

SILVER JUBILEE.

Father Sullivan Honored

The Church of the Holy Rosary at Thorold was, on the 10th instant, the scene of a most pleasing celebration. A large number of priests and a congregation filling the handsome temple were there to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father Sullivan's ordination. The Mass began at half-past ten. Father Conway, of the Diocese of Peterborough, who had prepared Father Sullivan for his first Communion, acted as deacon; while Father Gearm, pastor of Flos, was sub-deacon, and Father McIntee, of Port Colborne, master of ceremonies. The Very Rev. Dean Harris preached upon the occasion, drawing a touching and beautiful word picture of the scenes of the life of the priest who has closed his twenty-fifth year. In concluding, he offered in eloquent language the congratulations of all, priests and people, to Father Sullivan upon this happy day, and expressed the hope and prayer that he would be spared for years to enjoy the fruits of his arduous labors and to receive the continued blessings of those amongst whom he had worked so hard, until in the end he would have the happiness of hearing his Blessed Master say to him: Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things I will place thee over many. Enter into the joy of thy Lord.

When the sermon was finished, Father Harold, in the name of the priests of the archdiocese, read the following address:

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER—We, the clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto, come together here to-day to give public testimony of our esteem and affection for you. It is ever a source of pleasure for men whose lot is cast in the Sanctuary to watch the growth of virtue; but it is an especial reason for rejoicing to see the flowers of superlative priestly holiness blooming in the life of one of ourselves, the harvest of a quarter of a century of sedulous cultivation. It will not offend your delicacy, therefore dear brother, if, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination to the holy Priesthood, we invade the privacy of your life, and call attention to your meritorious work for the advancement of God's glory.

From early youth upward your zeal for the beauty of God's house singularly influenced your life; and whether as a student, a curate in the Holy Ministry, or a Pastor, responsible for immortal souls, and freighted with the fatiguing labours inseparable from a missionary life, you always found time to beautify the Altar and its appurtenances.

The toil and humiliations attending your efforts to collect funds wherewith to raise a worthy temple to the honor of the Most High you esteemed as nothing; and when the great work was accomplished—when, amid solemn chant and smoke of incense, the Holy Sacrifice was offered for the first time at this superb altar in this magnificent edifice, the production mainly of your generous zeal (the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary), your humble piety forbade you to seek for other praise than is written in the book of life.

But while your time was so fully taken up in this external, and in a manner material work, you did not fail to heed the Apostolic injunction to priests, to practice sobriety, chastity, prudence and hospitality—traits that ennoble and humanize while they sanctify and are beneficial as well to him who cultivates them as to the community whom they furnish with a model of characteristic Christian manhood. In a word, wherever you have laboured, dear brother, whether as friend among conferees, or as adviser among your flock, as the Christian man or as the *alter ego*, the Priest of Jesus, you have gone about like your Master, doing good and diffusing the "good odor of Christ."

We feel, dear brother, that in thus unobscuring ourselves to-day we reverence the priesthood by signaling the virtues its unction has produced. We honor you because we know as none others can the value of sympathy, and how powerful a factor of spiritual advance is the encouragement of the brethren amid the discomforts of earthly conflict.

We also honor ourselves by placing before our eyes for imitation the energizing example you furnish of fidelity to duty, persistent effort to achieve success, and humble bearing amid the laurels of victory that crown perseverance.

May God prolong your days in peace and joy of the spirit, and leave you many years yet in the vineyard to edify your brethren, and add increments to the glorious reward

awaiting the faithful priest in the realm of endless beatitude.

A valuable gold watch was given as the present of the priests. His Grace the Archbishop, who was unavoidably absent, had sent a beautiful Missal, which was then presented to Father Sullivan in the name of the venerable donor.

In reply, Father Sullivan, who was deeply touched, said:

VERY REV. AND REV. DEAR FATHERS—I thank you very sincerely for the kind words and fraternal feeling expressed towards me in your address. It is only another manifestation of the affectionate kindness I have experienced at your hands for the past twenty-five years.

I thank you very sincerely for the compliment you have paid me, and for the flattering picture you have drawn of my priestly life—a picture so complimentary that I must, in justice, associate it with your friendship for me. With characteristic generosity and kindness of heart, you are silent touching the weaknesses and shortcomings which, I feel, are inseparable from my daily life.

Your reference to my efforts in the construction of this splendid building in which we now worship is as timely as it is generous. This is hardly the occasion for me to dwell upon the months and years of serious labor and anxiety it cost me. But I may say, without incurring the charge of selfishness, that I taxed my strength to the utmost in its construction and completion. However, I was, all through, consoled with the thought that I was laboring in the service of God, and, according to my ability, advancing His honor and glory. Again, I was strengthened with the consoling assurance that I was laboring in behalf of a congregation that, for generosity and kindness of heart, are not surpassed by any other in the Province of Ontario. I think I do not exaggerate when I say that I, long ago, would have been discouraged, if not disheartened, if it were not for their generous assistance and the splendid and repeated testimonials of their friendship for me—a friendship which I value as something beyond price.

