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The Shrine of Love.

BY ANNE COLLIER.

I know a shrine of the Sacred Heart, and I love it the best of all; And it's there I love to kneel and pray when the evening shadows fall. It is there, when the tolls of the day are done, and the duties of the day are done, we best can think of the wondrous love of the Heart of the Crucified.

How sweet to come, when life is bright, and all is sunny and gay, and to feel the storm sink calmly down at the sound of His voice, "Be still." And a peace the world can never give, comes down on the soul as a soft rain, and our souls are lifted far away to our beautiful home above.

But ah! more sweet when life is dark—with temptations cold and chill, To feel the storm sink calmly down at the sound of His voice, "Be still." And a peace the world can never give, comes down on the soul as a soft rain, and our souls are lifted far away to our beautiful home above.

I love to think how weary hearts, with their burden of woeful care, Have sought this self-same Altar-Throne and found their comfort there. How many a sinful one has come, with a heavy heart and a heavy soul, and gone out thence with a humble soul and the heart of a little child.

Oh, wonderful love of the Sacred Heart—shed over our lives a light, That shall comfort our weary hearts, when lost in the darkest night, And then when the toll of the journey is over, and the duties of the day are done, Ob, open to us Thy loving Heart; and welcome Thy children home.

—London Lamp.

AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

REV. FATHER WAGNER'S SILVER JUBILEE.

A Splendid Gathering and an Imposing Celebration.

Reported for the Catholic Record.

On June the 3rd, 1860, after years of preparatory study both in his native land, Lorraine, France, as well as in the land of his adoption, a young, dark-eyed, swarthy man, full of hope and vigor, knelt in the old cathedral church at Sandwich, Ontario, and received ordination to the holy priesthood from the hands of Bishop Plouffe, the first Bishop of the Diocese of London. The young priest, Father Wagner, was at once assigned to a mission near Simcoe, which he ministered to for two years, then he returned to Sandwick. The following year he was named to the newly organized parish of Windsor and has been the pastor of St. Alphonsus church ever since, and has seen the congregation grow from a small charge of less than five hundred souls, to a prosperous and wealthy parish of about two thousand, with a handsome and substantial church edifice, a beautiful convent and fine select school. Twenty-five years have come and gone since that memorable June morning, 1860. It is again the month of June, but it is June the 3rd, 1885, and Very Rev. Dean Wagner celebrates his silver jubilee. There were two preliminary celebrations of the jubilee. On Monday evening the children of the select school, under the careful tuition of Mr. Chene and his corps of able assistants, gave an entertainment and address to Dean Wagner, together with a gift of fifty silver dollars of the coinage of 1885. On Tuesday evening the Sanctuary Boys presented an address and gift of twenty-five silver dollars to Dean Wagner. The Children of Mary presented a handsome address and gift of fifty dollars.

At 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning the celebration of the day commenced, the church being crowded to the doors, irrespective of creed. Windsor people as never fastened to honor with their presence Dean Wagner's silver jubilee, his brother priests from distant parts of the diocese, as well as from Detroit, came. Religious orders were well represented—Jesuits, Franciscans, Capuchins and Basilians, but above all, our beloved Bishop honored a devoted and loyal priest by presiding on this solemn occasion, assisted by Venerable Monsignor Bruyere, Vicar General of the diocese. The deacons of honor at the episcopal throne were, on the right of His Lordship, Very Rev. Dr. Killroy, Stratford, Ontario; on his left, Very Rev. Dr. O'Connor, President of Assumption College, Sandwick, Ontario. The sanctuary walls were ornamented with an illuminated Latin inscription "Quid retribuam Domino pro omnibus que retribuit mihi?" The altar was beautifully decorated with flowers in emblematic designs, green foliage and lighted tapers. Solemn high mass was sung. Father Wagner celebrated, Father Bly, of Painscourt, Deacon; Father Gerard, of Bella River, Subdeacon; Father Bayard, of Sarnia, 1st Master of Ceremonies; Father McManus, 2nd Master of Ceremonies; Father Dunphy, of London, canon chorister. Of the clergymen present besides those mentioned, we noticed Father Flanagan, St. Thomas; Father Brennan, St. Mary; Father Walsh, S. J., President of Detroit College, Detroit; Father Van Dyke, Detroit; Father Williams, O. S. F., Innocent, O. S. F., Father Ouellet, C. S. B., Mungovin, C. S. B., Stramdar, C. S. B., Cote, C. S. B., Aboulin, C. S. B., Donahue, C. S. B., Fathers Scanlon, Ryan, Kelly, Northgraves, Andreux, Connolly, Cormy, Walsh, O'Connor of Maidstone, Cummings, Fautour, Villeneuve, La Pierre, Wasserman, Marselles, McKeown, Hodgkinson, Corcoran, Lorion, Dixon, and Father Stephen, Crispin, O. S. B., Capuchin, Detroit. Telegrams and letters were received from the following priests, regretting their inability to be present, Very Rev. Vicar-General of Detroit diocese; Father Coffey, editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD, London; Fathers

