

was finished the Council was opened by the Delegate. This ceremony consisted of prayer, the chanting of psalms and the "Veni Creator." The Delegate thereupon pronounced an allocution in Latin, and was followed by the Chief Secretary, who read the decrees to be promulgated.

The following is the list of the promoters, and others officers of the Council:

Promoters—Mgr. Marois and Mgr. C. O. Gagnon.
Secretaries—Chief Secretary, M. L'Abbe Lecco; Assistant Secretaries, Fathers Lortie, Curran, Roy, J. P. Treacoy and Chancelier Plety, J. P. Treacoy and Chancelier Plety, J. P. Treacoy and Chancelier Plety.

Notaries—Fathers McNally and Laflamme.
Censors—Fathers Huard and Robert. ARCHBISHOP GAUTHIER'S SERMON.

"Take heed to yourselves, and the whole flock, wherein the Holy Spirit hath placed you Bishops, to rule the Church of God, which He hath purchased with his own blood." (The Acts, chap. 20, verse 28.)

With solemnities that well befit an event destined to mark a distinct epoch in the ecclesiastical annals of this country, the First Plenary Council of Canada opens to-day.

The Councils of the Church rank with her most venerable institutions, tracing their origin to the apostolic times—the first council having been held in Jerusalem about the middle of the first century.

They are defined as assemblies of her Bishops, who, being convoked by competent authority to consider and discuss matters pertaining to religion, are vested with power to enact legislation binding the consciences of all the faithful subject to the jurisdiction of the Bishops thus convoked.

Four classes of Councils are to be enumerated; there is the General or Ecumenical Council, composed of the Bishops of the Catholic world with the Pope at their head; the National or Provincial Council, composed of the Bishops of an entire nation or country and presided over by an Apostolic Delegate; the Provincial Council consisting of the Bishops of an ecclesiastical province under their Metropolitan; and the Diocesan Council, more commonly called a Diocesan Synod, consisting of a Bishop together with his priests convoked in synod by him.

That Councils are of absolute necessity to the permanent existence of the church, cannot be successfully maintained; for assuredly Almighty God in the government of his church is not restricted to the employment of any particular agency.

However, among the most efficacious means conducing to the great purpose for which holy church endures, Catholics have always accounted the assemblies of Bishops united in obedience to the Chief Bishop to whom is committed the care of the whole flock—the sheep and the lambs, pastors and people. For, as the Divine Redeemer in assuming our human nature was pleased to subject Himself to its conditions—"Having been made like unto us," as St. Paul says, "in all things sin alone excepted," even so it is manifest that, in ordaining His church for the outpouring of plentiful redemption on mankind, the God-man hath willed that human agency be employed by her while yet she sojourns in a world of mortal men. And thus do we find His Vicars on this earth, the supreme Pontiffs, although themselves inherently endowed with sovereign infallible competency to decide all controversies relating to doctrine, from time to time, calling together the Bishops of the whole world to confer with them, and the Bishops also appointed by the Holy Ghost to rule the church, to confer with each other for the determination of matters of vital importance to the church—such as the official condemnation of error, the defence and elucidation of orthodox doctrines, the adoption of the best means for the promotion of sound morality among the people, the enactment of disciplinary regulations for the guidance of the clergy, and even for the definition and promulgation of dogmas of revealed truth.

Those celebrated assemblies of the rulers of the church of God stand out through the ages as everlasting monuments of the inspiration, her wisdom, her power and her beneficence, while they have inaugurated new eras in her history and in the history of modern nations.

For some time past the Bishops of Canada have contemplated the holding of an assembly of their body, in which to take counsel with one another and to concert such measures in common as would conduce to the spiritual welfare of the faithful confided to their care. It was, therefore, with deep satisfaction that in a letter addressed to them on the second of May of the present year they received an official message from the illustrious representative of the Holy See in this country, announcing that the time had at length come for the holding of such an assembly, that he had been appointed to convolve it and preside over its deliberations, and that "our Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ on this earth, amid the innumerable cares of his supreme Pontificate, in order to give another signal proof of his paternal solicitude for this chosen portion of the Lord's Vineyard, had deigned, after consultation with the most eminent fathers of the sacred congregation, to approve and applaud the project of a Canadian Plenary Council to be held in the City of Quebec.

Thus has it come to pass that on this memorable day and at the call of supreme authority the whole body of the Canadian Episcopate is assembled in this great historic city, wherein is seated the ancient church which all the other churches of Canada gratefully acclaim as their mother, to whom her daughter churches are ever willing to accord a filial tribute of homage and veneration—to deliberate and to legislate for the permanent sustenance and fruitful increase of our holy religion in this vigorous and hopeful young country.

In order then that an assembly of the Bishops of a country may be endowed with the prerogatives proper to a Plenary Council there are four conditions to be verified: (1), it must be convoked

by legitimate authority; (2), it must be attended by all the rulers upon the church of the country in which it is held; (3), it must have for its especial purpose the consideration and discussion of matters relating to religion; and (4), the Bishops taking part therein must be invested with adequate authority to legislate for the church throughout the whole country.

The present assembly possesses all the constituent of a Plenary Council, fulfilling, as it does, the conditions required. It has been convoked by a special delegate of the Holy See in the person of His Excellency, the Most Rev. Donato Sbarretti, Archbishop of Ephesus, and Apostolic Delegate to Canada. Save those who are lawfully exempted it includes all the chief rulers of the church in this country who are come together for the purpose of studying and conferring with one another upon the needs and other prevailing conditions of the Canadian church, and who as a collective body, are duly authorized to pass such decrees and enact such statutes as will, after their confirmation by the Holy See, have the character and force of ecclesiastical law for all the subjects of the church over this entire Dominion.

