

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

On Sunday, 19th inst., His Lordship paid his first pastoral visit to St. Joseph's (German) Church. High Mass was celebrated by Father Holm, who read the epistle and gospel in German and English, after which the Bishop preached on the subject of the Holy Name.

SEVEN HUNDRED MEN MET TO PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR BISHOP.

In the afternoon an untimely and important ceremony took place at St. Mary's Cathedral, being the formal welcoming of His Lordship Bishop Dowling by all the men's societies and organizations in connection with the Church. The ceremony took place at 3 o'clock and the church was well filled with the members of the organizations interested. The Bishop occupied a seat in the front of the sanctuary, and associated with him were Rev. Fathers Craven (Chancellor), O'Sullivan, McEay and Coley. Shortly after 3 o'clock the chief officers of the societies approached the sanctuary and in the order given below read the addresses. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was represented by Henry Arland, President, and A. C. Best, Secretary; School Board, by John Ronan, Chairman, and C. J. Bird, Secretary; League of the Cross, by J. Cummings, President, and J. Tobin, Secretary; Emerald Association, by James Heenan, President, and J. Tobin, Secretary; Ball, President of Branch No. 10, J. P. Shaw, Secretary of Branch No. 1, P. Dowd, Secretary of Branch No. 16 and James Orange; the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, by John Ronan, District Deputy, Thomas Lawlor, President of Branch No. 37, and E. J. Pres, President of Branch No. 56; the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, by Martin Malone, President, and Michael Dean Secretary; and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, by James Lawlor, President, and A. Sharp, Secretary.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

To the Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—The Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in this your Episcopal city of Hamilton, approach Your Lordship with every confidence of receiving your warm approval and loving benediction because we come to you in the sweet name of charity. Catholics, my Lord, have every reason to be proud of the glorious history of our Holy Mother Church. Her divine prerogatives and glorious missions among all the nations of the earth have been the wonder and admiration even of her bitterest enemies. But, my Lord, amongst all her shining glories, none show forth with such touching brilliancy, self-sacrificing devotion as her heroic works of charity. In every epoch of her history she has produced heroes and heroines of charity, men and women who have devoted their whole lives and energies in behalf of poor, suffering humanity. Even at the present time all Christendom is moved with admiration of the noble and singular devotion of the late Rev. Father Damien, the leper martyr of Molokai. While we recognize, my Lord, that your feeble efforts on behalf of charity, fall very far short of the noble and devoted deeds of our brothers in the faith, nevertheless our humble efforts are known to your Lordship by the persistent efforts of the noble and singular devotion of the late Rev. Father Damien, the leper martyr of Molokai. While we recognize, my Lord, that your feeble efforts on behalf of charity, fall very far short of the noble and devoted deeds of our brothers in the faith, nevertheless our humble efforts are known to your Lordship by the persistent efforts of the noble and singular devotion of the late Rev. Father Damien, the leper martyr of Molokai.

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Hamilton

HENRY ARLAND, President.

H. C. BEST, Secretary.

HAMILTON, Jan. 19th, 1890.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To His Lordship the Right Reverend Thomas Joseph Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—The Board of Trustees of the Catholic separate schools for the city of Hamilton approach Your Lordship with feelings of loyal and dutiful respect and veneration, and in our address to you we express our admiration of the noble and singular devotion of the late Rev. Father Damien, the leper martyr of Molokai. While we recognize, my Lord, that your feeble efforts on behalf of charity, fall very far short of the noble and devoted deeds of our brothers in the faith, nevertheless our humble efforts are known to your Lordship by the persistent efforts of the noble and singular devotion of the late Rev. Father Damien, the leper martyr of Molokai.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic separate schools for the city of Hamilton

C. J. BIRD, JOHN RONAN,

Secretary, Chairman.

LEAGUE OF THE CROSS.

To the Right Rev. Thomas Jos. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—It is with feelings of pleasure that we cordially accept the permission of Your Lordship to meet and present you with our humble address, although this is the first opportunity which has presented itself since your arrival amongst

us of tendering to you our most affectionate greetings, yet, my Lord, we assure you that this delay has only increased the sentiments of love and admiration which we entertain for you. As members of the sodality of the League of the Cross we beg to assure you of our unswerving loyalty, devotion and obedience, and we also, as a society, wish to thank Your Lordship for the interest which you have always manifested towards us. In conclusion, we hope that Your Lordship may be long spared to the clergy and laity of the diocese of Hamilton, who have always entertained for you the greatest love, respect and devotion. Signed on behalf of the League of the Cross,

JOHN W. CUMMINGS, Pres.