Watters, Boubat, Lotz, Gnam and Kelly. After the Gospel, the sermon of the day was preached by His Lordship Bishop Walsh, who chose for his subject "The priesthood." In a brief but beautiful discourse he told of the Divine commission that gave to the world a priest-hood selected and commissioned by our dear Lord, enlightened by the Spirit of the Holy Ghost and sent to preach the Gospel of Him who sent them. He closed his remarks by paying a deserved tribute of praise to the priests of the diocese of London, complimenting in particular the pastor of St. Alphonsus church, Windsor, Very Rev. Dean Wagner. The singing during Mass of the choir was under the direction of Mr. J. L. Marantette, and was very fine, particularly the chorus of three hundred voices. After the last Gospel, Mr. John Davis advanced to the altar rails and read an address and presented a handsome gift on behalf of the congregation of St. Alphonsus church, Windsor. Mr. Francis Cleary, the mayor of Windsor, read an address on behalf of the C. M. B. A. Mr. Thomas A. Bourke read an address from the members of the St. Augustine commandery of the Knights of St. John. The Knights, for the first time in the history of the Catholic church in the Dominion, came as a uniformed body to assist at the holy sacrifice of the Mass and presented a handsome appearance. About twenty-five were present in uniform and occupied a position at the foot of the sanctuary steps, going through a sword exercise to show they were ready to meet and fight, if necessary, for God and Holy Church. To Mr. Thomas A. Bourke is due the merit of being one of the first to establish a commandery of the Knights in Windsor. He also gave time and his best efforts to establish and promote branches of the C. M. B. A. throughout Ontario.

To the three addresses Dean Wagner responded in English. The parish of Walkerville presented a handsome gift and an address, which was read by Joseph D. Jannisse, responded to by Dean Wagner in French. At the close of Dean Wagner's remarks, a grand "Te Deum" was sung by a chorus of many voices, the people, the choir, and the clergy. So ended the celebration in the church of the silver jubilee of Dean Wagner, honored by his Bishop, respected by his conferees and appreciated by his people. Messages of congratulation were received from Dr. Coventry, Hiram Walker and son, Rev. Mother Oliver, Superiores General of the Holy names of Jesus and Mary, Hochelaga, Mother Elisabeth, Superiores at Convent in Waterloo, N. Y. Mother Delphine Beloeil, Mother De Sales, Chatham, Mother Ignatia, Mount Hope, London, Mother Oliver, Mother De Sales and Mother Ignatia sent each a valuable present. Father Watters, of Goderich, also sent a valuable silver pitcher as a gift. His Lordship Bishop Walsh presented Dean Wagner with a handsome silver medal of honor, a unique design, suitably emblematic. The unique altar decorations were due to Mrs. Jno. Montreuil who devoted her time and money to that task, whilst the talent of Father McManus guided the framing and carrying out of the whole programme of the celebration.

Then followed the address (in French) from the parish of Walkerville, which reminded Dean Wagner that Windsor was not the only parish to return him thanks. It was by his very side another parish which owed its origin to his zeal in the service of his Divine Master. Its people felt delighted to approach him to give expression to their gratitude and good wishes. To this address Father Wagner made a most touching reply.

We have been favored with copies of the other addresses presented to the Very Rev. Dean Wagner, the first being from the clergy.

Address of the Priests of London Diocese to the Very Reverend J. T. Wagner, Rural Dean, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his ordination, June 3rd, 1885.

VERY REV. AND DEAR BROTHER.—The priests of the diocese assembled this day to share in the unbounded joy of your parishioners and to mingle in their congratulations, experience an unusual degree of happiness in the opportunity offered them of giving expression, however inadequate, to the feelings of deep respect and of fraternal affection they entertain for you personally.

Your co-laborers in the priesthood have been in constant admiration of your untiring zeal and persevering efforts in prosecuting the great works that have been brought to so successful a completion in this parish. Your sacerdotal life has been for us a model, your fraternal counsel in time of difficulty has been to many a priest a great source of consolation and a tower of strength.