The opening of the Council at a time when the church in this country is passing from its missionary state to its more fixed and normal condition is manifest. For if we consider the vast extent of this country—the vastest on this great Continent of America—in conjunction with the truly cosmopolitan character of its inhabitants drawn from every country in the world and bearing with them the religious and racial traditions peculiar to each, we shall readily reach the conviction that, something special should be done, some special movement be inaugurated, some special force set in action to harmonize and unify the diverse and sometimes discordant elements that form our population, to remove the incongruities and inequalities evolved from those conditions, and by establishing a greater uniformity of ecclesiastical discipline to secure a fuller observance of the general laws of the Church and the decrees of the General Councils, and to strengthen the ties that bind the individual churches to the parent Church of Rome, the recognized mistress of all churches of Christendom.

Less than one hundred years ago there was but one Diocese and one Bishop in this land. To-day the Canadian church is governed by an Apostolic Delegate, eight Archbishops and nearly thirty Bishops. In the contrast afforded there is indeed a striking illustration of the rapid growth and marvellous extension of our holy religion during the intervening years. Therefore, have we abundant cause to rejoice, and to raise our hearts in thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Giver of all good gifts, for the bounteous favors he has bestowed upon this chosen portion of His Vineyard. And while we make humble acknowledgment to the Most Mighty, that from His divine hand has come what ever measure of prosperity our Canadian Church has been blessed with in the past, let us not cease to pray and hope for its continued prosperity in the future.

We have already solicited and again today do we invoke the generous cooperation of our faithful people in the union of their fervent prayers with our own earnest supplications to God that He may bless this first Plenary Council of Canada, and all who take part in it—the Bishops and the eminent and learned ecclesiastics associated with them. Let us beg of Him that His Holy Spirit may be close to us to enlighten our minds with His divine light, to inflame our hearts with the fire of His love, and to direct us in our labors. These labors concern His Holy Name and are undertaken for His greater honor and glory. May the Divine Pastor who alone can give the harvest cause our deliberations to produce abundant fruit. May the salvation of multitudes be more assured. May our holy religion be further diffused and extended. May the court yards of our Master's Precious Blood be enlarged amongst us; and as far as possible, may all things be restored in Christ.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI'S SERMON.
His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal, preached from the text: "Go ye therefore and teach all the nations, and lo, I am with you, even unto the end of the world." He said:

"Monseigneur l'Apostolic Delegate, my lords, my brethren, St. Matthew has written a gospel with these words and what a command and what a promise they contained? In fact, up to that moment the world had never heard anything of a like nature, for certainly all the ambitions and all the audacity of the conquerors and learned men of the time had been surpassed. These words were either chemical or they were divine. As a matter of fact, they were divine. He Who had spoken in this manner died on the cross. He had mysteriously left the tomb and was about to ascend to meet His Heavenly Father, leaving behind Him disciples of a poor and lowly character, yet he was about to impose upon them duties of an almost superhuman nature. He had gathered them around him from the byways of Judea, from the borders of the lakes and rivers, and from the boats of poor fishermen, instructing them alone for three long years. They were feeble, timid, and, besides possessing little eloquence, they were filled with earthly desires and surrounded in mystery. They poorly understood the reign of Christ which had been announced to them, and although they became later on doctors of incomparable wisdom and martyrs to the new faith, they appeared, however, at first a great way off from the race of which doctors and martyrs are made. Shall I tell again what took place on that memorable occasion? Shutting themselves up in that little room in Jerusalem, they gave themselves over to prayer and meditation, when suddenly a noise was heard and tongues of fire appeared in the heavens, while a divine metamorphosis was being operated on every hand. The apostles at this moment went out from their chamber, and beginning to preach to the people saved souls by the thousand, mocking at the insults and blows

rained upon them. And why all this? Because it was the Christ, who disappeared, and nothing could stop this new found torrent. Each taking his portion, they transformed and converted the world, bringing all to the feet of Christ Jesus. In a word, they worked, suffered and even gave up their blood as a supreme tribute to the blessed truth found in their new faith. This, my dear brethren, is the first page in the glorious history of the church of Jesus Christ, and tell me if it be not full of divinity and of love? Jesus Christ had not been mistaken, neither had He deceived those who had gathered around Him.

The Master's first apostles are dead, as well as those upon whom they laid their hands asking them to carry on the good work and submit to the holy canons which that work entailed. Others came and performed their predecessors' duties, and we in our turn have our beloved chief, regenerated throughout the entire Christian world, and the same whom Peter foresaw. Yesterday it was Leo XIII, and to-day it is Pius X. In whose person we pause to salute the infallible doctor and the supreme pastor who received the order to confirm his brethren, and who was charged to feed the lambs and the sheep. As the apostles cultivated, in loving devotion to the Master, the field assigned to their zeal, so must we cultivate the special field of labor and solicitude which is designated a diocese, and all our devotion and our tenderness and love must go to this earthly field.

The apostles of Jesus Christ preached, directed, counselled and consoled their people, and desiring to walk in their footsteps, and not less than they do we wish to spare our efforts, and even our lives in the service of souls whose sacred guardianship has been confided to our hands. One day under the authority of Peter the apostles were gathered in Jerusalem, and after having solved the very grave question of legal observances, after having resumed in one symbol the doctrine which they were to preach everywhere, they exchanged a mutual farewell in the name of Jesus, the Master, for they were never again to meet in this world. But as an example for us here to-day a council had just taken place in the cradle of the Church, and this council, as I have just said, was an example for us to follow and a lesson for us to learn. 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