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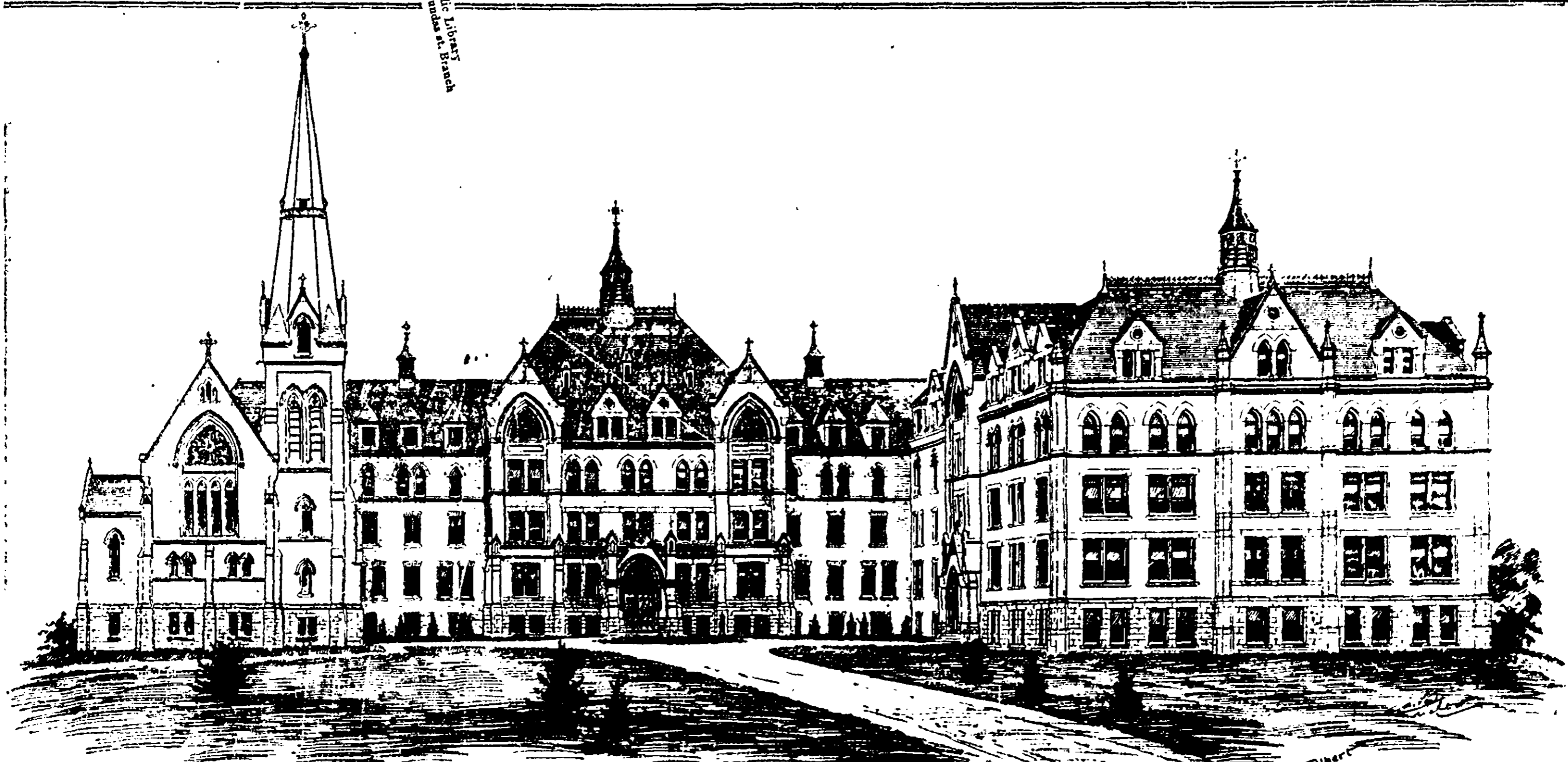
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Front Elevation of St. Michael's College, Toronto, According to the Proposed Plans for Rebuilding.