In the brilliant example of your many virtues we found a shining light to guide us in the thorny and tortuous paths over which we all have had to pass.

Enjoying to the fullest extent the love and confidence of your Bishop, the respect and affection of all your people, and the warm and sincere attachment of your brother priests, you have crowned the twenty-fifth year of your priesthood with much honor to yourself and a large accession of glory to our holy religion.

In your laborious, virtuous and successful career, the words of our Lord have been verified and "your life has shone as a light before men, and they have seen your works, and have glorified our Father who is in heaven."

As a token of gratitude for your many acts of kindness towards every one of us, and as a memorial of our love and affectionate esteem, we beg your acceptance of the accompanying modest tribute to your worth.

Wishing you many happy years of increasing prosperity, health and success in this world, with the merited reward in the next.

We are, your faithful and devoted brother priests.

Windsor, 3rd June, 1885.

To this address Dean Wagner made a most touching response.

ADDRESS FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN.

VERY REV. J. T. WAGNER, Dean of Windsor.

The St. Augustine Commandery of the Knights of St. John greet you upon this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood, and extend to you their heartfelt congratulations on this joyous occasion, joyful alike to us as to yourself from the fact that we have been blessed in this parish for so many years by so good and holy a priest; one who has not only done his duty heroically but who has also spared neither pains nor energy and sacrificed even health itself in ministering to the best interests of the parish, both spiritual and temporal. You have constructed here in our midst a temple for the worship, honor and glory of God, a structure of which any community might justly feel proud, and which stands to-day a monument of your untiring zeal and energy. Your congregation as a whole bear testimony that the exertions you have made in order to their spiritual welfare have not been in vain.

Catholic institutions and societies have flourished under your fostering care, and we, the St. Augustine Commandery of the Knights of St. John, though the youngest of all, are among the most loyal to our holy mother the Church, and we take this as a propitious occasion to pledge ourselves to remain faithful followers of so noble a patron as yourself. We thank God with grateful hearts that he has again restored to you his health and vigor and trust you will be spared many years to minister among us.

Subscribed on behalf of the St. Augustine Commandery at Windsor, this 3rd day of June, 1885. T. A. BOURKE, President.

ADDRESS FROM THE C. M. B. A.

To the Very Reverend James T. Wagner, Dean of Windsor, Spiritual Advisor of Branch No. 1 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

VERY REVEREND SIR.—We, the members of Branch No. 1 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, join in union in the congratulations which have been offered you on this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your elevation to the holy priesthood.

Since the foundation of our Branch you have been one of its members, and its spiritual adviser. To your untiring efforts as a member, you have been mainly instrumental in raising it to the unrivalled position which it now holds among its sister Branches, and to the distinction of being one of the most flourishing and most successful of the order. To accomplish this end you have spared no pains and have never been found wanting. As its spiritual adviser, no adequate words can express the permanent good you have done. You have not only ministered to our spiritual wants, but amid your laborious parochial duties you have delivered, from time to time, lectures upon the religious-political questions of the day, which agitate both this country and Europe, and their bearing and effect upon our Holy Church, and with unequalled clearness pointed out the fallacies of the popular belief, that God and religion should be banished from the minds and hearts of men.

You do not only bear testimony to your faithfulness as a member and the spiritual adviser of our Branch, but also to your zeal as a priest. Under our own eyes we have seen this parish, of which you have been the pastor for over twenty years, grow from a weak and tender shrub into a strong and flourishing oak. All its elements you have succeeded in uniting in one harmonious union, recognizing at the same time the rights of all. Nor have your efforts been confined to the parish alone. Your deeds are monuments which will make your name imperishable in the history of this part of the country. Your priestly devotion and great executive ability have won for you the distinction of peers of this diocese.

These acknowledgments which rise to-day from the hearts of your people are the reward of your virtues and labors, and but a foretaste of that which you will receive at the hands of your Divine Master, in whose vineyard you have worked so long, so faithfully and so well. In the hearts of your people you have built up an undying love.

We pray that God may bless you abundantly, and for ourselves, that you may be spared to us for many years, as our guide, our adviser and our pastor.

Signed on behalf of the Branch, Francis Cleary, W. J. McKee, M. A. McHugh, Chas. M. Casgrain, J. White, M. Manning, P. Hanrahan, J. O. Rochford.

Windsor, June 3rd, 1885.

ADDRESS FROM THE PARISHIONERS.

To the Very Rev. James Theobald Wagner, Dean of Windsor.

