

SPIRITUAL ADVISERS.

In our Association we have the office of Supreme Spiritual Adviser. The Supreme Spiritual Adviser of every Catholic is his own pastor, in his parish. In some cases, an appeal to the Bishop should be taken in justice to all concerned, but the great rule is that your pastor is your Supreme Spiritual Adviser. To him you owe allegiance. Why? He has been placed over you. This man of God is with you from your birth until your death. He it is who makes the child an heir of heaven: it is he who follows you through life until he bends over your dying bed, and then in that supreme moment of your existence, becomes supreme in truth for you, when he bids the soul depart in peace, and pronounces the Godlike words, "I absolve thee from thy sins."

Faith teaches obedience. The humble submission of our will in all things which are right, is that requisite, which makes a brave man a hero. On our battle field the victor is the obedient soldier. On our battle field for eternal happiness our faith teaches that individual opinions are not tolerated. About human affairs we may have opinions, but in regard to faith, a humble submission is required, and whether we like it or not, we must obey the command, and accept whatever the Church teaches, because God has revealed it, Who cannot deceive or be deceived.

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR

In his Farewell Sermon - To the People of London, Said - Regarding Societies.

There were in the parish a certain number of societies some of whose object is purely religious. The League of the Sacred Heart is doing good work: it is well directed and well patronized. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an association for which he had the highest admiration. It does its allotted work in a quiet way and no one knows of the good it accomplishes but Almighty God. This society is said by some to be "old fashioned," but we must remember that so is the Catholic Church "old fashioned," and if this society is always careful to keep its regulations, no matter how "old-fashioned" they may be deemed, God would surely reward the members. This society has always had the blessing of the Church on its work. Amongst the women's societies we have, said he, the Children of Mary, the St. Anne's Society, the Consolers of Mary and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The last named society had supplied the altars with flowers and lights for this occasion, and, he considered, it was the best offering they could have made. Some of the members of these societies were not acting as he would like, but on the whole he had to thank the members for many acts of kindness received. There are, said he, still other societies which bear the name of Catholic, and of these the best, to his mind, was the C. M. B. A. It had an entirely unselfish object. The benefit to be derived from membership would be conferred only after the member had himself gone to his reward. In thus referring to the C. M. B. A. he did not wish his remarks to be constructed as finding fault with the other societies. With regard to the other societies they are very good. Still self is not forgotten, as the benefit is conferred upon the members while they

are living. Certain people enter these societies with this thought more than any other in view. People too often complain that they cannot contribute towards the church because they must pay their society assessment. This is no excuse. These society obligations are of our own contracting. They are not an obligation conferred upon us. We are, however, under an obligation of contributing towards the Church. He did not wish to find fault with the societies:—on the contrary all those which he approved in the beginning had his blessing—but he urged the necessity of careful inquiry before joining any society whatever. Some people entered associations of which the Church did not approve. This was always dangerous. To do this seemed to him a want of proper confidence in Almighty God. Why do they enter these societies? Solely for the advantages they confer. They may say they do not see anything wrong in them: but when the Church does not approve of them this should be a sufficient reason why we should not join them. They have their ritual, and of this the Catholic Church does not approve. We say Mass for you, said he, but not one of us would think of offering in it a prayer of his composition. The Church, which is the spouse of Christ, always prepares the prayers that are to be offered in public to Almighty God. Some of the prayers of these societies have in fact nothing Christian about them. A Catholic cannot conscientiously be a Chaplain in any society. No person in this country of ours would be allowed to plead before an ordinary court unless he were fully authorized and qualified so to do, as these courts are surrounded with a certain dignity and honor which require a suitable training. Now, as the court of heaven is infinitely superior to any earthly court, we can easily understand that any one who is not prepared for the work should not take part in it. Consequently, a Catholic should not act as Chaplain in any of these societies.

Referring to amusements undertaken by Catholic societies, his Grace admonished the members to be careful. Bearing as they do the prefix "Catholic," if anything unbecoming this name transpires, outsiders will blame the Church, not the members which compose the society. Personally he had an antipathy to anything bearing the name of Catholic being connected with public amusement.

His Grace's next admonition in parting from his congregation, was to the parents in regard to the rearing of their children. Take exceeding care of your children, said he. They are trusts given to you by Almighty God Himself. He could hardly conceive of a father or mother entering heaven without being able to say to Almighty God that all those souls which He had confided to their care, through their efforts, had also reached that heavenly abode. If through the parents' fault, their children's souls are lost, their reckoning will be a terrible one. Parents should teach their children by word but above all by good example the fulfilment of their duty. If you, parents, lead good lives, your children will imitate you, and they will be to you a source of joy and pride. Make your homes such as will content all the members of the family, and they will be a source of satisfaction. Then God will not allow your children to forget their duties to you. His Grace further exhorted the parents to always send their children to Catholic schools. He regretted to say, there are some Catho-

lics who are always ready to find fault with things Catholic. The object of education should be heaven, not earth. For a Catholic to send his children where they do not receive religious instruction is therefore positively wrong, when he can do otherwise. Here in this city, said he, Catholic education of a higher order is not much patronized. The parents seem to prefer to keep their children at home or send them to a school, where it were better they should not go. Catholic life, Catholic instinct will not be maintained in the future as in the past. The parents should send their children to such places where they will receive Catholic training by word and good example.