Very Rev. and Rev. dear Fathers, permit me to tax your patience a moment longer. A quarter of a century is a long period in the life of a priest. Yet during all that time I am your debtor for repeated acts of kindness shown to me—kindness which you have sounded out by this magnificent offering which you have presented to me to-day.

I am proud to be able to publicly acknowledge that the priests of this diocese are a credit to the Church in this Dominion, and I say this from an intimate association with them of twenty-five years—an association that has ripened into a friendship which has been to me a source of perpetual consolation.

I again beg to thank you for the gift you have presented to me, and for the warm, generous words of consolation, which have added to and immeasurably enhanced the value of your presentation.

Mr. David Battle, on behalf of the congregation, read the following address:

DEAR FATHER SULLIVAN—On this occasion, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your elevation to the priesthood, we, your parishioners, with hearts full of joy, meet and greet you, our beloved pastor and best friend.

For twenty-two long years you have been with us, laboring earnestly in the cause of our holy religion, and your work indeed has borne fruit. The grand buildings you have erected in the parish—this beautiful church, the admiration of all who see it, the convent, the school, and the parochial residence—all testify to your zeal and energy, and to the severe labor you have undergone in their construction.

The spiritual and temporal welfare of those committed to your care has always been foremost in your thoughts, and ever and always have we found you ready to do all in your power in our behalf.

Your life, while among us, has been a self-sacrificing one—a daily setting forth of everything that constitutes a good, sincere, devout, Christian life, a fitting example for all of us to follow.

The high standing you occupy in the estimation of our non-Catholic friends is a fact in which we take the greatest pride, and the harmony existing between them and us is, in a great measure, due to that spirit of kindness and good will which you extend to all men.

As a tribute of our respect and love for you, we present the accompanying purse with our best wishes for your health and happiness, and with the sincere hope that we may have our own dear pastor with us for many years yet to come.

Signed on behalf of your parishioners.

- DAVID BATTLE, PATRICK McMAHON,
- THOS. CONLON, JOHN HILLMAN,
- WM. CAITWELL, THOS. FREEL,
- JOSEPH BATTLE, THOMAS FOLEY,
- PATRICK O'NEIL, ED. J. REILLY,
- MATTHEW P. O'NEIL, JOHN CONLON,
- EDWARD P. FOLEY.

Thorold, Aug. 16, 1893.

The purse alluded to contained six hundred dollars. A third address was then read from the members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, accompanied with a gift of one hundred dollars.

Father Sullivan replied in very fitting terms, thanking his good people, not only for their kind generosity on the present occasion, but also for the many years during which he had lived amongst them. He also took the opportunity of thanking his non-Catholic fellow-citizens whom he had always found most obliging, and from whom he had received numberless kindnesses.

Besides the priests already mentioned, the following were also present: Very Rev. Deans Cassidy and Egan, and Fathers Kavanagh, C.M., President of Niagara University, Peely, President of St. Michael's College, Barrott, O.S.B.; Kreidt, O.M.C.; Allain, Carberry, Crinnon, of Hamilton; Gallagher, Gibney, Jeffcott, Kearney, E. Kiernan, Kilcullen, La Fontaine, Lynch, Lynott, Moyna, McCoil, K. McRae, Rohleder, Smyth, Trayling, J. Walsh and Whitney. A brother of Father Sullivan, who is a member of the Congregation of Missions, Father J. Sullivan, had come up from Philadelphia, where he is Master of Novices, to witness the celebration. Another member of the family, Sister Nativity, of St. Joseph's Convent, Toronto, had also the happiness of being there.

After the religious services were over the clergy adjourned to Father Sullivan's residence, where he entertained them with a sumptuous banquet, the only layman present being a brother of the host, Captain Sullivan.

C. M. B. A.

LONDON, July 28, 1893.

To the Editor of the Catholic Register

DEAR SIR—The following resolutions were moved by Bro. T. J. O'Meara, seconded by Bro. P. F. Boyle and Father Tieran and unanimously adopted:

Whereas the conventions as heretofore held by the Grand Council of the C.M.B.A. of Canada have entailed an extraordinary expense on said Grand Council, necessitating the borrowing of money to meet the same; and whereas future conventions of said Grand Council, if held as formerly, will necessarily be more expensive; and whereas by Dominion Act of Parliament the said Grand Council has authority to establish Provincial and Territorial Councils; we, the members of Branch No. 4 of the C. M. B. A. of London, Ont., hereby

Resolve—That it would be greatly to the interests of the C. M. B. A. of Canada to have such provincial and territorial Councils established, believing that each provincial and Territorial Council would have no difficulty in meeting its own expenses, and that the conventions then held by the Grand Council would be comparatively inexpensive on account of the small number of delegates received.

Be it further resolved that the Grand President and Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of Canada be hereby requested to take such steps at as early a date as possible as will lead to the formation of said Provincial and Territorial Councils.

Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent the Grand President, and also published in our official organs the *Catholic Record* and *CATHOLIC REGISTER*.

Yours,
WM. CUMMINGS, Rec. Sec.

Death of Mrs. Catharine Kneiff.

It is our sad duty to record the death of Mrs. Catharine Kneiff, widow of the late Joseph Kneiff of Stratford, Ontario, which occurred on Friday evening at 6 o'clock at her residence, 108 Norman street, Stratford. The deceased was mother of Mr. E. J. Kneiff, late editor and publisher of the *Times*. She had been failing in health for a number of years, and recently entered the city hospital for treatment; but receiving no benefit, she returned to her home, where she peacefully passed away.

Mrs. Kneiff was a native of the city of Regensburg, Bavaria, in her early life emigrating to Canada. Over forty years ago, in Stratford, she married the late Joseph Kneiff, who pre-deceased her by several years. Her life since her marriage was spent in Stratford, her husband having accumulated a very handsome fortune in his business as a boot and shoe merchant. She was a devoted Catholic, and possessed a charitable heart and most kindly disposition, as many who have been the subjects of her generosity can testify. By her will is given to the city Hospital \$1,000; to the St. Vincent de

Paul Society, \$200; to the maintenance of the cemetery, \$200; and \$1,000 toward the building of a House of Refuge. A condition in consultation with the latter bequest provides that unless the House of Refuge is erected within three years the donation will revert to the hospital. Her son Edward is the only surviving member of her family; six sons and daughters—have been lost to her through death.

The funeral took place on Monday, Aug. 14, to St. Joseph's Church, where High Mass was sung by Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D.D., the pastor, assisted by Rev. Father Dixon, P. P. of Ashfield, as deacon, and Rev. J. A. Laine as sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Gnan, from the text: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their good works do follow them."

THE CATHOLIC REGISTER offers its heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing son and other relatives. May her soul rest in peace.

Peterborough Separate Schools.

Mr. Wm. Brick, whose resignation of the position of principal of the boys' Separate Schools was noticed in yesterday's *Examiner*, has returned to town from a holiday trip in Western Ontario. He will remain till the end of the week, when he will go to Kingston, where he has accepted the principalship of the Separate Schools of that city at a salary of \$800. Mr. Brick has filled the position of principal of our Separate School for three and a half years with entire acceptability to the Board, and with a teaching success of which the results of the entrance and other examinations give practical proof. He has also been active in the promotion of educational interests outside his official sphere. As the energetic and, one may say, enthusiastic secretary of the Catholic Association, he has had a very large share in the success it achieved, during his connection with it. Mr. Brick will be much mixed in Peterborough in educational, literary and social circles, and the *Examiner* joins with his many friends in wishing him much success in his new field of usefulness.

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St. Paul's Picnic.

A picnic in aid of St. Paul's Church is to be held on the 28th of August, Toronto's Civic Holiday, in the grounds of the House of Providence. Every arrangement has been made to contribute to the enjoyment of the day. The band of the I.C.B.U. will be in attendance. The worthy and indefatigable pastor, Father Hand, is doing everything in his power to make it a success, and, with the able assistance of his congregation, will make it very pleasant to while away a few hours.

Loretto Abbey.

The following young ladies, pupils of Loretto Abbey, Wellington Place, have been successful in obtaining diplomas for Stenography from the Head College, London, England: Misses K. Leonard, L. Nash, A. Badgley, I. Murlock, A. Owen. The following were awarded certificates for accuracy in learner's style: Misses M. Byrnes, M. Ford and W. McNally.

Correction.

Miss Lane, whose name was inadvertently omitted in our last issue when reference was made to St. Basil's Garden Party, had charge of the Flower and Candy Booth, energetically assisted by Misses Stewart, Johnston and Fleming, and by her exertions greatly contributed to the success of this most successful of garden parties.

Picnic at Richmond Hill.

This picnic is to be held on the 28th of August, and will be one of the largest affairs of the kind ever held in this vicinity. Richmond Hill is very prettily situated on Yonge Street, and within a pleasant drive of Toronto. Most satisfactory arrangements have been made to contribute to the day's enjoyment.

I. C. B. Union.

At the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, held in Pittsburgh, Pa., last week, Mr. J. J. Behan, of Kingston, Ontario, was elected First Vice-President, an honor which he well deserves on the score of ability and faithful service.

Poor Blood.

Persons, sick and convalescent, whose blood grows poor and thin, who have a distaste for food, whose members grow cold and inactive, whose sleep is agitated and uneasy, who have no energy and disinclination to work, whose flesh is wasting away, should use Almoxia Wine, recommended by all the principal physicians. Giacomelli & Co., 18 King street West, Toronto, sole agents for Canada. Sold by all druggists.

James O'Dowd, Esq., Deputy Judge Advocate-General, has been recently the guest of his cousin, the Crown-Solicitor of Mayo, Mr. Malachy Kelly.