

invited to meet the Archbishop at luncheon, began to arrive, and were presented individually to His Grace by the Bishop in the large parlor.

After some little time passed in conversation, interchanging salutations, &c., all proceeded to the temporary dining hall (the apartment just over the parlor destined for library and clerical conference rooms) where tables (consisting of one head table across the room, with two others extending from its extremities at right angles and parallel to each other, forming three sides of a square) were set so as to conveniently accommodate 68 persons, the guests sitting at both sides of it all around. The Rt. Rev. host, the Bishop of Chatham, occupied the central place at the head table, with his Most Rev. Guest, the Archbishop of Halifax, at his right; next to His Grace and on his right, was the Hon. M. Adams, Surveyor General, then Rev. E. F. Murphy (Secretary to the Archbishop) and James Mitchell, Esq., of Newcastle. On the left of the Bishop of Chatham was His Honor Judge Wilkinson, Rev. Wm. Varrily of Bathurst, J. P. Burchill, Esq., M. P. P., Charles Sargeant, Esq. On the opposite side of this central table facing the host was the Hon. Allan Davidson, M. L. C., on his right were Alex. McDougall, Esq., of Oak Point, and T. F. Gillespie, Esq., M. P. P., of Chatham. On Mr. Davidson's left and opposite to the Archbishop were Francis J. Manns, Esq., M. P. P., of Bathurst, and Dr. McDonald of Chatham, both college friends of His Grace, near whom also, presiding at one end of head table, was another college friend and classmate, the Rev. Joseph A. Babincau, of Tracadie. Opposite to Father Babincau, at the other end of head table, was Rev. Theophilus Allard, of Eel River, Restigouche. In central positions at the two side tables presided other Priests of the Diocese, and prominent members of the R. C. congregation of Chatham, with principal guests at either side of them. At the two extreme ends, as Vice Presidents to the host, presided respectively the Rev. Thomas J. Bannon, of Chatham, and Rev. Patrick W. Dixon, of Newcastle, with guests at either side of them. Thus disposed, the company discussed the good things so promptly served by the ladies of the congregation under the supervision of Thomas F. Keary, Esq., who had kindly accepted the office of Committee man to direct this important department.

We may here mention our appreciation of the kind consideration of those whose

Pope, might select one, if he so judged it best, to appoint to the Vacant Metropolitan See of Halifax, the name of our Most Reverend Guest was placed foremost on the list. Subsequently when the Holy Father selected and appointed Dr. O'Brien to the vacant See, we were all delighted. And why? Because in that nomination we recognized the finger of God, the hand of Providence, the just recognition of merit, the reward of humility, amiability, industry, earnest piety and intellectual success, which had distinguished the young but assiduous student all through his course, at St. Dunstan's in P. E. Island, at the Propaganda College in Rome, and as a Priest on the mission who still cherished his favorite studies, and who reflected the light of his own mind on his fellow men, in his literary and philosophic publications. When our own opinion and experience of the man became thus confirmed by the highest official authority in our church, we felt humbly grateful and confident. It is to give expression to that pleasure of ours, to congratulate him, and to congratulate all the inhabitants of these Maritime Civil Provinces which compose the Ecclesiastical Province of Halifax, that we unite to-day. For not only to the religious man, the clergyman, or layman, who will be subject to his authority, is such an appointment a matter of interest, but to every citizen no matter what may be his creed or politics. For religion is the basis of civil society—religion by inspiring men with the fear and love of God, will make them good and just to one another, and will thus diminish the necessity for penal laws—for officers of justice to punish the wicked. Religion in this way supplies the place of constables, by diminishing the necessity for them, on account of the just and upright sentiments and acts of those whom it inspires and influences. Hence not only members of our church but all wise statesmen and others having wisdom and interest in the peace and happiness of society, feel pleased when men whom they know to be worthy, are appointed to offices of such high trust and responsibility. It is moreover an encouragement to our youth—an incentive to them to be industrious and faithful to their studies and duties—seeing that the hope of reward for merit is not vain. I propose then my toast, 'Health, long life, and successful administration of his office, to our New Metropolitan, the Most Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax.' *Ad multos annos!*

The toast was received with prolonged applause.

When His Grace Archbishop O'Brien stood up to reply the applause was again renewed and lasted for some time.

*My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen:*

"I must acknowledge to some embarrassment in rising to reply to this toast. I am not accustomed to alter dinner speeches,—indeed, I may say I never made one before. I feel somewhat like the clergyman of whom I heard an anecdote. He had been directed by his Bishop to prepare to preach on the following Sunday from a text which the Bishop was to furnish him. From day to day he

whose labors in the cause of religion, patriotism, morality, education, charity are esteemed not only by his flock, but by all his kind and worthy neighbors, of what creed soever. I do not wish to express indifference in matters of religious belief. No, far from that. Each one should faithfully adhere to conscientious convictions. But we are doing so, firmly and faithfully, he unite with his fellow-citizens in all social and business matters; for in these respects we are one. What interests one interests all, in everything which promotes the general welfare of country and of society. What the Bishop of Chatham has done to promote the welfare of all, both in Church and State, is well known to you all, gentlemen; therefore I propose his health, which was received with hearty demonstrations of approval.

Bishop Rogers responded briefly and cordially, thanking His Grace and all present. He said that in regard to the progress and the progress made since he was appointed to administer the Diocese of Chatham he felt grateful to God, to his clergy and people, and to his neighbors and friends who in every way aided in the work. But what had been done was accomplished by the agents, all of whom unitedly, and one for his own share, claimed proportionate merit. As to himself he was the one in office; any other in the office would have done as well, if not better. Though he did not intend to do this to-day, yet the words of His Grace seemed to call for the explanation as to-morrow would be the anniversary of our fire and the first anniversary we are residing in the rebuilt Episcopate residence, we purpose celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for our re-establishment in our new buildings, and also to beg God's blessing and reward for all who helped us in any way whatsoever, whether by money, material, sympathy or otherwise, to build. To-morrow being Wednesday, Ember Week, is a fast-day, and a day of particular devotion and prayer in honor of the Pastors of the Church. But in a particular manner, while obeying the laws of the Church in regard to the fast, we shall enjoy a double spiritual feast,—first, because of said merriment, and, secondly, because of the presence of our Spiritual Father and Provincial Chief, His Grace the Archbishop. Renewing his grateful thanks to all present His Lordship resumed his amid loud applause.

His Honor Judge Wilkinson arose in the name of all the Laity, expressing his thanks to the Bishop of Chatham for the opportunity thus afforded them of coming to meet and pay their respects to His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax. His Grace, he said, had, like the man alluded to, succeeded in making an admirable address, notwithstanding reluctance to speak on the text—*SEMPER*. But he (Judge Wilkinson) of an author who wrote an excellent book, basing his reasoning on the text, "I," "Cognito," "I think," am conscious of my own existence from this text, or first principle completed an admirable work. [The