

those laborers in the cause of religion, christianity, morality, education and civility are esteemed not only by his own rank, but by all his kind and worthy neighbors, of what creed soever. I do wish to express indifference in matters of religious belief. No, far from it, each one should faithfully adhere to his conscientious convictions. But while doing so, firmly and faithfully, he can be with his fellow-citizens in all civil, social and business matters; for in all these respects we are one. What interests one interests all, in everything which promotes the general welfare of the country and of society. What the good Bishop of Chatham has done to promote the welfare of all, both in Church and State, is well known to you all, gentlemen; therefore I propose his health which was received with hearty demonstrations of approval.

Bishop Rogers responded briefly but cordially, thanking His Grace and all present. He said that in regard to the movements and the progress made since he was appointed to administer the new diocese of Chatham he felt grateful to God, to his clergy and people, and to all his neighbors and friends who in any way aided in the work. But whatever had been done was accomplished by many talents, all of whom he thanked, and each for his own share, claimed proportionate merit. As to himself he was only one in office; any other in the same office would have done as well, if not better. Though he did not intend to allude to this to-day, yet the words of His Grace seemed to call for the explanation that to-morrow would be the anniversary of our fire and the first anniversary that we are residing in the rebuilt Episcopal residence, we purpose celebrating a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving to God for our re-establishment in our new building, and also to beg God's blessing and grace for all who helped us in any way whatsoever, whether by money, labor, material, sympathy or otherwise, to rebuild. To-morrow being Wednesday in Ember Week, is a fast-day, and a day of particular devotion and prayer in behalf of the Pastors of the Church. But for us in a particular manner, while observing the laws of the Church in regard to the fast, we shall enjoy a double spiritual feast,--first, because of said anniversary,--secondly, because of the presence of our Spiritual Father and Provincial Chief, His Grace the Archbishop. Again renewing his grateful thanks to all present His Lordship resumed his seat, and loud applause.

His Honor Judge Wilkinson arose and in the name of all the Laity, expressed his thanks to the Bishop of Chatham for the opportunity thus afforded them of coming to meet and pay their respects to His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax. His Grace, he said, had, like the clergyman alluded to, succeeded in making an admirable address, notwithstanding his reluctance to speak on the text--"I am conscious of my own existence," and from this text, or first principle, completed an admirable work. [This very

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His Grace said he did not at all take the flattering address just read as a compliment to him personally, but as a mark of respect to him as chief pastor of the ecclesiastical province. The address referred to the intimate relations existing between the diocese of Chatham and the archdiocese of Halifax, and he was glad to know equally pleasant relations existed between the diocese of Chatham and the other dioceses of the ecclesiastical province. He referred to the appointment of the venerable Bishop of Chatham to the care of the new See, twenty-two years ago, and to the great progress made under his benignant rule. He (Bishop Rogers) had made light shine in the darkness, and had made the desert bloom. Priests had been multiplied, and churches on almost every hill top, pointing their spires heavenward, crowned with the cross, the emblem of man's salvation, showed the successful efforts of the venerated Bishop in the great cause of man's redemption. In this great work the Bishop was aided by his priests and by the people who working together, had achieved a work which reminded them of the fairy tales they read in childhood. Everything was in darkness and gloom until the fairy appeared at whose magic touch the darkness became light and the gloom splendor. Your good Bishop was the fairy, at whose touch these fairy tales were achieved. The light of faith was enkindled, the splendor of Christianity was spread abroad, and the desert places were made to bear fruit spiritually. He trusted that the light of faith would never grow dim among them, but that they would love it more, and cherish it better in succeeding years. He thanked them cordially for their flattering address and hearty reception, and expressed his great pleasure at the evidences of Christian progress and good feeling he had seen during his stay in Chatham.

The Archbishop is visiting the Convent schools and hospital to-day, and leaves for St. John to-night.

On Wednesday His Grace said his mass in the Convent Chapel of the Hotel Dieu at 8 o'clock, and afterwards assisted at the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the Pro-Cathedral, chanted by the Bishop of Chatham and assisting clergy, on occasion of the anniversary of the fire which had destroyed the church and adjacent buildings, five years ago, and from the effects of which they had now happily recovered.

In the afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, took place the reception at the Hotel Dieu. On entering, by the front door of the hospital, the visiting party were received by the Rev. Mother Sirois, Superioress, by Sister Counors, Assistant Superioress and Apothecary, by Sisters McGarty and St. Patrick, respectively charged with the male and female hospital wards, and by other Sisters, who conducted the Archbishop and those accompanying him through the various departments of the institution, until, ultimately, they entered the reception hall of the Acad-

Also the work of female education has been assiduously prosecuted, the daily average attendance of pupils being 100, the total number of scholars who have passed through the classes since the Sisters assumed charge of the Academy in 1871 being about 1000 day scholars and 60 boarding pupils.

Such, in brief, is the history of our Institute.

We know Your Grace approves of the study of "HISTORY" in schools, and while we read with interest the deeds of past generations, we must not overlook the heroic lives and deeds of God's faithful servants in our own times. Deeds done not through vain glory, but through humble obedience to the Gospel of Christ. It is because you are His faithful minister and come officially in his name that we tell to you as children to a father the nature of the work done in this house, in order to ask your blessing upon it and those engaged in doing it.

This day on which we have been so greatly honored by the visit of the Archbishop of our Ecclesiastical Province, will be a red-lettered day in the annals of our Institute, and, for us, the pupils now present, a day of happiest souvenir.

We humbly pray the dear, lovely Child Jesus to bless Your Grace, and we commend you and all your flock to the care of His Immaculate Mother, in whose praises you have written your sweet little book, "Mater Admirabilis."

St. Michael's Academy, directed by the Nuns of the Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph, Chatham, N. B., Feb. 14th, 1883.

This was followed by a very interesting little drama, intermingled with music, in all of which the various young performers acquitted themselves with perfect success. At the conclusion, His Grace thanked them for their cordial reception and most interesting address. He complimented both scholars and teachers, and expressed his gratification at the existence of such an institution in Chatham, and at the great good, both educational and charitable, effected by it. Then, after giving the children a holiday and imparting his benediction, he withdrew, leaving all delighted with his paternal amiability and gentle yet dignified simplicity.

In the evening, at 7.30 o'clock, a grand Te Deum, chanted by the choir of priests in the Pro-Cathedral, with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, at which both the Archbishop of Halifax and the Bishop of Chatham were present, the Rev. E. F. Murphy, Secretary to His Grace, being celebrant, concluded the sacred offices of the day.

During the two or three hours while waiting for the time of departure for the train, a most agreeable solree with the clergy, students and some gentlemen of the laity was passed in the parlor of the Episcopal Residence, where music and song were intermingled with lively, pleasant conversation, in which the good Archbishop shared with all the genial, social good humor that had made him such a favorite with his fellow priests of St. E. Island. Towards midnight he took his leave in company with his worthy and accomplished Secretary, and was escorted to the station by a number of the rev. gentlemen, especially those who were his former friends at college, some of whom did not leave him till they saw him on board of the Intercolonial at Chatham Junction.