KYRAAN J. TOBIN, Sec.

EMERALD BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

To the Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—On behalf of St. Patrick's Branch No. 1, St. Mary's Branch No. 16, Emerald (German) No. 22 and St. Joseph's Juvenile Branch of the Emerald Beneficial Association, we desire to tender to Your Lordship a hearty and affectionate welcome to the city of Hamilton, and to offer to you the assurance of our respect and obedience.

It was with no small degree of pleasure that we received the welcome news of your appointment to the See of Hamilton, for we well know that in the person of Your Lordship the diocese had been honored with a Bishop who, through many years of hard and diligent service among its people, had become familiar with its every want, the people had reaped the wise and faithful ruler and our association a staunch and faithful friend. We feel assured, from the deep interest which Your Lordship has always manifested in the welfare and elevation of the young, that you have ever realized the necessity for the existence of associations such as ours. As we are commanded by divine authority to comfort the afflicted, to assist the needy, to visit the sick, and to bury the dead, and as the exercise of ordinary prudence requires that in times of health and prosperity we should make provision for the hour of sickness and adversity, our association was founded that by a union of numbers the accomplishment of these ends might be more readily brought about. Based as it is on the fundamental principles of faith, hope and charity, and existing as a condition of membership a faithful compliance with the laws of the church, it has been sanctioned and spoken of in terms of the highest commendation by the hierarchy of the Province.

It has been our fortune to have the active sympathy and encouragement of your predecessors in the diocese, and when we remember the kind words of Your Lordship to the members of our sister branch of Peterborough, on the occasion of your departure from amongst them, we feel justified in expecting at your hands a continuance of the same.

We shall endeavor to do so, and our association will endeavor to retain the good will of yourself and clergy, and profiting by the labors of our zealous and faithful champions make it a source of comfort and assistance to you in the performance of the duties of your high office.

Again assuring Your Lordship of our respect and obedience, and praying God to grant you health and length of days, we beseech your blessing on the members of our association and their families.

Signed on behalf of Branch No. 1,

JAMES HESNAN, President,

J. W. SHAW, Secretary,

On behalf of Branch No. 16,

J. P. BALL, President,

PATRICK DOWD, Secretary.

To the Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton:

We, the members of Branches Nos. 37 and 56 of the Catholic Mutual B-B-B Association, beg leave to approach Your Lordship to offer you as a representative Catholic body an expression of our homage, fealty and affection. We feel that to one who has been for so many years a member of our useful organization, and who has taken so active a part in promoting its interests, it were superfluous to explain its aims and past successful results. Such, Your Lordship, being your past conduct towards our Association, we have every reason to hope that as chief pastor of this diocese you will continue to afford us your endorsement and to extend to us your powerful assistance in introducing branches of our noble association into every part of the important diocese. We take this occasion, also, of placing on record our great gratitude to His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. for having appointed you his representative in the diocese of Hamilton, where you labored so long and faithfully as parish priest. In conclusion we, the members of the C. M. B. A., promise your Lordship our cheerful assistance in all works you may undertake for the good of souls and the glory of God. Wishing Your Lordship many years of health and happiness, we have the honor of remaining your devoted children in Christ. Signed on behalf of Branches 37 and 56 C. M. B. A.,

JOHN RONAN, District Deputy.

THOMAS LAWLOR, Pres. Branch 37.

E. J. FREEL, Pres. Branch 56.

IRISH CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT UNION.

To His Lordship the Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—The St. Patrick's Branch No. 521, of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, of the United States, and No. 3 of Canada, gladly avail themselves of this opportunity to express their grateful sense of the distinguished honor conferred on this diocese in so illustrious a prelate as Your Lordship, as our chief pastor, and to convey to Your Lordship our expressions of deep affection, welcome and loyalty. The great and good work which our association is engaged in, namely, to make our members good practical Catholics, to strengthen the bonds of unity and fraternity between its members, and to extend the purely benevolent work founded on the principles of faith, hope and charity, whereby members in distress may be relieved and those in need of employment aided in securing same, has long excited the warmest interest amongst the most distinguished prelates of the Catholic Hierarchy in this and the neighboring republic, where branches of

our Association are found in all the most progressive places.

