

## RIGHT REV. R. A. O'CONNOR.

Fifth Anniversary of His Consecration as Bishop of Peterborough.

From the Examiner.

On May 3rd, 1889, R. A. O'Connor became bishop of the diocese of Peterborough, His Grace Archbishop Cleary performing the consecration ceremony at St. Peter's cathedral. Monday the fifth anniversary of this solemn occasion was duly celebrated at the same place in the presence of a large congregation. The following clergy of the diocese were present to personally tender their congratulations to His Lordship and to assist in the pontifical high mass which was celebrated at 9 o'clock:—

Rev. Father Quirk, Hastings; Rev. Father Lynch, Port Hope; Rev. Father Nolan, Warkworth; Rev. Father McGuire, Norwood; Rev. Father Keilly, Douro; Rev. Father Kelly, North Bay; Rev. Father Connolly, Downsville; Rev. Father McColl, Ennismore; Rev. Father Murray, Cobourg.

His Lordship celebrated the pontifical high mass, being assisted by Rev. Father Brown, V.G., as High Priest, and Ven. Father Casey and Rev. Father Connolly, as deacons. Rev. Father Murray was deacon of the mass and Rev. Father McColl subdeacon.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the clergy of the diocese accompanied the presentation to the bishop of a fine portrait, in oil, of himself, with the following address:—

Address of the Clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough, to His Lordship the Most Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D.D., of Peterborough.

May it please your Lordship. We the priests of the Diocese of Peterborough, have assembled around your throne on this day, the fifth anniversary of your episcopal consecration, to present our congratulations on the completion of the first lustrum of a most successful administration and to wish you many happy returns of the day. During the five years you have ruled over the church in this Diocese, under your firm and gentle away our holy religion has expanded and we have seen new parishes organized and furnished with resident pastors, where a few years ago the Catholic people were few in number and without proper attendance. In the person of its chief pastor, this young diocese has undergone many changes. Necessarily many works had been undertaken for the advancement of religion. The short period of each successive administration gave time merely for the foundation of these works and thus the whole burden of bringing them to completion devolved upon your Lordship.

Meanwhile, the incessant calls made on your Lordship for diocesan work, the necessity of providing the new missions founded by you, the loss by death of some of your priests, the heavy demands made on you to establish parishes in the northern portion of the diocese must have given many hours of care and anxiety.

Notwithstanding your limited resources you found means of establishing new and permanent institutions for advancement of Catholic education, for the relief of the suffering, for the multifarious charities dispensed in the name of Jesus Christ. To your Lordship's zeal and ability the diocese owes the Community of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the well equipped and commodious St. Joseph's Hospital and the home for the aged infirm and the orphan.

The Catholic Church demanding within the last few years much of your valuable attention, you have nevertheless found time not only to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in all old established parishes, but your apostolic zeal did not allow you to forget the scattered portions of your flock in the vast northern part of your diocese. It was with sincere admiration we read the account of your long and arduous journeyings among the nomadic tribes of the Sioux and Chippewa Indians in the Lakes Superior and Nipigon regions.

On this occasion we, your clergy, may be allowed to touch on our relations with the head of the diocese, and we can say with truth these relations between priests and bishops have always been of the most cordial and harmonious nature.

In every new diocese much more is to be done than in the older sees. We have always striven to do our utmost to meet our Bishop's wishes and fulfil the well recognized duty to helpful coadjutors. This duty has become a labour of love under your Lordship's guidance, for we have found in you the realization of the saviour in modo, and you have ever made us feel in our relations with you that you were truly the "Elder Brother."

As in the past so will it be with your priests in the future, to obey cheerfully, to help generously and in every way within our power to lighten that burden which at times presses heavily on every Bishop in the church of God.

We beg your Lordship's acceptance of this portrait of yourself in oil as a souvenir of the day.

We congratulate you and wish you many years in peace and happiness in the discharge of the duties of your high office.

