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Golden Jubilee Of St. Michael's College

Grand Celebration on Tuesday and Wednesday—The Opening Sermon
Preached by Bishop O'Connor

Speech of the Apostolic Delegate at Alumni Dinner

1852-1902. The Golden Jubilee of hard and fruitful effort of the Basilian Fathers in St. Michael's College was gloriously celebrated on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, opening upon the day when Pope Leo, the most illustrious patron of Catholic education that ever ruled the Church, had passed the years of Peter's pontificate. The impressive ceremonies of both days were attended by the direct representative of the Pope in Canada, and by all the members of the hierarchy of Ontario, as well as by a distinguished gathering of the clergy and laity. The Alumni rallied to the call of St. Michael's from widely separated parts of the continent and representatives of sister institutions of learning came from far and near.

The Pontifical High Mass on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with which the celebration opened was one of the most stately religious events in the history of Toronto. The celebrant was His Excellency Mgr. Donatus Sbarretti, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, who on entering the Church of St. Basil was attended by many robed bishops and priests in procession. The processional strains were borne in front.

All who took part in the procession entered the Sanctuary and disposed themselves in stately order around the Apostolic Delegate. There were present Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, Archbishop of Toronto; Most Rev. Charles H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston; Most Rev. Joseph T. Duhamel, Archbishop of Ottawa; Right Rev. Dr. Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton; Right Rev. Dr. McEvay, Bishop of London; Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough; Right Rev. Dr. Macdonnell, Bishop of Alexandria; Right Rev. Dr. Lorrain, Bishop of Pembroke; Mgr. Heenan, Dundas.

BISHOP O'CONNOR'S SERMON.

The sermon of the day, and of the Jubilee, was preached by His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, of Peterborough. He took for his text the following words:

"Teach me goodness and discipline and knowledge."—Pa. 118-66.

Your Excellency, my Lords, Rev. Fathers and Dearly Beloved Brethren: The occasion that invites us here to-day is one of unusual occurrence and of so great importance as to mark a distinctive era for Catholic education in this Province. A joyful feast has assembled us in this church to praise and thank Almighty God that the College of St. Michael has passed the half century of its existence, and to testify our appreciation

of the great and noble work accomplished by it for Catholic higher education during that period, as well as to encourage the Rev. Professors in their self-sacrificing and devoted labors for the future.

Permit me to call your attention to the meaning and importance of Catholic higher education, both as to clergy and laity, that you may the better understand your duty on that subject and may estimate the great work done by the Basilian Fathers during the past fifty years.

At the present time the question of education is attracting the most attention of all classes of the community and large sums of money are expended every year for the purpose of affording a liberal education to the youth of the country. Education to be complete requires instruction in the higher as well as in the lower branches of science, because the guides and leaders in every country require a good course of pure and sound philosophy that they may be enabled to meet and discuss the questions of the day with minds well balanced and trained on Christian principles. In a new country like ours, where a nation is to be built upon a deep and solid foundation and the aspirations and character of the people are to be moulded upon equitable and noble principles, there is great need of educational institutions of a high order to train and fashion men for guiding the affairs of our country in a proper manner. In this land, where a large field exists for the advancement of industrial and educational young men of our faith, it is very necessary that our youth who have ability and talent to fill leading positions in church and state should receive a superior education. As they are expected to be leaders in upbuilding the country and its institutions, it is of the utmost importance that they acquire true and Catholic principles to make them safe guides and leaders of public thought and action.

Hence it is that the question of education in this higher as well as in the lower branches has always occupied a foremost place in the Catholic Church. Her divine Founder gave her the commission to go and teach all nations and she has ever since faithfully exercised her duty in that regard. She knows that the usefulness of man's life both for himself and for society depends upon education founded upon a religious basis. She teaches that man's fate for eternity depends on a true or false education. The knowledge that she imparts is sanctified by the light of faith and God is never lost sight of when studying the wonderful works of His hands. As her children advance in science they are taught to advance also in love for the Lord of science. Man without religious instruction is powerless to accomplish the purpose of his creation.