That the good giver of all may bestow on your Lordship length of days and happiness, and by making life a blessing you may continue to guide the destinies of this diocese with the marked ability and skill that has always characterized your Lordship in the past, is the devoted wish, not only of this association, but of all Catholics of this Dominion. In conclusion, we earnestly pray the approbation which your Lordship has extended to our association in the past may long continue, and asking your Lordship's episcopal benediction on our association and families.

Signed on behalf of St. Patrick's Branch of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, Branch No. 521, of the United States, and No. 3, of Canada.

MARTIN MALONE,

MICHAEL DEAN,

J. WILLIAMS,

F. MCGURK.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS.

To the Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—We, the undersigned officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of this city, beg on behalf of that society to humbly approach Your Lordship to express the satisfaction and joy that we experienced and still feel at having so distinguished an Irish Catholic as Your Lordship appointed to the Episcopal chair of the Diocese of Hamilton. We beg respectfully to assure your Lordship that from the first moment that we received the glad tidings of Your Lordship's transmission from the Diocese of Peterborough to the Diocese of Hamilton our hearts have been filled with joy and elation, and we have longed for the time to arrive that we should be permitted to give official and formal expression to those feelings entertained by each and every member of our society.

We have longed to tell Your Lordship as Hibernians, whose watchword is "Faith and Fatherland," and whose hearts are indissolubly bound to the "old faith and the old land," that we feel proud that our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. should have chosen a Hibernian, native and to the manor born to be our spiritual shepherd; one who to our own personal knowledge and to the knowledge of every Irish Catholic in this diocese, has rendered so many years of devoted service to Faith and Fatherland as to make the name of Your Lordship a household word in every Irish Catholic home in this Province. We trust that Your Lordship may be long spared to us as our spiritual head, as well as to serve as a model for us as Irish Catholics as to emulate and honor. We can assure Your Lordship that the memories of your matchless eloquence in defence of Hibernia and her history from the aspirations of her enemies is treasured up as a sacred thing in the hearts of the Hibernians of this city. We further assure Your Lordship that as Hibernians it will ever be our greatest aim and ambition to co-operate heartily, if humbly, with Your Lordship in everything which you may deem advantageous in this diocese. With this assurance we humbly ask Your Lordship to accept our heartfelt and sincere homage, and in return pray that Your Lordship may grant your episcopal blessing to our society and to us. Your obedient and faithful children.

A. SHARP, J. LAWLER,

Secretary, President.

HIS LORDSHIP'S REPLY.

In reply Bishop Dowling said:

DEAR FRIENDS—I cannot find words strong enough to thank you for this very grand reception you have given me to day. I had intended to address each of the societies individually, but as that would take a great deal of time, I have decided otherwise. I seldom read anything I may address to you, preferring to address you extemporaneously, but I have written my remarks to-day and will read my thoughts in regard to each society. I beg of you to accept my most sincere thanks for "assembling here to-day in the hall of God for the two-fold purpose of paying your respects to the chief pastor of the diocese and of asking me as you have done to invoke the divine blessing on yourselves and on the several organizations you represent. Amid the many cares and anxieties inseparable from the office of Bishop, such gatherings as these are indeed a great source of comfort and consolation. After the blessing and approval of Almighty God I assure you that there is nothing on earth that gives one in my position more real pleasure than the knowledge that the priests and people confided to his care are at all times ready to do their duty. Thanks be to God, this consolation is mine. Your presence here to-day and the many faithful sentiments of loyalty, reverence and good will contained in the several beautiful addresses you have been pleased to present, are additional proofs, if any were required, of the union and harmony that prevail here among pastor and people. This is not indeed the first time that Hamiltonians have manifested loyalty and devotion towards their Bishops, for I have not been witness of the joy and acclamation with which you received each of my illustrious predecessors. But it is, I think, the first time that the several societies inaugurated in our midst have met to offer this united homage to their Bishop, to make known to him their aims and objects, and to solicit his approval, counsel and encouragement. I am aware that it was the desire of some of your societies to do me the honor of receiving me with parade and regalia on the day of my installation. I thought it well then to have a quiet reception, promising to meet the societies at another time. That time has now come, and I rejoice to see around me to day in your persons, assembled in the house of God, the representatives of the religious and educational organizations and of the benevolent and beneficial associations that, under proper control and supervision, are calculated to effect so much good in our midst. I say under proper control and direction, secular societies, such as yours, are a power for good. Destitute of such direction they may and will become a power for evil. We live in an age when secret societies are organized for selfish purposes, and in many instances controlled by men whose avowed objects are hatred and hostility to the Church. Any Catholic that