Signed on behalf of the clergy of the Diocese of Peterborough,

V. G. LAURENT,  
J. BROWN, V.G.,  
D. J. CASEY, Archdeacon.

His Lordship, who was much touched by the expressions of devotion on the part of his clergy, replied in grateful terms warmly thanking the donors for their much appreciated gift, and especially for the loyal devotion to himself, the church and its interests, the evidence of which he had so often enjoyed, being strengthened by the graceful sentiments of the address.

His Lordship entertained the visiting clergymen at a banquet at the episcopal palace at the conclusion of the religious ceremonies.

## AT THE CONVENT.

Monday night at the Convent the fifth anniversary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connor was celebrated in a most successful and pleasing manner. The music hall was very tastefully decorated in festal style. Across the ceiling ran streamers of hunting, the papal colors being conspicuous, and across the central windows of the west end a scroll was extended bearing in applied letters the legend "Joy Reigns Supreme," and devotional banners were disposed at several points. But the brightest feature of the adornment was the white clad children, to the number of about 200, who occupied the graded seats and formed a very pretty picture.

Promptly at 8 o'clock His Lordship entered the hall, attended by Ven. Archdeacon Casey, and Rev. Fathers O'Connell, Collins, McColl, Ennismore, and Kelley, North Bay, and took his seat upon an improvised episcopal throne. There were present besides several prominent citizens and a large gathering of the catholical congregation. As the episcopal party were taking their seats an overture—"Calif do Bagdad"—was performed in excellent style and with faultless time and was a fitting prelude to the excellent musical and intellectual treat that followed, consisting of a solo and chorus, "Greeting to our Honoured Guest," the solo being taken by Misses M. Dineen and L. Jackson, the duet by Misses B. Primeau and A. Simons, the school taking the chorus in a most spirited manner. A dialogue, "What the little ones can do," was a charmingly conceived and expressed tribute of devotion and respect, leading up to the presentation of baskets of flowers by several of the characters. His Lordship was pretty effectively walled in with bloom. Then followed a well performed instrumental duet, succeeded by the "Fairy Doll" drill or scarf drill, performed with great grace and exactitude by several unformed young ladies, captained efficiently by Miss Mary Overend. The concluding evolutions of the drill, which took the form of the initial letters of the bishop's name—"R. A. O'C." was very prettily done. "The Homage to our Bishop" was a most elaborate tribute of respect, five girls with banners, representing "Joy and Greeting" and "Love," "Gratitude" and "Memory," being a conspicuous element of the pleasing presentation. Master Alf. Cox performed a mandolin solo in a very creditable manner. The programme concluded with a grand chorus, "A Prayer for our Prelate," sung by the whole school with stirring effect.

The instrumental music during the evening was furnished by the gold medalists: Misses Maud Morrow, Maud Kelly, Maggie Butler, Maggie Doherty and Maggie McCabe while Misses B. Primeau and Daisy Dolan played the accompaniments of the drill.

His Lordship thanked the Sisters and children most cordially for the flattering compliments they had so prettily and gracefully extended him during the evening. They had pictured truly what the life of a pastor should be, and he hoped he should live up to their standard and that he might realize all the joy and happiness they had so prettily wished him. He thanked the children for the excellent manner in which each had performed her part, and it was a tribute to the excellent training they had received, in which principles of virtue were combined with intellectual acquirements. He also thanked the citizens for their kind attendance. The longer he lived in Peterborough the better he liked it.

Mr. Cluxton, after expressing his pleasure at being present, said he did not by speaking wish to emphasize the difference between it and the excellent elocution the children had displayed. He was glad to be present and join in the greetings to His Lordship, and in reference to his official duties, recalled reminiscences reaching back to the days of his boyhood—Ireland, and a visit thirty years later, showing that the work and activities of the Church went on without pause. Mr. Cluxton very warmly complimented the music and pointed out the superior character of the training received by the pupils and the high class of music performed. The school, especially in a musical sense, was a decided benefit to the town.