INSTALLATION OF ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR.

Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, Archbishop-elect, of Toronto, arrived there on Tuesday, 2nd Inst., at noon. His Grace travelled by the Canadian Pacific Railway line, the company placing a special car at his disposal. On leaving London in the morning he was accompanied by a number of the clergy and laity, who travelled with him to Toronto.

At the Union Station, the Archbishop was met by a considerable number of clergy and laymen who informally welcomed him to Toronto.

His Grace drove at once to St. Michael's Palace, where he rested during the day.

THE INSTALLATION.

The ceremonies of Wednesday morning attending the Installation of His Grace, the Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, Archbishop of Toronto, were very impressive. St. Michael's Cathedral was crowded for a considerable time before the beginning of the Solemn Pontifical High Mass. There were represented the hierarchy of Canada and the clergy of five or six dioceses, the administrative, official, and public bodies of the Dominion and Province and the laity of the dioceses of Toronto and London.

The Archbishop-elect attended by the prelates and visiting clergy, was received at the Cathedral door by Very Rev. Joseph J. McCann, Adm., and the priests of the diocese. All having taken their place in the sanctuary, Most Rev. Archbishop Gauthier, of Kingston, began the celebration of Solemn Pontifical High Mass, assisted by Rev. Father Sullivan, deacon, and Rev. Father Hand, sub-deacon, with Fathers Trayling and Gibney deacons of honor to the celebrant. Very Rev. Father Marjion was assistant priest. The Very Rev. Father McCann and Very Rev. Father Harris acted as deacons of honor to Archbishop O'Connor. The Rev. Dr. Treacy was master of ceremonies.

The Papal Letter of Appointment was read by Rev. Father Ryan, rector of the Cathedral, and Very Rev. Father McCann read the Faculties empowering the Archbishop to grant a Plenary Indulgence to those present, subject to the performance of the usual conditions.

TRANSLATION OF POPE LEO'S LETTER OF APPOINTMENT.

Venerable Brother, Health and Apostolic Benediction—Called though unworthy to the exalted office of the Supreme Apostolate of Christ's Church upon earth, we feel it our duty to be ever solicitous and watchful over every portion of Christ's Flock committed to our keeping, and especially to provide with the aid of God's providence as occasion may call for, worthy

pastors, who may rule the people entrusted to their care in tranquillity and peace, duly encouraging them both by word and work. It is well known that from earliest times, the right to appoint Bishops to vacant dioceses has been reserved to this Apostolic See: this right we maintain, and we therefore assert that any attempt by any other authority whatsoever, to appoint Bishops in the Church of Christ is utterly void and invalid.

Now, when the Archiepiscopal See of Toronto was deprived by death of its illustrious prelate, the Most Rev. John Walsh, of happy memory, and the sorrowing people of this portion of Christ's flock were left without a Shepherd, it became our duty, as it is our sole right, to provide a worthy successor. Wherefore, with thoughtful care and Apostolic solicitude, and with the advice of our Venerable Brothers, the Cardinals of the Propaganda, who are especially concerned in matters of Episcopal appointments, we turned our thoughts to you, Venerable Brother, who had already given splendid proof of learning, piety and other virtues that should adorn the Episcopal office.

Therefore, Most Venerable Brother, we hereby free you from the Episcopal bond that has hitherto bound you to the diocese of London, and by the exercise of our supreme apostolic authority, absolving you from all Ecclesiastical censures, pains and penalties, we solemnly constitute you Archbishop of Toronto, giving you plenary power, under our seal and direction, over all things spiritual and temporal that appertain to this Archdiocese. We confidently hope, too, that with the blessing of God, who ever watches with a special providence over the interests of His Church upon earth, that your wise and prudent administration will ever redound to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Given at Rome, at St. Peter's, under the Seal of the Fisherman, this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, the twenty first year of our Pontificate.

ALONSIUS CARDINAL MACCHI.

The sermon was preached by Right Rev. Dr. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton.

At the conclusion of the Mass Very Rev. Jean Egan, of Barrie, read an address from the clergy, and Mr. J. J. Foy, Q. C., M. P. P., read one from the laity.

The Archbishop replied to both addresses.

The Archbishops and Bishops in the sanctuary were: His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Duhamel, Archbishop of Ottawa; His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Bruchesi, Archbishop of Montreal; Right Rev. Bishop Lorrain, of Pembroke; Right Rev. Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough; Right Rev. Bishop Larocque, of Sherbrooke; Right Rev. Bishop Ungley, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Right Rev. Bishop Enard, of Valleyfield; Right Rev. Bishop Foley, of Detroit; Right Rev. Bishop Macdonell, of Alexandria; Right Rev. Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton; and Right Rev. Bishop Decelles, of St. Hyacinthe.

Telegrams and letters of regret for inability to be present were received from Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax; Bishop Macdonald, of Charlottetown; Bishop Rogers, of Chatham, N. B.; Bishop Sweeney, of St. John, N. B.; Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester; Bishop Blais, of Rimouski; the Bishop of Chicoutimi, and the Archbishop of St. Boniface.