enters a secret oath bound society is not only a slave, for he loses his liberty by binding himself to obey an unknown power, but he is also a traitor to the Church, which is the greatest society in the world, since it is a society not founded by man, but instituted and organized by the Son of God Himself and animated and directed by His Holy Spirit. To this Society we all belong not by any merit of ours but by the grace and mercy of God who has bestowed on us the greatest of gifts, that true faith without which, as the Apostle teaches, "it is impossible to please God." Our first duty then is to obey the laws of this society, that is, the commandments of God and of His Church. As long as your several organizations and societies work in harmony with the authorities of the Church they shall always have my approval, sanction and encouragement. The several objects you have in view, the relief of the poor, the education of youth, the practice of the virtues of temperance, charity and benevolence, are all commendable in themselves and calculated to draw down on each one of you the divine blessing provided your motives are supernatural. As it is the intention that qualifies the act I beg of you in the first place to have purity of intention, that is, that you undertake and perform the several acts of charity recommended by your society for the honor and glory of God.

2nd. I wish you to elect officers for your several organizations that will always work in harmony with the chaplain or director appointed by the bishop. 3rd. That you will undertake no public entertainment, excursion or picnic without the knowledge and approval of the chaplain. 4th. That you will not admit or retain as a member unless he is a practical Catholic. 5th. I desire that the several benevolent societies would cultivate a spirit of union and harmony, and, if they cannot unite in one society, that they would speak and act towards each other as Christian gentle men.

6th. It is my desire that there shall be no ladies' organizations in connection with any of the societies, that you should avoid all allusion to questions of politics or nationality, and that, as good Catholics, you should regulate your lives in accordance with the doctrines of the Church, always working in harmony with the clergy and with your chief pastor, cordially united with good Christians and good citizens, a credit alike to your families, to your country and your Church. Acting in this spirit you shall always have the approval of your Bishop, the respect of your fellow-citizens and the blessing of Almighty God, which I now lay on yourselves and your families.

May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost descend upon you all and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Laying aside his manuscript the Bishop continued: I was afraid to trust myself to extemporaneous speaking. We are surrounded by enemies who are attempting to rob us of the education and training of our children. I would call upon all Catholics to give their children a religious education which will fit them for their duties in this world and lead to eternal happiness—not a secular education merely, which will puff them up with pride and vanity. I denounce as tyranny and persecution the attempt now being made under the plea of equality to take the bread out of the mouths of the orphan and the helpless. Stand up for your faith, and do not be afraid to confess your religion before all men. The Irish have lost many things, but have never lost their faith. We may have persecution in this country, but we know that persecution will only strengthen us, and we will come forth like purified gold from the furnace.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed, and the large assembly dispersed.

The seven addresses presented were handsomely engrossed and illuminated. Some were in book form and the others on card sheets. The work was all done by Wm. Bruce.

HELP THE POOR.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH MAKES AN

ELABORATE APPEAL FOR THE DISTRESSED AND AFFLICTED.

Toronto Empire, Jan. 27.

"At that time the Pharisee came to Jesus, and one of them a doctor of the law, asked him, tempting him: Master, which is the great commandment of the law? Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind: and the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments dependeth the whole law and the prophets." (Matt. xxii, 35-40).

This was the text Archbishop Walsh took for his charity sermon, delivered in St. Michael's Cathedral last evening. The Saviour came down to earth to establish the law of Christian love. He began by saying that love is two-fold—the love of God and the love of man for the sake of God. The law of love is at the foundation of the commandments, but it did not obtain striking prominence under the older dispensation, in which God ruled His people by manifestations of mighty power and the force of stupendous miracles. Fear rather than love was characteristic of the old law, but this two-fold love was the striking feature of the reign of Christ. The Saviour constantly emphasized this law of love, but there was a special class of mankind for which He manifested an especial tenderness, the poor, the distressed and the afflicted. The Saviour's life began in absolute poverty: He was born in a stable; His luxuries were damp and cold and isolation. This was for a divine purpose. When He came on earth the poor were scorned, abandoned and ostracized under the civilization of the time which had then reached its culminating point. It was a cold, unfeeling civilization like a beautiful sculpture, beautiful to look at in the bright light of triumphant genius, but all unfeeling, having no place for the poor and lavishing all its honors and luxuries on wealth, genius, triumph. To undo that condition of things the Saviour came; to teach the Fatherhood of

