their allegiance to the God of race and language was not a new one the apostles had to face in the beginning of their ministry. It might be wondered how these early Christians made any progress at all, hidden as they were in caverns and catacombs where even to-day traces of their altars were to be found. But such a glorious edifice as the one in which he was speaking, the preacher remarked, would have been more than useless to them. They had to hide from sight, and so poor and despised were they that they grew in numbers and power almost unnoticed until when they at last came boldly out they were too strong to fall before the persecution directed against them, and they had all the rites and privileges—the Mass and the sacraments—even as the Church had to-day.

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The great fact to which the speaker desired to call attention was the complete adaptability of the Catholic Church to all circumstances. In her relations to social life, her attitude to the reigning powers, her dealings with forms of governments, the Church worked upon the principles of her faith, and thus was never at a disadvantage. She had been maligned and persecuted, but had always prevailed. Casar had endeavored to ride roughshed over her, the hordes of Northern Europe had attacked her, but though under great trials she had drooped, it was not in her power to submit. She must strick under these gentlemen, has carried out by Mr. Matthew mor, the brick and masonry work mor, the brick and masonry work essrs. Herbert & Murphy, and the entering by Mr. John Hanrahan. Toronto Cabinet Co. built the ms, and the throne and Common rail were the gift of the Bennet inshing Co., London, Ont., who supplied the pews. The total cost e entire work is in the neighborof \$40,000.

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An Australian college is to be established soon in Rome. The Spaniards and Portuguese also have under conideration the question of instituting colleges for their respective national ities, so that they may have advan-tages equal to other countries which have national colleges in the Eternal

The Pope has requested the Bishops to furnish him with copies of all news papers which will make commentaries upon his recent encyclical. He has also written desiring them to make accessible to the workingmen an authentic translation of his encyclical which treats of the social question of capital and labor.

St. James' Catholic parish, Chicago, is keeping up with the times. A new school house is being erected for the Christian Brothers, with all the modern improvements, at a cost of \$150,000. It will be the finest school house owned by the Brothers on this continent, and the most complete. The church is also to be lighted with eight hundred and eight incandescent electric lamps.

A despatch from Rome states that the Pope has written to Cardinal Gibbons asking him to furnish details as to the New Orleans dispute and as to its effect on the position of Italians, and that His Holiness has also requested Cardinal Gibbons to do his utmost to obtain an equitable solution of the questions Orlean's lynching.

On Sunday morning last at 7 o'clock Mass at St. Basil's Church, Toronto, Bishop O'Connor, of London, raised to the order of sub-deacon Rev. J. J. O'Toole, of the diocese of Scranton, Pa. On Monday Rev. J. J. O'Toole and Rev. J. McColl were raised to the order of deaconship. These two young men finished their theological studies at St. Michael's College. The former will be attached to the Scranton, Pa., and the latter to the diocese of Peterborough, Ont.

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