Mr. J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., was called upon for a few remarks, and said it afforded him great pleasure to be present on this interesting occasion, as anyone with a capacity of enjoyment and a recognition of merit must feel pleasure in such associations. He had only words of praise for the really excellent programme presented by the pupils, under the skillful guidance of the sisters—another proof of the talent of the pupils and the excellence of the instruction they enjoyed. This pleasure was, however, only incidental to the chief pleasure of the occasion—to do honor to the worthy Bishop of

Peterborough, and to join with others in congratulations upon the occasion of the fifth anniversary of his episcopal consecration. He had had the honour of knowing personally all three of the bishops of Peterborough, and without any disparagement to his predecessors he was justified in liking the present Bishop best. Reference was made to the material progress of the church in the diocese largely due to the labours of the bishop; and the loyalty and esteem of the clergy, and the devotion of his flock were testimonies of a speaking kind, to the zeal and piety of his Lordship. Not only was he honored as a prelate, but as a citizen he enjoyed to a large degree the respect of the people generally. The material, moral and religious improvement in the diocese had, the speaker said, been largely due to the efforts of the honoured guest of the occasion, and he concluded by offering his cordial congratulations to His Lordship and his best wishes for such distinguished usefulness as had marked the first five years of his episcopate.

Mr. J. W. Fitzgerald said it gave him great pleasure to be present on His Lordship's fifth anniversary and he hoped that for many years to come he would be spared to guard and guide his loving people. He re-echoed the kind words of the preceding speakers and spoke in terms of the highest admiration of the teaching and training power of the good sisters of the Convent de Notre Dame. He warmly complimented the young lady pupils upon their musical proficiency and noted with pleasure the introduction into the programme of so much Irish melody and song, which vividly reminded him of the dear old land at home. He also paid a warm tribute to the fancy drill performers, who had performed the various evolutions with almost geometrical exactitude and in this respect might challenge the best drilled local volunteers. In conclusion he congratulated the sisters, the pupils and their parents and believed that no congratulation could be more acceptable to His Lordship than the beautiful spectacle and beautiful music which had been presented to a most appreciative audience.

Ven. Archdeacon Casey had little to add to the complimentary and congratulatory sentiments that had been so variously, but at the same time, harmoniously expressed. He referred particularly to the pleasing character of the sentiments so beautifully expressed by the children and concluded by giving his best wishes to His Lordship for a happy and prosperous future.

The evening concluded with "God Save the Queen," and a very delightful evening it was in all respects.

## Celebration at St. Michael's College.

On Sunday last the students of St. Michael's College assembled to do honor to their beloved Superior, Rev. Father Teofy, on the occasion of the feast of his patron, St. John, the Apostle. On their behalf Mr. F. P. McHugh read a very touching address, expressing therein in glowing terms the regard in which Father Teofy is held among his children, and congratulating him on the many and various successes with which he has met. In reply he expressed himself as devoted to his students in faith, in hope and in love, and asked their prayers, not only for himself but also for his colleagues, wherein they would gain a place for themselves in the halls of Eternal Wisdom.

On Monday last the annual field sports were held on the college campus. The most interesting events were the 100 yards dash, 440 yards race, the sack race and the hop, stop and jump. The honors of the day were carried off by Mr. George Reilley, who, having won the highest number of points, 30, was declared the champion athlete and cup winner of the college. The following are the results:

100 yard dash—G. Reilley.  
Putting heavy weight—E. O'Donnell.  
Standing jump—G. Reilley.  
440 yards dash—G. Reilley.  
Putting light weight—F. Doyle.  
Running jump—G. Reilley.  
One mile race—E. Girardot.  
Running hop, step and jump—G. Reilley.  
Throwing baseball—E. O'Donnell.  
Three-legged race—D. Reilley and J. Bowes.  
Sack Race—E. Girardot.