God and the brotherhood of man; to destroy inequalities; to sanctify poverty; to lift up the poor man to the light of hope; and to this end He established charity as the centre of His holy system. He taught His followers the necessity and obligation of doing alms deeds. He told the rich man that he is the brother of the poor man in rags. God in heaven is the father of all, and the poor man has an immortal soul alike with his rich brother. If you see your brother naked clothe him and despise not your own flesh. Not only did Christ command this but He said that whatever was done for the poor was done for Him. He handed down the action of the Good Samaritan as a lesson to all generations. Further still, He promised that on the last day the reward of the blessed would be to those who had fulfilled this commandment of love, while those who had not should be accursed. These were no imaginings or far-fetched consequences drawn from remote premises. They were the words of Christ Himself. The Saviour could not forever remain on earth to wear the crown of thorns. He left His Church to carry out this divine law of love and charity, and from the earliest time the Church has fulfilled her mission. And from the earliest time the Church has not left the execution of her mission on earth to be dependent on the accidents of time. A son of the Church of God, born in France in 1576, named Vincent de Paul, founded the order now known all over the world as the "Sisters of Charity." Wherever there is sorrow, distress or misery this order is known. It has accomplished vast good in this city of Toronto, and one branch of it which he specially recommended to the attention of the Christian public was the work in connection with the care of the sick in the hospital. He understood that, so far had this work been supported, that there was already in the hospital a library for the entertainment and instruction of the Catholic patients. The collection taken up was large.

FROM OSHAWA.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS TO

REV. J. J. MCENTEE, OSHAWA.

Oshawa Reform.

On Saturday evening, the 18th inst., at 3 o'clock, the children of the separate school invited Rev. Father McEntee to be present at a beautiful entertainment given up in his honor, by the more advanced pupils, under the superintendence of the good Sisters of St. Joseph. To those present the musical treat was most enjoyable and a success in every sense of the word. At the termination of the programme, Miss Jennie Baird came forward and read a very feeling address, the heart felt sentiments of every child in the school who were evidently grieved at the idea of losing him who had constantly and persistently taken such a decided interest in their welfare and progress. The children also presented the Rev. Father with a beautiful surplice trimmed with oriental lace and two magnificent bouquets of natural flowers, the odoriferous perfumes of which were to remind him of the love and innocence of the juvenile donors.

ADDRESS.

REV. AND VERY DEAR FATHER—It is with feelings of regret and sorrow we learn that you are about to depart from our midst, that the bonds of our holy relationship are to be severed.

We have assembled in our class room, through which echoes are stealing, to say farewell and to express to you our sentiments of gratitude for the many blessings your sojourn amongst us has occasioned. Memory will ever revert to the period of your ministry as one of joy and happiness. Your presence has enhanced our childish pleasures, your words of earnest encouragement have cheered our youthful souls, behind the dark veil of sorrow affliction enshrouded our homes. Always have we found you a true Father, friend and guide.

Of old our Blessed Lord looked with tender kindness on the little ones. Following this model you too have said, by your actions, "Let the little ones come unto me and forbid them not."

May the love of all friends the best port for such blessings on your path through life.

My your new mission, dear father, be a veritable garden of delight, yielding in abundance blossoms and fruits for life eternal.

In conclusion we beg your acceptance of this simple offering. Regard not its value but the affectionate hearts of the given your devoted children of St. Gregory's School.

The Catholic people of Oshawa, who are on the eve of losing their beloved pastor, gathered in all their forces, on Sunday evening, 19th, at 7.30, to pay their faithful father and friend a spontaneous testimony of their love and respect in the shape of a beautiful address and a well-filled purse. Grand musical

and benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament were celebrated in the presence of an immense audience, at the conclusion of which Mr. J. Brockman stepped forward, on the part of the congregation of St. Gregory's Church, and read the following address, to which Father McEntee made a very touching and sympathetic reply, in well chosen and happy words which evidently deeply affected many of his hearers:

To the Rev. J. J. McEntee, P. P., Oshawa:

