

THE IRISH PROTESTANT SYNOD AND THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

(Dublin Correspondence of the Catholic Times).

At the Protestant Synod which concluded its sittings on Friday, April 15, in the Synod Hall, Christchurch Place, several of the members spoke in terms of praise of the Christian brothers. Dr. Archdall, Bishop of Killaloe, repeated and emphasised the eulogy which he passed upon their work last year. The Rev. Dr. Tristram advocated Protestant teaching orders. He did not say how they should be composed. Look, he said, at the Christian Brothers, the most faithful, devoted and earnest men the world had ever seen. He had the deepest and most unfeigned respect for them. The Rev. B. Moffett referred to the increasing number of Protestant children who were being sent to schools conducted by Monastic Orders of the Catholic Church. While admiring the self-sacrifice of those who devoted all their lives to the good of their fellow creatures, he would greatly prefer to have Protestant children taught under Protestant influences and not under the influences of those Orders. "Was the Church of Ireland," he asked, "going to stand idly by while its children were being educated by means of the alms of Catholics? Catholics who object to the Protestant influences of Trinity College are laughed at by wisecracks of the type of Mr. Moffett, who only feel when the shoe pinches in their own case. As for the Protestant teaching Orders advocated by Dr. Tristram, they will be established when educated Protestants are found willing to make the self-sacrifice that the Christian Brothers make, and when wealthy Protestants are prepared to contribute to their support as the poor Catholics now do to the support of their teaching Orders.

FUNERAL OF MRS. N. D. BECK
Touching Sermon by Father Leduc.

Edmonton Evening Journal, May 2nd.

Very large was the attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. Beck, wife of N. D. Beck, K.C., which was held this morning from the General Hospital, and very impressive was the funeral service held in the Roman Catholic Church, the large auditorium of which was filled with sorrowing friends of the deceased, and sympathizing acquaintances of the bereaved husband.

During Sunday the remains lay in state in the General Hospital, and many near friends during the day viewed all that was mortal of one who was loved and respected by all who knew her. Her casket was covered with tokens of sympathetic regard. The Law Society of the N.W.T. sent a floral anchor, the local bar a wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Emery a floral cross, and Messrs. Newall and Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. R. Almon, Madame A. Lapresle, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wilkins, Wetaskiwin, and other intimate friends sent floral tokens.

The funeral cortege left the hospital at 9.30 this morning and proceeded to the Church, where High Mass was impressively celebrated by Rev. Father Jan, O.M.I., Rev. Father Leduc preached the funeral sermon. The venerable Father spoke on eloquent terms of the departed. Taking as his text the words of St. Paul, "I have fought the fight, I have kept the faith," he spoke of the kindness of the one lamented, of her amiability, of her zeal for the house of God, of her boundless devotedness to religious instruction, of her great faith in the real presence of the Lord and of her self-sacrificing work in the cause of religion. She truly had "fought the fight, had kept the faith." And the source of her faith and her generosity was her devotedness to the Blessed Sacrament, to the blessed person and the heart of Jesus. This was the food of her soul. Depending on Christ's promises to give life everlasting, fortified by the sacraments of the Church, she passed to a grander life beyond. With fervor the Rev. Father closed his sermon with an appeal for religious observance and preparation for the true and everlasting life beyond the grave.

At the close of the service the Dies Irae was intoned by Rev. Father Merrer, of St. Albert, and the funeral procession passed out of the church and on to the Roman Catholic cemetery. A very large number of carriages followed the richly draped hearse, the funeral arrangements being under the direction of Mr. J. A. Appleby.

The pall-bearers were: The Hon. Mr. Justice Scott, Messrs. E. C. Emery, G. R. F. Kirkpatrick, C. W. Strathy, A. R. Chisholm and St. Larue.