The new addition to the east wing is 78 by 39 feet, affording accommodation for 200 boarders and 100 day scholars. The basement will be occupied by large reading rooms and recreation hall with gymnastic appliances and complete equipment for athletic training. The ground floor of the wing will be occupied by two large study halls on the south. On the north side will be a fine entrance hall for students.

In what is at present the wing there are the administrative offices and music rooms.

The second floor will be entirely taken up by nine class rooms on the north side of the hallway, large chemistry and physical laboratories to the south and west, and on the south and east, stretching the full length of the addition, is a large commercial class room.

The second floor will be used for the dormitories of the boarders, with handsome wash-rooms adjoining. Four very large dormitories, well ventilated and clear length of 15 feet.

The top story will be taken up with rooms intended for the students of philosophy and the older students in lower classes desiring them. The plans for the remodeling of the old buildings are not yet in such definite shape that the exact particulars are available.

**Circular Letter to the Archdiocese of Toronto**

Dear Reverend Fathers—To-day is the twenty-fourth anniversary of the election of Leo XIII. to the Supreme Pontificate, and on the third day of March next our Holy Father will begin the twentieth year since his coronation as Head of the Church of Christ, whose representative he is. This fact deserves more than usual notice because in the long line of Pontiffs since the time of St. Peter, he is the third who lived to see the Jubilee year of his reign. The other two were Pius VI. and the present Holy Father's immediate predecessor Pius IX. of glorious memory. The reign of both was longer than that attained so far by Leo, but his is more remarkable than either when we consider that he was much more advanced in age when Providence entrusted the government of the Church to his hands.

That it was not entrusted to feeble hands is manifest from the Holy Father's frequent, clear and vigorous statements of Catholic truths and principles of error and wrongdoing, his unceasing inculcation of prayer and the Sacraments and his firmness and patience under trials and privations. Friends admire and enemies wonder at the amazing skill and completeness with which he deals with all questions relating to human society and all far-minded persons acknowledge that he means to ensure happiness and to remedy evils, suggested by His Holiness, are based on reason and Religion. His great age and his glorious reign are a certain proof to the Faithful of God's special Providence over the Church and her visible head. Our Faith in this Providence and our love for the Pope urges us, his dutiful children, to recognize the one and to manifest the other by doing what we can to share in a befitting celebration of the Papal Jubilee. That the celebration may be suitable and general throughout the Christian world, a committee presided over by Cardinal Respighi, the Vicar of the Pope, recommended prayers, pilgrimages to the shrines of the Cathedral Church of the Pope, the Arch-basilica of St. John Lateran, a personal gift of a tiara of pure gold to His Holiness, and a generous contribution to Peter's Pence to enable the Head of the Church to meet the expenses that must be incurred in the administration of Ecclesiastical affairs in all Christendom. We can all, without exception, do much to comply with the wishes of the Committee which no doubt have the sanction of Our Holy Father. In order to make this compliance effective in the Archdiocese I recommend as follows:

Prayers.—All Priests will say in Mass during the Jubilee year the prayer Pro Papa when permitted by the Rubrics. After the public recitation of the Rosary on Sundays and Holy days the prayer for the Holy Father will be said by the Faithful, morning and evening, in family or private prayers. The devotion of the Rosary is particularly dear to His Holiness, and at least a third part of it ought to be said daily by all Catholics for his welfare and that of the Church. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart—a devotion the Holy Father has done much to spread—a mass, at which the Faithful will be invited to assist, will be said in all churches and chapels of religious communities in thanksgiving to God for all the benefits conferred on the Sovereign Pontiff and through him on us. On the same Feast, or within its

octave, all who have First Communion will receive the Blessed Eucharist, not only in thanksgiving, as mentioned above, but also in earnest petition to our Saviour to prolong the precious life of the Pope and to grant him the fulfilment of his desires. Pilgrimages.—No regularly organized pilgrimages will set out from the Archdiocese, but anyone desirous of showing his love for the Holy Father in this way may become a member of a pilgrimage from any other Diocese. Reports on the Cathedral of the Pope.—The clergy will contribute to the repairs on the Arch-basilica of St. John Lateran in the manner already indicated to them. The Personal Gift of a Tiara.—The Roman Committee recommend all to contribute a cent per head towards procuring a tiara of pure gold for the use of the Holy Father in processions. Its triple crown denotes our belief in the episcopal, papal and regal dignity of the Sovereign Pontiff. As this gift is to be presented soon, I advise the collection for it be taken up in all churches on or before the Fifth Sunday in Lent. I recommend that the offering be made through the children of the family, or of another's family, so as to interest them in the Jubilee, and to teach them to love the Holy Father and to be devoted and loyal to him. This offering will be sent to our Secretary.