DEAR FATHER—We, the people of St. Gregory's parish have assembled here to testify our deep feeling of regret at your departure from amongst us. We cannot allow you to sever your connection with us without expressing our appreciation of the many noble acts performed by you. And your unselfishness in promoting the welfare of others deserves to be followed by every one who wishes to see the brotherhood of man inaugurated. You have spent the better part of your life amongst us and we are all witnesses of the vast amount of good you have effected, by your untiring zeal and pastoral solicitude, for the space of twelve years; a cemetery artistically laid out, fenced, treed and decorated, and which would be an ornament to a more pretentious place; the pastoral residence and grounds are unique in their excellence,

taste and fitness; a stable and coach-house combined at a cost of over \$1,200 which is a necessary accommodation and adornment to any place, all costing over \$10,000 and nearly paid for with the exception of a few hundred dollars. Rev. Father, we cannot now retain you, though we have done our utmost to do so, because the authoritative and firm resolve of our beloved Archbishop has gone forth, to which we bow and obediently submit. We can only now awake remembrances of the many words and deeds of loving kindness you have so graciously lavished on us, even when we rendered ourselves ungrateful and unworthy of them. Words of ours are but weak and feeble to fully express what we feel—our deep sense of sorrow for your loss and lack of appreciation of your tireless care and devotion in our behalf, your constant attendance on the sick and sympathy in their sufferings. Your love and solicitude and unrelenting attention to our children's spiritual and temporal welfare were kindnesses and blessings we can never forget. We desire your acceptance of this purse as something to keep in your remembrance and as a small token of the esteem in which you are held by the Catholics of Oshawa. And that you may long be spared to labor in the future as in the past, is the sincere desire of the members of the parish. In conclusion, we implore your forgiveness, your prayers, and a place in your memory. And in the pain of parting there comes a cheering hope that Almighty God will one day reunite us in love and friendship when we shall have made ourselves worthy to be all able to meet in the paradise of His eternal joys.

COMMITTEE.

Rich. Troy, Chairman, Patrick Wall, Arthur Wilkinson, T. Leonard, Jas. Mullin, Thos. Conlin, John Hart, sr., Geo. O. Roberts, P. O'Regan, John Wilkinson, Henry Hill, Wm. Bradley, Martin Screen, Wm. Cashing, E. McNally, Joseph Brockman, Rich. Stapleton, D. O'Leary, Dan. Healey, John O'Leary, Thos. McKittrick, Sec.

Oshawa, Jan. 17th, 1890.

FROM PORT COLBORNE.

Port Colborne, January 16th, 1890.

Reverend J. Kilcullen, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church:

REVEREND AND BELOVED PASTOR—It is with feelings of sincerest regret that we approach you to express in a feeble way our sorrow for your departure from amongst us. Words are inadequate to the occasion and fail to express the loss which we sustain in losing a pastor who is esteemed and beloved by all.

During your pastorate, extending over a period of eighteen years, you have wrought many beneficial changes in the parish—changes which the hand of time will never efface. The beautiful edifice, which has been built through your exertions, in order that we might have a suitable place wherein to worship our Creator, will ever stand a monument to your untiring zeal and industry.

The kind and paternal interest manifested by you at all times in preparing for children for the worthy reception of the sacraments has endeared you in the memory of both old and young. You were at all times ready with wise and timely advice, by which we have become better citizens and truer Christians. The readiness with which you visited our sick and dying, carrying the grace-giving sacraments to those in need is but one of the many good qualities you have displayed while among us.

Nor would it be just not to place on record the interest which you have always taken in our temporal welfare. This interest has been surpassed only by the interest taken in our spiritual well-being. The interest which you manifested in the education and training of our children is worthy of special praise.

As a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by the people of this parish we beg you to accept this purse, not for its intrinsic value but for the feelings which accompany it.

In your new field of labor we hope that success may crown your efforts and that heaven's choicest gifts may be yours. You will share the prayers of this congregation for your success and happiness, and we hope that God may grant you a long and happy life. In closing we wish you God's blessing, a happy life and a glorious hereafter. We will ask you to remember us in the holy sacrifice of the Mass, trusting that though we may meet again in God's kingdom, never to be separated.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Patrick's church, Port Colborne.

Father Kilcullen replied to the address in an able manner, thanking the people for their kindness to him during the past and for their generous donation to him on his departure. He wished the people of the place every blessing and happiness, and said that he hoped he would often meet the people of Port Colborne.

A large part of the congregation, including about sixty of the school-children under their teacher, escorted Father Kilcullen to the train to wish him God speed on his journey and to say goodbye to a pastor who was esteemed by all.