

PASTORAL VISITATION.

Bishop O'Connor in Muskoka and Parry Sound.

Two hundred and three candidates receive the Sacrament of Confirmation...

The love and devotion of a Catholic people to their bishops and priests have endured above all others...

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor of Peterborough during the past three weeks received evidence of his innate love and devotion from his Catholic people throughout the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts.

CONFIRMATION ADMINISTERED. The following Sunday St. Peter's Church was thronged with people, some of them coming a distance of fifteen miles...

At the end of the ceremony Mr. Robert Clarkson came forward on behalf of the congregation and presented his Lordship with an address, which gave expression to the kindly feelings entertained by the people towards their bishop.

On Monday his Lordship, accompanied by Rev. Fathers McGuire and Fleming, set out for Edgington, McMurrich and Montoith, and after confirming the candidates of these places, arrived at Kearney on Wednesday evening.

Friday evening His Lordship arrived by train at Huntsville, where he administered the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday morning to 21 persons and took the train that same afternoon for Gravenhurst.

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of hands and invoking the Holy Spirit, 10 candidates were confirmed in the faith.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME.

After the ceremony was over a committee representing the congregation advanced towards the altar and presented the Bishop with an address. Mr. Jos. Clairmont read the document, which heartily welcomed his Lordship to the parish.

At the evening devotion the Bishop preached on the Blessed Sacrament and Penance, and explained in detail the nature of these sacraments, when they were instituted, and the salutary effects they have on the souls of those who forfeited God's grace by sin after baptism.

The choir deserves to be sincerely complimented, both on the part of the organist, who so well sustained her reputation as a player and singer, as well as the rest of the members, for their excellent rendering of choice selections, which in no small degree contributed to the solemnity of the occasion.

On Monday His Lordship took the boat for the lakes, giving confirmation the following day in the Peninsula, where 19 persons received the Sacrament. Roseau was next visited and a repetition of the same work.

Wednesday afternoon His Lordship left by train for Utterson, and from there, having driven six miles to Port Sydney, leaving been delayed on the road a considerable time by the breaking of the spring of the wagon.

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the Church, he exacted from them, as from all the others confirmed, a promise to abstain from all intoxicating liquors until they attained the age of 21 and from those over that age for the term of three years.

PROGRESS OF THE VARIOUS MISSIONS. His Lordship was highly pleased with the thorough manner in which the children at Bracebridge and the various missions throughout the parish had been prepared and instructed and the careful attention that had been paid to them by those in charge.

A carefully prepared address, which was to have been presented after Mass, had to be dispensed with by reason of the lengthy ceremonies and the excessive heat. His Lordship accepted the address as read, and expressed his gratitude for the good will and tender feelings of the congregation.

At the evening devotion the Bishop preached a masterly sermon on the commission given by Christ to His Apostles when He established His Church and gave them full authority to go and preach His doctrine to all nations.

During His Lordship's visitation confirmation was given at twelve different places, when 203 candidates, amongst whom were about twenty converts, received the sacrament. His Lordship's visit to the parish closed on Monday and he returned to Peterborough by the 2.30 train.

JOSEPHUS.



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