The Catholic Church holds that the supreme destiny of man is not attained in this life; that man is destined for a higher and supernatural purpose and that purpose consists in the sharing of the divine life. Consequently, we should always keep in view the ultimate purpose of existence. Hence the general principle which underlies Catholic education is that physical and intellectual, moral and religious instruction shall not be separated. All the forms of education must work together for the moulding of character and the practice of virtue.

If a child is trained from the outset to look upon religious training as something alien, if we insist merely on the intellectual side of education, if no effort is made to develop even the natural virtues, the child that leaves school or college will have formed the conviction, not perhaps consciously, that morality and religion are not necessities to make him a man or her a woman, but something elegant but superfluous.

The Catholic Church, recognizing this necessity of a sound religious education and knowing the importance

of training her children in the higher branches of knowledge, has established colleges and universities in all countries where she has planted the light of faith. Everywhere the history of the world announces that in the Catholic Church sanctity went hand in hand with learning.

The Catholic Church demands the right and power to instruct and educate her children. She gives indeed all that the world can give of human knowledge to her children, but she is careful to mingle with it the element of divine knowledge by faith.

She requires her candidates for the priesthood to undergo a long and severe mental and religious training that they may be properly fitted for discharging the duties of their high and holy vocation. In like manner it is her desire and aim that her children of the laity, whose talents and habits give evidence of being capable of rising to prominence in secular occupations, should also have the opportunity of acquiring a sound Catholic education in the higher branches of knowledge. Our co-religionists of French extraction especially in the Province of Quebec, have liberally endowed colleges and universities for the youth of their nationality principally.

The graduates of those institutions are amongst the most renowned scholars in church and state throughout the Dominion. Our people who speak the English language need to have a thorough system of higher education to enable their sons to compete in every profession with the children of those who at present possess superior educational advantages. To attain this object every Catholic should do his utmost to advance the cause of superior Catholic education. Through our Catholic colleges are superior to others in religious and moral training, still they are far behind them in financial support and endowments. In this respect our Catholic institutions have not at their command ample bursaries like those of other religious bodies. We may state that up to the present no generous Catholic has poured his thousands into the endowment funds of St. Michael's College. Its educational work has been carried on by the resources of the self-sacrificing Basilian Fathers. They are contented to live upon a bare pittance for their personal needs and they ask you to enable them to continue their glorious work of imparting a superior education to the Catholic youth of our country.

No doubt but many of our Catholics, whose industry and talents have enabled them, to accumulate a fair share of this world's wealth, will henceforth bestow a portion of it as an endowment fund to St. Michael's College, thereby enabling it to rank amongst the foremost educational institutions of this Province.

Let us briefly review the educational work accomplished by St. Michael's College during the past 50 years of its existence. More than half a century ago the saintly Bishop De Charbonnel invited the Basilian Fathers to send a few of their members from France to found a college in Toronto. Five zealous and devoted pioneers, three of them natives of France and two of Ireland, left their country for that purpose. In September, 1852, was begun the embryo St. Michael's College in a rented house on Queen street opposite the present Metropolitan Church, with the kind and beloved Father Soulerin as Superior. On the opening day seven pupils were enrolled and amongst them your humble servant. After four months the north wing of St. Michael's Palace on Church street was completed and the college was removed to that building. In a few years the attendance became so large that new quarters were sought after. Thanks, everlasting thanks, to the noble and devout Hon. John Elmsley the spacious grounds around us were generously donated, and in 1856 the college was removed to this site after



The Papal Ablegate.

the church and western section of the present building were completed. Later on additions and improvements were made until to-day we behold with pleasure the magnificent pile of buildings that surround us. Like the mustard seed the beginning of St. Michael's College was small and apparently insignificant, but in the course of half a century it has grown in size and numbers until it has attained its present proportions and educated thousands of young men. The holy and earnest founders have passed away, crowned with successful labors, but the memory of Fathers Soulerin, Moloney, Malbos, Vincent and Flannery will remain enshrined in the hearts of their pupils and in the annals of the college.

Their work has been faithfully continued and successfully carried on by learned and zealous men, whose lives are devoted to the higher education of Catholic youth.