## St. Mary's.

May 3rd being Ascension Thursday there was a large attendance at the Church in this pretty little town of St. Mary's, the first Mass being at 8 and second at 10 o'clock. Many of the parishioners from the country drove in to assist at the latter, which was said by Rev. Father Brennan, the pastor, who delivered also a brief and appropriate instruction. Father Brennan advised his people on the necessity of having Catholic Literature in their homes, which they could have by subscribing for one or more Catholic papers. Pastor and people are to be congratulated on the fine Church they have erected to the honor and glory of God. It is indeed a "thing of beauty," and may it be to them a "joy forever." The Choir is very efficient, and is under the direction of Miss Shea, teacher of the St. Mary's Separate School.

## Base Ball.

Last Saturday afternoon the Dukes played the St. Michael's on the latter's grounds. The game was called off in the beginning of the fifth innings, with the Collegians at the bat, the score then being five to five. In the first inning the home team was first to the bat and scored two runs, the Dukes in their half made three. Neither side scored again until the fourth, when the St. Michael's made one and Dukes two runs. In the fifth Fitzgerald's single, Reath's base on balls and McDonagh's two base hit over the right field fence netted two runs. At this period of the game it rained and the game was declared off, as the necessary five innings had not been played. The Dukes were unable to solve McDermott's pitching when hits were needed most, while the College team was beginning to find Benson's pitching, for in the fifth they made two singles and a double in succession. In the third innings a double play by Schnapf, Morkin and Stroger was well executed. A phenomenal catch by Chambers from McDonagh's bat was the star play of the game, McGinley and Reath played a good fielding game for the St. Michael's while McDonagh led that side at the bat.

Batteries S. M. C., McDermott and Fitzgerald "Dukes, Benson and Hawley. Umpire, Martin.

## Memorials in St. Paul's

We are pleased to note that two more beautiful Memorial windows have been placed in St. Paul's church, Toronto. The one on the south side is donated by the Young Ladies of the Sodality, and contains a very finely executed representation of the Blessed Virgin—the Immaculate Conception. The face is very life-like, and the countenance extremely beautiful. The robes are rich in color, and blend artistically with the other portions of the window, which are in the Norman style of architecture.

The other window is a companion to Mr. O'Connor's Memorial, and contains a figure of St. Peter, with the Keys in one hand and the Gospel in the other. This window is in memory of James Brennan, donated by his parents, and in richness and execution is equally excellent with the others.

We must not omit to mention that the windows have been manufactured in Toronto by Mr. N. T. Lyon, who has been in this business for the past thirty years; and certainly is to be congratulated on his success in producing such works of Art.

## Memorial to Rev. E. J. Walsh.

A monumental brass with its beautifully carved oak framework is to be erected in the Catholic Church, Trenton, Ont., to the memory of the late Rev. E. J. Walsh, P.P. The whole of the work is in the highest style of art, both in design and execution. The beautiful frame is of the decorated period of Gothic architecture, and shows bold buttresses and graceful pinnacles, panelled and crocketed, rich cusped tracery; battlemented and enriched cornices; carved pillars and arches, &c. The whole surmounted by a richly carved floriated cross. The brass, one of the largest on the continent, was engraved, with its 800 letters, symbols, &c., by Messrs. Patterson and Howard. The beautiful oak frame was executed by Thos. Mowbray & Son, the well known sculptors. The whole of the work was designed and carried out under the superintendence of Mr. Joseph Connolly, R.I.H.A., R.C.A., Architect.

## House Furnishings.

The warerooms of the C. F. Adams Company, 175 to 179 Yonge street, are now more than usually attractive in house furnishings, whether in iron, wood or the products of the loom. We call attention to the very reasonable price-list published in the Company's advertisement, which appears in this issue of the REGISTER.

## Personal.

Rev. Father Lynch of Sunnyside, has been appointed parish priest of Niagara, in the place of Rev. Father Harold, who is going to New York to take a chaplaincy. Sunnyside will be attended by the Basilian Fathers.

At St. Joseph's Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Dundee, on Wednesday, March 28th, the ceremony of profession and reception took place. The young lady who pronounced her vows and made her religious profession was Sister Mary Alphonsus Mulligan, daughter of Mr. Thomas Mulligan, Bridget st., Dundalk.

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