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"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."—"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."—St. Paulin, 4th Century.

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PASTORAL VISITATION.

As announced in our last, His Lordship the Bishop of London, accompanied by the Rev. Father Coffey, left this city, on Monday, the 26th ult., for the purpose of holding the exercises of the pastoral visitation and administering confirmation in the parishes and missions of his diocese situated on the river St. Clair. His Lordship could not have made choice of a more beautiful season for his visitation, in that portion of his extensive diocese, than the closing days of the lovely and luxuriant month of May. The spring, however cold and tedious, then gives way to the sweetest charms and mellow beauties of sweet summer-tide. The fields then gladden the eye of the husbandman by the promise of teeming wealth, the forests then assume their robes of richest verdure and resound with the melody of numberless songsters, the rivers and streams sparkling under the brightest of suns.

Our Canadian summer is indeed a season of joy and gladness, a season of universal rejoicing because of Nature's entire deliverance from the thrall of winter's long and gloomy sway, which in this country robs us of the beauties and pleasures of that lovely spring-tide, in other lands the fairest of the seasons. Of autumn Longfellow has sweetly sung:

Thou comest, Autumn, heralded by the rain,
With banners, by great gates incessant fanned,
Brighter than the brightest silks of Samarcand,
And stately o'erhastened to thy wain!
Thou standest, like imperial Charlemagne,
Upon thy bridge of gold, thy royal hand
Outstretched with benedictions o'er the land,
Blessing the farms through all thy vast domain.
Thy shield is the red harvest moon suspended
So long beneath the heaven's overhanging eaves,
Thy steps are by the farmer's prayers attended;
Like flames upon an altar shine the sheaves;
And following thee, in thy ovation splendid,
Thine almoner, the wind, scatters the golden leaves.

But Autumn is the crown of Summer's glory. And if the former be a season of gladness, so must the latter, since from it comes the wealth and plenty which gladden the heart of man in the golden days of Autumn. Of all summer-tide no portion is more beautiful than its first gladsome days, which thrill the heart with pleasure, and fill all nature with animation, sweetness and harmony. It is not, indeed, as the poet has so well said, it is not always May:

All things are new, the birds, the leaves,
That gild the elm tree's nodding crest,
And even the nest beneath the eaves,
There are no birds in last year's nest.
All things rejoice in youth and love,
The fulness of their first delight!
And learn from the soft heavens above
The melting tenderness of night.
Maiden that read'st this simple rhyme,
Enjoy thy youth, it will not stay;
Enjoy the fragrance of thy prime,
For oh, it is not always May!

Enjoy the Spring of Love and Youth,
To some good angel leave the rest,
For time will teach thee soon the truth,
There are no birds in last year's nest!

But to return to our subject, His Lordship left London on the 2.30 train on the Sarnia branch of the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk. London was, on Monday, the 26th ult., in her robes de fête in honor of Her Majesty's birthday, the celebration of which had been postponed from the previous Saturday. So it was in the case of the towns and villages from London to Sarnia—the latter included. In fact we Canadians are more loyal than Britons themselves. Still, the time is coming, and we see it coming without regret, when the national anniversary will be, as it ought, the only day of patriotic festivity in this country.

Sarnia was reached about 4.30. The bishop was heartily welcomed by Rev. Fathers Bayard, P. P. of Sarnia, and Roman, P. P. of Corunna. Sarnia is one of the most prettily situated and flourishing towns of Western Ontario. Near the point where the mighty Huron pours its volumes of water into the channel of the river St. Clair—to feed that rapid and majestic stream, which in time swells the surging billows of the Lake bearing the same beautiful name—the picturesque and well built country town of Lambton rises its imposing form.

On the Michigan side of the river stands the beautiful city of Port Huron, well known to Canadians who have travelled to the west or north-west. Its very mention recalls memories sweet or sad, memories

of vigilant and exacting customs officers, of luggage overhauled and travelling gear smashed, but also of numberless deeds of kindest forbearance on the part of these same officers. But whether the memories of Port Huron be sad or joyous, the place itself is beautiful. Not, however, more so than the Canadian town of Sarnia. Sarnia, we have said, is the county town of Lambton. Now Lambton is one of the wealthiest, most prosperous, and at the same time most celebrated counties of Canada. In the old Parliament of Canada, when united with Kent, it was represented by Mr. George Brown, well known as a leading journalist and politician, then by the Hon. Malcolm Cameron, founder of the Clear Grit party, and famous as a sterling temperance and prohibition advocate, then later on by the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, for many years Premier of Canada and leader of the liberal party. Sarnia is indeed a well-built town. The places of business give indication of thrift, energy and activity, while the private residences exhibit a good taste and a solid comfort that reflect the greatest credit on the good people of the town. From a Catholic point of view Sarnia is a pleasant place to visit. There is here a splendid church built of white brick on a stone foundation, erected at a cost of \$300,000. The windows of this beautiful temple, dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy, are of stained glass of fine quality and rare design, its sanctuary is spacious and neatly adorned, the main altar being of elegant style of construction and chaste in respect of decoration.