VERY REV. SIR.—We, your parishioners, desire to tender to you our hearty congratulations on this happy occasion, the celebration of the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the Priesthood. We likewise offer our thanks to Almighty God for his goodness in having sent you to minister to our spiritual wants. Many of us can recall the time when the Parish of Windsor was established, viz. in 1818, and you became its first pastor. It must be a source of great gratification to you, as it is to us, to compare the present condition of the parish with the past. That your labors have been blessed and eminently successful is apparent to all. At the time you took charge of the parish we

believe it numbered less than 500 souls, whilst now it has increased to over four times that number. Before you had been many years in our midst your energy began to show itself in undertaking to provide for the parish a new and more suitable place of worship. This was not accomplished without much labor and many sacrifices on your part but with the blessing of God this undertaking was crowned with success, and on the first day of July, 1873, the present Church of St. Alphonsus was consecrated. The old church now known as St. Alphonsus Hall still stands under the shadow of its successor. The contrast is indeed marked. In the present edifice we believe we have one of the handsomest churches of any town in the Province, costing at the time it was opened about \$25,000. Since 1873 many valuable improvements have been made, and the chaste and beautiful marble altar erected in 1881 at a cost of \$2,200 and the spire completed last year, with other improvements unnecessary to mention, bear testimony to your untiring zeal as a good and faithful servant in the cause of his holy religion. To know that all this has been accomplished during your pastorate and that the church is free of debt, is a subject of mutual congratulation and causes us to rejoice with you this day. It seldom occurs in the life of a priest in this country that he is permitted to remain so many years in one and the same parish and be enabled to celebrate his silver jubilee with those who have labored with you, and for whom he has been your lot and that we have been so favored. We can cheerfully bear testimony to the self-sacrificing zeal you have always shown in our spiritual and temporal behalf during your pastorate. The harmonious relations which have existed should exist between a devoted pastor and a contented flock we sincerely trust will long continue to be the earnest prayer that our Lord will bless you with good health and that you may be long spared to continue in our midst to administer to our spiritual welfare.

As a slight token of our appreciation and of the respect and esteem in which you are held by a loving congregation, we pray your acceptance of the accompanying purse, signed on behalf of the congregation.

W. J. McKee, J. Pagan, Francis Cleary, P. Haurahan, Alex. E. Marcotte, J. Davis, W. A. McHugh, Peter McLaughlin, M. J. Manning, S. White, Chas. E. Casgrain, D. B. Mesta, Hypolite Resame, Louis Rochford, Daniel Goyeau, Pierre Langlois, J. E. Donahue, and Thos. Bourke. Windsor, June 3rd, 1885.

I thank you most heartily for this grand demonstration on the 25th anniversary of my elevation to the holy order of the Priesthood, as also for your beautiful and most flattering address. And I accept with gratitude and pleasure your generous offering. You allude in your various addresses to the good and solid works that have been accomplished here during the years of my pastorate. You will allow me to say that all the credit of it is due to our Right Rev. and Beloved Bishop, Mr. Walsh, who has always assisted me with his wise counsel and kind encouragement. A goodly share of praise is also due to the rev. gentlemen who have from time to time been my zealous assistants in the years of my pastorate, Father Corcoran, now pastor of Parkhill, Father Kelly, now pastor of St. Carmel, Father Ryan, pastor of Wallaceburg, Father Lotz, assistant pastor of Goderich, Father Dupuy, of the Bishopric, Father Dixon, now stationed at Lambton, Father Mannus, one of my present very zealous and efficient curates, and last, but not least, Father Scanlon, who for more than 10 years has been my faithful and zealous co-laborer. All these rev. gentlemen have left their mark here, and are gratefully remembered for their invaluable services both by me and by the good people of this parish. But, my dear friends, what could we have accomplished without the faithful co-operation of the good and pious laity. If we have done some good here, to you especially belongs the honor. We have indeed always found you most willing to assist us with your means, and I may say that your new scheme to raise funds for any special purpose, and you always most readily and without a murmur complied with my wishes. Among fifty instances I could mention, I will only allude to one fact, for the edification of His Lordship and the rev. gentlemen around me. It took place only a few months ago, when the question of celebrating my silver jubilee was first mooted. I told you that I wished you to offer me on the occasion a grand "bouquet" in the shape of a spire for your Church, which should cost not less than the sum of \$20,000, and within a few weeks the spire began to rise heavenwards, as if by enchantment, the money at the same time rolling in as the work was progressing, and the spire stands here to-day as a lasting monument to your Catholic love and generosity.

