

Circular of the Bishop of Hamilton.

To the Reverend Clergy of the Diocese of Hamilton.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER:

One of the most important duties devolving on the chief pastor of a diocese, is the obligation of making adequate provision for the spiritual wants of his people, according to the admonition of the Apostle to the prelates at Ephesus: "take heed to yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops to rule the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." Among the means to attain this end, I know of none more efficacious than the multiplication of churches and the clergy, and the fostering of vocations for the holy priesthood. For does not the history of our own Province of Ontario teach us the sad lesson, that in districts seldom or never visited by priests, many children of Catholic parents have lost the faith! and do we not mingle daily with men bearing honored Catholic names, now, alas! lost to the true fold and enlisted in the ranks of the enemies of the Church, owing to the sad circumstance that in their earlier days there were no priests to instruct them in the truths of our holy religion. Hence it was in answer to the question of the Holy See as to the requirements of the Church in this diocese, I answered in my diocesan report, "more clergy, more churches, more students for the priesthood."

A good priest on the mission is a special blessing to the people, for he is constantly doing the work of Jesus Christ—in fact, in the language of the holy fathers, he is another Christ—and good priests we cannot have unless pastors and parents encourage holy vocations and make generous sacrifices in aiding the good work of ecclesiastical education. The Bishop alone can do but little; with the zealous co-operation of pastors and people he can accomplish much. For that co-operation, in the name of our Divine Lord, I now most earnestly appeal, and that it has not been denied me so far the increase in the number of churches, schools and diocesan clergy within the past four years will bear ample testimony. It is gratifying to be able to state that in the short time that has elapsed since the death of my lamented predecessor (Bishop Carbery) no less than ten young priests (all natives of the country) have been added to the ranks of the clergy and ten new churches erected or in course of construction, not to mention schools and charitable institutions, whilst at the present time we have as students studying for the holy ministry nine theologians, five or six in philosophy, and some twenty more in the city receiving an elementary classical education.

Never before in the history of the diocese were there so many students in the College of Berlin, at the Grand Seminary of Montreal, and in the city Classical School, a large proportion of whom, I am pleased to state, are German-speaking students, who will be available hereafter to supply the wants of our many important German missions. Whilst this state of things is consoling, a very serious difficulty presents itself. Where shall we find funds to make provisions for all these? "Whence shall we buy bread that all these may eat?" In former years the Grand Seminary required only a portion of the fees for board and tuition from the bishop, accepting promissory notes for the balance from the students, to be paid after ordination. This was the arrangement in my college days, but that privilege no longer exists, and in future the bishop will have to assume the full responsibility of paying all the scholastic fees. It is clear then that the burden is no light one, as all the theologians and some of the philo-

sophers are studying at the expense of the diocese, whilst the Classical School depends for its support almost exclusively on the funds of the Cathedral.

Under these circumstances, set forth in the diocesan report presented to Propaganda, I asked and obtained permission from the Holy See to assess every parish in the diocese, without exception, in order to procure the funds required for ecclesiastical education. At the Diocesan Synod held at Berlin on the 14th July last, after the Roman documents were read, authorizing the holding of the Synod "without formalities and without full attendance of diocesan priests," I discussed this matter with the clergy, and it was decided that each parish should be assessed in proportion to its population—a minimum sum for each family being mentioned as the basis of the assessment, and if the collection taken fell short of that, the balance to be taken from the pew rent or other revenue of the parish. The minimum sum for poor parishes was fixed at twenty dollars, and for the largest parishes from seventy-five to one hundred dollars, the other parishes contributing their fair proportion. If this arrangement works well, as I hope it will, it may save the necessity, in future, of levying a special sum on each congregation.

You are therefore directed to take up this collection annually, on any Sunday in the month of October that suits your convenience, after notifying the congregation the previous Sunday, and forward the same without delay to our Chancellor.

Please exhort your good people to contribute generously, and encourage pious benefactors, whom God has blessed with a good share of this world's goods, to devote a portion of their wealth to the pious purpose of founding a bursary to educate a young man for the ministry, as there is no work of more importance to the Church in this country at the present day than the formation of a native, zealous and well-educated priesthood.

This circular shall be read in all the churches of the diocese the first Sunday after its reception.

I humbly ask a share in your pious prayers and in those of your flock.