During the past fifty years thousands of young men have been trained and educated in the truths of religion and science, and they have gone forth from this institution with their characters formed to principles of justice and charity, so that numbers of them have made their mark in church and state as leaders of thought and action, and have gained honor and renown for themselves and their Alma Mater. St. Michael's College claims



REV. FATHER TEEFY.

amongst its graduates many who are holding prominent positions in Canada and the United States. Some are exercising their vocation in the learned professions, others are engaged in commerce, besides hundreds who are distinguished amongst the clergy and no less than five in the episcopacy. Truly may the Basilian Fathers feel a pardonable pride in the immense amount of good accomplished by their zeal and labors in the cause of Catholic higher education and during the past fifty years. If so much has been done in the past what may not be expected in the future, especially when there is hope that some of our wealthy Catholics will contribute generous endowments to this distinguished institution of learning. If we are anxious that our talented and capable

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Apostolic Delegate's Visit to Toronto

Received in St. Michael's Cathedral on Sunday—Archbishop O'Connor's Words of Welcome in Behalf of the Clergy and Laity

Visits to Educational and Religious Institutions

His Excellency the Papal Ablegate, who arrived in the city on Saturday evening at 7.30 from Ottawa, celebrated the 9 o'clock Mass in St. Michael's Cathedral, on Sunday, and in the afternoon at 3.30 a public reception was tendered him by the Catholic clergy and laity, the ceremony being also held in the Cathedral. Promptly at the half-hour was struck the procession of clergy left the palace on Church street and wended its way around Shuter and Bond streets to the main entrance to the Cathedral. Rev. Father Murray of the palace was cross-bearer, and accompanied by two acolytes, led the way; then the altar boys, followed by the Christian Brothers, with Rev. Brother Odo Baldwin, Superior, the priests of the city in surplice and soutane, the officers of the service in their vestments, and Mons. Sbarretti, and Archbishop O'Connor, in their robes. Four little pages held the train of the Ablegate as he moved along between the guard of honor. At the door of the Cathedral Vicar-General McCann received the Ablegate. The church was crowded to the doors and beyond. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with the Papal colors—yellow and white—and the high altar was a blaze of light. Many rich flowers were also used in the decoration.

When the Sanctuary was reached Mons. Sbarretti bestowed the Papal benediction on the congregation. The rubrical prayers for such an occasion to St. Michael and for the Pope were then said, after which the Archbishop on behalf of the clergy and laity of the city and diocese welcomed the Ablegate in a very warm and hearty manner. He mentioned the great love and veneration held by the Catholics of Toronto for the Holy Father, and instanced the great devotion shown by the people during the recent jubilee year of the Pope.

Mons. Sbarretti in his reply thanked the Catholics of Toronto for their hearty welcome, and told of the great happiness it was to the Pope that, while in the old world there was much to make his heart sad, from the continent of North America, during his jubilee, a great shout of joy was sent up for loyalty to the Holy Father and devotion to the Church. He told of the many nations and people that were represented at the Papal court during the jubilee, but to America, where the Church enjoyed full liberty, the Pope looked with eyes of hope.

Mons. Sbarretti gave the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the musical numbers of which were "O Salutaris," sung by Miss Foley, and Wigan's "Tantum Ergo," chorus. Rev. Fathers Brennan and Hand acted as deacon and sub-deacon, with Rev. Dr. Tracey as master of ceremonies. Vicar-General McCann assisted the Archbishop at the throne. The following priests were present in the Sanctuary: O'Donnell, Williams, O'Leary, Teefy, Gallagher, Walsh, McIntee, Canning, Wm. McCann, Minahan, L. Minahan, Rohleder, Lamarche, Barrett and Dering.

AT ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT.
A brilliant reception and a distinguished Company to Greet the Delegate.

A brilliant reception was tendered His Excellency, Mgr. Donatus Sbarretti, the Apostolic Delegate, at St. Joseph's Academy on Wednesday at 4 p.m. At 6.30 His Excellency celebrated Mass in the Convent Chapel. At the afternoon a musical entertainment given in his honor. He was accompanied by His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, His Lordship the Bishop Lorrain of Pembroke, and all the clergy who had attended the Pontifical Requiem Mass in the morning.