The erection of such a large and highly finished edifice as the church of Our Lady of Mercy speaks in louder tones than could human voice, and commends in terms beyond the power of speech or pen the piety, ardor and zeal not only of the pastor, but of the Catholic people of Sarnia. But besides this fine temple, the church in Sarnia can point with laudable pride to the fine academy and boarding school in charge of the Sisters of Jesus Maria. These good sisters first came to Sarnia about seventeen years ago, during the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Kilroy, now of Stratford, and since that time have achieved the happiest results in the furtherance of the great cause of Catholic education. The present superior is the Rev. Mother Apollonia. The community of Sarnia numbers eight sisters. The number of pupils attending the convent is about fifty, of whom twenty-two are boarders. But besides this good work of the convent, two of the sisters take charge of the girls' department of the Separate School. It is, indeed, with pleasure that we have to chronicle the fact that the school is in a satisfactory and flourishing condition. The head teacher is Mr. O'Connor, who discharges his duties with efficiency and success.

His Lordship left Sarnia about 7.30 p. m., for Corunna, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Coffey, Roman and Feron. On the way the party drove through the Indian reserve. These Indians are in the main either Potawatamies or Chippewas, but principally, we believe, of the former race. The lands of this reserve are of excellent quality. But the recluse is not an agriculturist, and cannot, it seems, be trained to such a praiseworthy and useful avocation. Not even the planting of the remnant of the tribes upon the reserves has contributed to their growth. The Indian is fading before the pale face, and the reserves must go. Then will fully be realized the words of the poet:

Then the hunter turned away from that
Where the home of his fathers once had
been,
And heard, by the distant and measured
stroke,
That the woodman hewed down the giant
oak,
And bursting thoughts flashed over his mind,
Of the white man's faith, and love unkind.
The morns of the harvest grew high and
bright,
As her golden horns pierced the cloud of
white,
A footstep was heard in the rustling brake,
Where the beech overshadowed the misty
lake,
And a mourning voice, and a plunge from
the shore,
And the hunter was seen on the hills no
more.

Corunna was reached in about an hour. The village of Corunna is a pleasantly situated spot on the river bank about six miles from Sarnia. The pastor is the Rev. Father Roman, formerly of Bothwell. Father Roman's church is a large, commodious and solidly-constructed frame edifice. Since his arrival in Corunna, not yet two years, Father Roman has effected important and much-needed improvements.

On the morning of Tuesday, the 27th, His Lordship, after High Mass, sung by Rev. Father Feron, of Strathroy, administered the rite of Confirmation to sixty-five candidates prepared with diligence and care by the pastor. These had previously received Holy Communion at his

hands at the eight o'clock Mass. His Lordship, before confirmation, addressed the candidates in very impressive terms. He explained the nature of the Sacrament he was about to confer. He showed the need that all Christians had of the comfort and strength of the Holy Spirit. The world was full of illusions and dangers, the enemy of human salvation ever vigilant and active, and the flesh weak and man prone to innumerable sins. By Confirmation are communicated to the soul the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, gifts to strengthen us in every trial and temptation. He exhorted them to put to profit the graces they were that day to receive. These graces would, if corresponded with, save them from sin, and lead them to eternal happiness. Again, after administering confirmation, His Lordship delivered an exhortation, this time addressing himself to the parents and adult portion of the congregation. He pointed out to parents the duties and obligations resting upon them in regard to the children with which God blesses them. He inculcated the obligation of supporting Catholic Schools and of assisting in the diffusion of good works and papers. His Lordship likewise spoke strongly and earnestly on the necessity of prayer, inviting his hearers to pray with regularity, morning and evening; to cultivate the practice of family devotions, and also to attend Mass with punctuality and piety. He then invoked on them the blessing of God, urging them to continue to work in union with their pastor. They had done well already in improving their church, and he hoped that further improvement would be made with his approval and under the direction of their priest. By unity, charity, and zeal in behalf of God's house they would prove themselves true Catholics.