There were present the members of the local bar, including Mayor William Short, C. deW. McDonald, Crown prosecutor, J. C. F. Bown, C. W. Cross, O. M. Biggar, A. F. Ewing, W. A. Griesbach, H. D. Dawson, J. E. Wallbridge, C. F. Newall, L. Dubuc, S. E. Bolton, I. S. Cowan, H. C. Taylor, J. R. Boyle, Wilfrid Garipey, W. deV. LeMaistre, J. D. Hyndman, J. K. Kennedy and E. T. Bishop. There were also present Sheriff W. S. Robertson, Alex. Taylor, Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Assistant Clerk H. H. Robertson, a very large representation of the professional and business men of the town, R. Secord, M.L.A., and I. J. A. Lambert, M.L.A., of St. Albert, A. C. Rutherford, M.L.A., of St. Albert, Mayor Wm. Short and Secretary-Treasurer G. J. Kinnaird, and Councillors Cushing, Chas. May and J. H. Picard, and many members of the St. Jean Baptiste Society in a body.

Two sons and two daughters are left bereaved of a fond and devoted mother.

THE KING'S VISIT TO IRELAND.

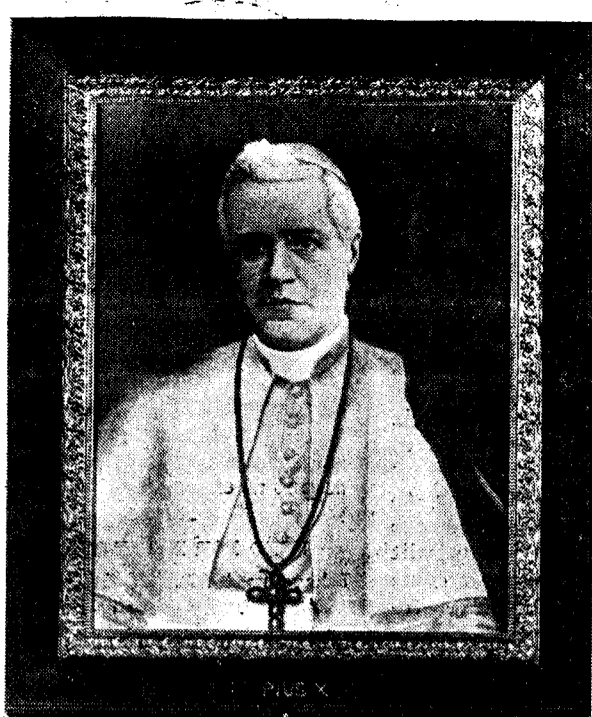
The Manchester Guardian thus describes the general aspect of His Majesty's recent visit to Ireland. "It is inaccurate to say that the reception by the people was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. The people of Ireland have not had much practice cheering royal visitors. Enthusiasm for the English standard is not a matter of intuition. There were crowds, but not the crowds we are accustomed to in England on such an occasion. At many points there were no people at all except the soldiers. Everywhere on the route it was quite easy to walk on the foot-paths and it was unnecessary to suspend the ordinary road traffic. These simple truths must be put on record, once for all, as the English people otherwise would gather a wholly wrong impression. There was really nothing like English enthusiasm. On the other hand, more friendliness was evident than a stranger might look to find. In the poorest streets of Dublin the King and Queen, in glittering dresses braved the rain in an open castrage, and, as a consequence, were kept all the busier bowing their acknowledgments of the cheers."

JUBILEE MISSION IN ST. MARY'S.

Last Sunday at High Mass Rev. Father Cahill, O.M.I., pastor of St. Mary's announced that next Sunday a great Mission would be begun by two Passionist Fathers from the States. As the Papal Jubilee proclaimed in His Grace the Archbishop's pastoral letter which Father Cahill read, continues from May 20, to July 20, the parishioners will find in the Mission exercises an excellent preparation for that Jubilee. The well known zeal and eloquence of the disciples of St. Paul of the Cross is a sure guarantee of the abundant spiritual fruits of their preaching. All the parishioners were exhorted to pray for the conversion of sinful and negligent Catholics, and by using their best endeavors to induce all their relatives and friends to attend all the exercises of the Mission, which will be held during the two weeks between May 15 and May 29, closing with the last day of the season for the performance of the Easter duty.

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