May God bless you all.

Your faithful servant in Christ,

† THOMAS JOSEPH DOWLING,
Bishop of Hamilton.

J. H. Cory, Secretary.
Hamilton, Sept. 28th, 1893.

St. Michael's Day at the Cathedral.

Last Sunday being the Patronal Feast of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, the services in that church were unusually impressive and imposing. At the 9 o'clock Mass the members of the Young Ladies Sodality ended a very successful Retreat by approaching Holy Communion in a body. Wearing long white veils they walked to the church in procession from their Hall in Bond street convent, and nearly filled the great aisle of the Cathedral in front of our Lady's altar. The Mass was said by the Very Rev. Vicar General McCann Spiritual Director of the Sodality who had also conducted the Retreat. Father Ryan gave a brief and impressive instruction on the Holy Rosary. At 10 30 Solemn High Mass was sung by the Very Rev. J. J. McCann V.C. assisted by Father Cherrin of St. Michael's College as Deacon and Mr. McGrand as Subdeacon. The Cathedral choir rendered Mozart's 12th Mass in their usual brilliant style, and a solo offertory piece (*Bone Jesu* was splendidly sung by Mr. Frank Anglin. Father Ryan preached an eloquent sermon on St. Michael "The Warrior Angel." He showed how the great battle begun in heaven is continued on earth, and told why our present glorious Pontiff Leo XIII., head of the Church militant has invoked the aid of St. Michael in the contest now raging between Revelation and Evolution—

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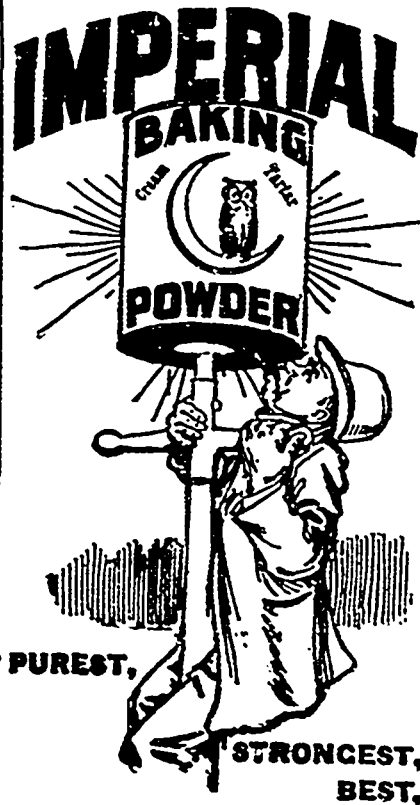
J. K. MACDONALD,
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The Rights of God and the Rebellion of man. The cry of the arch enemy now, the preacher said, is: "Who is like to man." The great Archangel's answer is: "Who is like to God." And the Angel defender of God's Rights will conquer by revealing God to man and revealing man to himself.

The congregation at High Mass was unusually large, even for St. Michael's Cathedral, many visitors to the city being present: Amongst them, the Premier of Canada Sir John Thompson, and his Solicitor-General the Hon. J. J. Curran.

In the evening at 7.30, Solemn Gregorian Vespers were sung in full chorus of choir and Sanctuary and at the Benediction service two impressive solos were admirably given by Mr. Travers and Mr. Egan. The cathedral was crowded at this evening service, many no doubt attracted by the announcement that Father Ryan was to begin his course of Lectures on "The Sacrament of Society," Christian Marriage. The Rev. Lecturer spoke of marriage as a sacred contract, instituted by God in the Garden of Paradise. He will continue his Lectures on the Sacrament of Matrimony every second Sunday evening during the coming season. On next Sunday evening a very interesting ceremony will be held in St. Michael's Cathedral. The members of the Young Ladies Sodality will attend as they did last Sunday morning in their long white veils, and with their Badges and Banners will march in procession round the aisles of the Church. There will be a reception of new members and a solemn act of consecration. The Very Rev. Vicar General McCann will preside at the ceremony and preach the sermon of the evening.

The bulbs of the pretty little yellow dogtooth violet (*Erythronium Americanum*), a rarity in Germany, sell there for three marks (seventy-five cents) a dozen. If they came from the wilds of the Himalaya, we also would think more of them and plant them in the garden.



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