His Lordship left Corunna at three o'clock, taking the "J. C. Clark" for Port Lambton. The trip on the river was most enjoyable. It was the first time the writer had the pleasure of enjoying the picturesque scenery of this majestic stream, and he fully subscribes to the view that it is of surpassing beauty. At 6.30 His Lordship, accompanied by the priests already mentioned, arrived at Port Lambton, where all met with a cordial greeting from the good pastor, Father Colovin. This worthy priest has charge of two churches, that of Port Lambton and that of Sombra. These missions were lately blessed with a retreat, given by the good Redemptorist Fathers Miller and Kautz. The retreat was crowned with the richest spiritual fruits. At the close of the mission in Sombra an address was presented to Father Miller, which will be read with pleasure:

REV. AND DEAR FATHER.—We approach you to greet you on this occasion as the beginning of a new era in our parish of Sombra. We rejoice at your success because of the great good you have effected, nor are we sorry to have had an opportunity of proving to the world that we still cling to the faith as firmly as did our fathers. We would wish to make you some worthy returns for the services you rendered, but we know that provided good is done you are satisfied. It is to God you look for your recompense. Your visit here shall be ever remembered and we trust that our children now young may in their old age repeat the maxims you have so ably and piously inculcated. We pray that their recollection may linger with us through life and be the comfort of our last moments. We have learned to love you because you spoke to us in the words of the central figure of our holy religion. May your society long produce worthy men to labor in the vineyard of our Divine Redeemer.

Rev. and dear Father, before bidding you farewell we beg you to accept this small purse as a slight token of our love and esteem. We regret that the sum is not larger, but we feel satisfied that it is not the sum you will look to, but the promptings of the hearts of the donors. We now in behalf of the congregation of Sombra bid you farewell, praying that God in His infinite mercy may grant you health, happiness and long life, and that it may be yours in the end to hear the glad-some words: "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter the joys of the Lord."

Signed on behalf of the congregation: John Shearan, John Moran, Jeremiah White, Patrick Shearan, Joseph Dapic.

On Wednesday morning His Lordship drove from Port Lambton to Sombra, a distance of six miles, to give confirmation there. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Roman, of Corunna, at 10.30. After Mass the bishop addressed the congregation, both the candidates for confirmation and their friends, on the duties incumbent on them as Christians, pointing out specially the benefits to be derived from the worthy reception of the sacraments, particularly that which he was about to confer. The number of persons confirmed at Sombra was thirty-six. The services did not conclude there till one o'clock. His Lordship then left for Port Lambton, where at four o'clock he com-

menced the examination of the candidates for confirmation. The children proved themselves well grounded in the knowledge of Christian Doctrine. After the examination Mr. James O'Leary, on behalf of the congregation, read the following address to His Lordship:

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drove the fathers from the island. There are still, however, some Catholics among them, who are attended by Rev. Father Colovin. There is ground for hope that their numbers will increase, and that the many now guided by the errors of the sectaries or the superstitions of paganism will yet be led into the fold of Christ. On Thursday morning His Lordship left Port Lambton for Sarnia—reaching the latter place at one o'clock, and arriving in London at 9.30 the same evening. The return trip on the "J. C. Clark" from Port Lambton to Sarnia was one of the most pleasant it has ever been the lot of the writer to enjoy. The warm sun, whose heat was tempered by a refreshing breeze, made the day particularly enjoyable, while the lovely scenery appeared to finer advantage than on the way down. The man and scenery sparkled in its gayest of humor, gladdening the hearts as well of mariners, youthful and ancient, as of the passengers on the "J. C. Clark."

VICARIATE OF PONTIAC.

On Friday afternoon, May the 23rd, Mgr. Lorrain, the Vicar Apostolic of the newly-formed Vicariate of Pontiac, arrived at Amrrior on his first episcopal visit, accompanied by Rev. Fathers Kierman and Leuzier. On his arrival His Lordship was driven to the rectory, and, after the usual formalities, a procession escorted to the church under a magnificent canopy, borne by four members of the Reception Committee. Arrived at the church, the Bishop ascended the altar, and, after concluding the opening services of the visitation, announced the time and the order the different exercises would take place on the two following days. Rev. Father Kierman then ascended the pulpit, and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon on the evils of giving way to temptation, after which the services of the evening closed with the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday at Grand Mass His Lordship officiated, and administered the sacrament of Confirmation to upwards of one hundred persons.