A large and fashionable audience, composed of the friends of the young lady pupils of the Academy, filled the Assembly Hall, which was artistically decorated with the Papal colors. The young ladies were attired in the black convent uniform, relieved by Papal colors. The address of welcome was couched in exceedingly graceful and beautiful language and displayed intense loyalty to the Holy See. Apposite and delicate allusion was made to His Excellency's work for the Church's cause in Washington

LORETTO ABBEY.
His Excellency Monsignor Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, attended by Very Rev. Vicar-General J. J. McCann, Very Rev. Chancellor F. F. Rohleder and Rev. W. J. McCann, Convent Chaplain, offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Monday April 27, at eight o'clock, at Loretto Abbey, which was assisted at by the Community and pupils. The hymns sung at the recent Jubilee Celebration of the Holy Father were again very appropriately repeated. At the Offertory, the upper choir announced in solo voice "O remus pro Pontifice Nostro Leone," which was taken up by the full choir in response. After the Elevation a beautiful hymn to the Blessed Sacrament was sung with much devotional effect. At the conclusion both choirs sang in jubilant exultation the refrain.

Papam protege
Hostes reprime
Stet Petri cathedra
Salutis regula!

Immediately after Mass the religious of the community were individually presented to His Excellency, who addressed them in words full of encouragement to continue the good work of their vocation—a work so dear to the heart of the Sovereign Pontiff—reminding them at the same time not to be unmindful of their own sanctification.

At four o'clock in the afternoon His Excellency again returned to the Abbey to a formal reception given by the pupils. The reception was held in the large concert hall, which was decorated with the Papal colors. As His Excellency, accompanied by His Grace Archbishop O'Connor of Toronto, Very Rev. J. J. McCann, Very Rev. F. Rohleder, Very Rev. J. Barrett, C.S.S.R., Rev. F. Canning, Rev. H. Sullivan, Rev. W. McCann, Rev. J. Williams, Rev. J. Gallagher, Rev. J. Walsh, Rev. J. Gallagher, Rev. J. O'Donnell and Rev. P. Lamarche, proceeded to the dais erected in the centre of the hall, the Largo of Handel was rendered by organ, piano and violins. The senior pupils then came forward—a radiant vision of youthful loveliness—each wearing a sash of Papal colors. Fully 200 were on the platform. The choral welcome, "Loretto greets you with gladness pleasure singing the praise of Great Leo's Name!" was followed by an address delivered by Miss T. McKenna.

After presenting the illuminated address, a real work of decorative and arabesque art, the little ones sang most sweetly to the accompaniment of a quartette of violinists of their own school, a charming bit of melody, after which each pupil of the different classes had the honor of being presented to His Excellency. At the close of this function His Excellency arose and in words of affection congratulated them on their loyalty to the Holy See and the privilege they had of being educated by the religious of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the duty they consequently owed to the church, society and themselves—dwelling on the power for good in the cause of religion and morality, they as the future hope of the Church and state should exert. Not until the last echo of the vibrant strains of "God Bless our Pope, the Great, the Good" died away did the distinguished audience retire.

The following pupils participated in the entertainment: The Misses McLean, O'Keefe, Clark, McDonald, Mulren, Ross, Kennedy, T. McDonald, McKinley, O'Shea, Devine, Morris, Conlon, C. Murphy, Dewey, McNulty, McKinnon, Payette, Dooley, Eileen Priddy, Corti and McGoey.

The Apostolic Delegate also visited several of the city churches, including St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

WANT COLONEL LYNCH RELEASED.
London, April 21.—Mr. C. R. Devlin, M. P., took a conspicuous part at the National Convention in Dublin. He moved a resolution, asserting that the release of Arthur Lynch, convicted of treason, would commend itself to all classes of the community, and tend to secure better feeling among Irishmen, irrespective of creed or party. The resolution was carried unanimously.

The Government is certain to release Lynch shortly.

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