Peter's Pence.—Finally all the Faithful making wages are expected to give generously in the way of Peter's Pence. This is not a matter of choice, it is an obligation imposed by the fifth precept of the Church. The Pope is the Chief Pastor and has a right to our support. In most Dioceses there is an annual collection for

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stimulate us to present a handsome sum. The Peter's Pence will be collected in all the churches of the Archdiocese on or before the Sunday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart, according to the convenience of the Clergy and Laity. Let returns be made promptly to the Chancellor so that the offering may reach the Holy Father for the Feast of St. Peter and Paul.

The Roman Committee call this celebration "A Solemn Homage to our Divine Redeemer Jesus Christ and to His August Vicar." And such it surely is. In giving honor to the Visible Head of the Church, we honor her Invisible Head, Jesus Christ, her founder and unending support. And we pay homage to the Pope because he has been and is faithful to our Holy Redeemer, of whom he has been and is a truly worthy representative. Hence I have every hope, dear Reverend Fathers, that the Faithful under your care will enter heartily into the spirit of this Papal Jubilee, and that your zeal and labors in their behalf will be repaid by their love for the Sovereign Pontiff and their earnestness in carrying out your and my wishes by joining the Catholic world in manifesting its devotedness to the Father of the Faithful. This union of sentiment, of prayers and good works will bring consolation to his Father's heart, will be a Jubilee token of our gratitude to God for giving us so worthy a Pontiff, and at the same time an earnest of our desire that our Holy Father may be spared to us during this Jubilee year and many years to come.

This letter may be read to the Faithful soon after its reception. Given at Toronto this 20th day of February, 1902.  
**† DENIS O'CONNOR,**  
Archbishop of Toronto.  
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**\$40,000 Pledged At First Meeting.**

The meeting held at St. Michael's College on Tuesday night to consider the question of higher Catholic education and the improvement of St. Michael's College in buildings and equipment, was presided over by His Grace the Archbishop. The meeting pledged \$40,000 in round figures to fund the building and endowment fund. The speeches were short and earnest, not confined alone to the need for new buildings, but for bringing the higher education of Catholics in Ontario abreast of the times in every respect. The Archbishop struck the key note of the meeting in a stirring address, urging Ontario Catholics to distinguish themselves as much in the field of higher education as they have done and are doing in the maintenance of charitable institutions. Rev. Dr. Teely outlined the plans for the remodeling and enlargement of St. Michael's and promised that the de-

sires of the people in regard to the entire question of higher education would be carried out to the utmost means and capabilities of the college. Rev. Dr. Conroy, of Ogdensburg, in a ringing plea for Catholic effort in the educational field, called upon the wealthy men of the city to be generous. Mr. M. J. Haney, Thomas Long and others showed that Catholic laymen are neither deaf nor indifferent to the claims of the young men. Subscriptions were then invited and a committee appointed to nominate advisory and finance committees and assist in the collection of the funds. Among the larger subscriptions made at the meeting were: M. J. Haney, \$10,000; Thomas Long and brother, \$5,000 (as a first subscription); George P. Magann, \$1,000; Wm. Kew, \$1,500.

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The speaker, says The Montreal Star, was Mgr. Clut, assistant to Mgr. Grouard, bishop of Arundel. "The new bishop will be Mgr. Breyant, who for some years past has been engaged in missionary work in the Mackenzie River district. A strange coincidence was that when word of the appointment was received from Rome, Father Breyant had left for the northern part of the country, and it will now be some months before word can reach him of his appointment."  
"Nobody can realize better than we can the very great charge that has been wrought in this country. Twenty years ago, myself and four of my fellow members of the Oblate Order were simple missionaries in a country occupied here and there by Indian settlements. To-day it is a civilized country filled with people of all nations and from missionaries we have become ecclesiastical dignitaries in newly formed dioceses. And this is but the beginning."

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