On Monday His Lordship visited the Amrrior Separate school, accompanied by the Rev. Father Kierman and Rev. Father Chaine, pastor of the parish. Notwithstanding the short notice given of the Bishop's intended visit to the school, the spacious reception room was beautifully embellished with pictures, evergreens and floral decorations suitable for the occasion. At a quarter past ten the distinguished visitors arrived, accompanied by Mr. H. A. Devine and Mr. John Harvey, and were courteously received by the teachers. The following address, composed by Mr. O'Dea, the head master of the school, was then read to His Lordship by Miss B. C. O'Donnell, first assistant:

To the Right Reverend Narcissus Zepherin Lorrain, Bishop of Cythra, and Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac:

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR BISHOP.—We, the teachers and pupils of the Eoman Catholic School, Amrrior, beg leave to approach your Lordship to express to you in a few feeble words the joy we feel at your advent amongst us, and to tender you a sincere and cordial welcome on this, the occasion of your first episcopal visit to our parish. When our worthy and esteemed pastor, Rev. Father Chaine, announced your intention of visiting Amrrior, we rejoiced at the thought that some of the pupils of our institution would receive that sacrament which makes the weak and timid Christian strong and perfect, fortifying him, by virtue of the grace of those seven-fold gifts, against the inroads and temptations of the Evil One.

It is scarcely necessary that we should here refer to the assiduous exertions, the ardent zeal and the untiring energy of our much-respected pastor, Rev. Father Chaine, in carefully instructing the children in the catechism, during the past weeks, preparatory to their receiving that great sacrament.

Words fail to express our sentiments on this occasion, when, at the close of your visit, you now deign to honor our school with your august presence, and all that now remains for us to do is to humbly kneel and ask the favor of your blessing.

May the manifold graces emanating from this visitation be the means of our salvation, and may the High Arbitrator of Heaven, in His infinite wisdom, prolong your days on earth, to take the place of the "Good Shepherd" over the fold of the Vicariate of Pontiac, is the earnest and fervent prayer of your loving and devoted children.

Signed on behalf of the teachers and pupils of the Roman Catholic Separate School of Amrrior—P. J. O'Dea, Head Master; Bridget C. O'Donnell, First Assistant; Louise G. Volland, Second Assistant.

After the reading of the address Miss Elizabeth Dora Monaghan, a little girl of the school, advanced to His Lordship and with a graceful bow presented him with an elegant bouquet. His Lordship then delivered a short address, expressive of the great pleasure it afforded him to visit the school, and thanking the teachers and pupils for the kind greeting and flattering address with which they received him. He exhorted the pupils to be diligent in their studies, obedient and respectful to their teachers, to be kind and courteous to one another, and thus they would grow up useful and respected members of society, concluding by giving his blessing, and then requesting that the pupils be given the day as a holiday. His Lord-

ship expressed his pleasure at seeing such a substantial brick school house and the beautiful grounds overlooking the Chats Lake, at the confluence of the Madawaska River with the romantic Ottawa; and bidding a most cordial and affectionate good-bye to the teachers and pupils, took his departure, and thus was concluded a most pleasing incident in the history of the Amrrior Separate School.

BRANTFORD NOTES.

The visit of our bishop on Sunday is what we are all talking about and looking forward to. We are making preparations for an enthusiastic reception. The literary society gave a very interesting entertainment on Friday evening last in the school house, which was well attended and apparently much enjoyed. The society have closed their meetings until fall.

Rev. J. F. Lennon, after his return from Ireland some weeks since, was appointed to St. Mary's parish, Hamilton, and Rev. Father Cronin is now curate of St. Basil's.

The young man Michael T. Quinlan, who was killed on the Canada Southern at Brownsville, some four weeks since, was a son of Mr. John Quinlan of Brantford. The remains were brought here for burial. In their painful affliction the family received the deepest sympathy.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Chas. O'Connor's fine estate on North Shore, including his fire-proof library building, will pass by bequest into the hands of the Catholics of Nantucket.

The French Chamber of Deputies, 395 to 92, rejected the amendment of Bishop Freppel to the Army Recruiting Bill, exempting from military service young men training for holy orders.

It is stated that the Nun of Kenmare has been dispensed from her vows as a Poor Clare by the Pope, and that she will found a new congregation of "St. Joseph's Sisters of Peace," in England.

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