I therefore thank you most heartily, my dear brethren, for your efficient and content co-operation in everything I have undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the interests of the Church in this parish. And I am certain that the past is a guarantee that in the future I shall always find you fully prepared to sustain your past record. St. Alphonsus of Windsor, as a separate and independent parish, has had just twenty years of existence on the 1st of June this year. By consulting the parish register I find that the Holy Sacrament of Baptism was first administered by me here on the 2nd of June, 1865, the child then baptized being Cecilia Douglan, now a fine and estimable Christian young lady, the daughter of our highly esteemed townsman Jas. Douglan, Esq. At that time the parish numbered only 85 families all told, furnishing a population barely sufficient to fill the old frame church, now St. Alphonsus Hall.

Within a few years, however, we were necessitated to put up galleries in the church to accommodate our increasing members. After another while the old church and galleries were unable to give room to the ever increasing population; and we had to think seriously of making preparations for the construction of a church more suited to the wants of the congregation and more worthy of the God of infinite glory. The Bishop's approbation having been obtained, the work was begun years ago; and since then we have spent on it not less than \$35,000. And although we have lately yielded up 60 families to the new parish of Our Lady of Lake St. Clair, there is not now a single unseated pew in the church.

All glory to God for His numberless blessings bestowed upon this parish during the twenty years of its existence, and all honor to you, my dear brethren, for the untiring zeal and generosity you have ever displayed in helping us to do God's work among you.

I must not forget to thank also the members of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, for their very kind and flattering address, and for the prominent part they have taken as a body to make this feast a success. This is not the first time they have manifested the good and Christian spirit with which they are animated. Ever since the organization of this excellent society in the parish of Windsor, the members of the C. M. B. A. have given me valuable aid in every one of my undertakings, and their influence in aiding us to elevate the moral and intellectual standard of the male adult population has certainly been very marked. They also pay them the well-deserved compliment that in all things they have always proved themselves perfectly obedient to their pastor. And what I say of the C. M. B. A. I wish to be applied also to the Knights of St. John, who, for the rest are all members of the C. M. B. A. I beg to thank them particularly for their presence here in a body on this solemn occasion. They are a more recent organization than the C. M. B. A., so that the public has seen and heard little about them yet. But I am certain from what I know of their rules and by-laws that their influence must be far good. And if ever they are called upon to fight for the good cause, they will not be found hiding behind the stumps.

Before we leave you, reverend father, suffer us to offer you this little token of our love to-day. It is a witness of our affection we beseech you. When we are absent the memory of it will be with you to remind you of the loyalty and love of your sanctuary boys.

Signed on behalf of the sanctuary boys by Theodore Valentine, Alphonsus Valentine, Alfred Ouellette, Dave Scully, Joe Davis.

My dear boys I thank you for your very beautiful address on the occasion of this 25th anniversary of my ordination to the holy priesthood and I accept with pleasure the gift you so kindly offer me. Among all the boys of the parish the sanctuary boys of St. Alphonsus have a special share in my affection. First, because they are selected from among the best boys of the parish, and coming, as they do, every day in closer contact with everything that is holy in religion, they necessarily enjoy spiritual advantage to which other boys are strangers and which powerfully contribute to elevate them and give them a certain standing in the eyes of the church above the other good boys of the parish. Secondly, because as a rule it is among the sanctuary boys that Almighty God chooses those to whom he deigns to give a vocation for the holy priesthood; so that for them the service they do in the sanctuary is a sort of preparation or novitiate in order to enter the sublime state of the priesthood. My dear boys, since the church looks upon you as the elite of the boys of the parish, and since you have the high and distinguished honor to serve the priest of God in the

performance of the awful mystery of the holy mass, functions of which God's angels would scarcely be worthy to be in every sense up to the standard of goodness and piety the church justly expects of you. I am happy to see that under the careful training of good Father McManus you are making good progress in the knowledge of the holy ceremonies and I dare hope that before long St. Alphonsus church will be able to boast of having one of the best trained and of sanctuary boys in the diocese of London and I pray also that God, in view of your good will and pious dispositions, may inspire many of you with the holy ardor and laudable ambition of devoting themselves to the service of the altar in the holy priesthood. I thank you now once more, my dear boys, for your kind wishes and your generous donation.

ADDRESS OF THE SODALITY.

VERY REV. DEAN WAGNER:—How ever true it may be that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," now your Sodalists nevertheless find ourselves unable to give due vent to the feelings of joy and gratitude arising within us on this, the 25th anniversary of your elevation to the holy order of the Priesthood. And above all others, dearly beloved Father, we have reason to rejoice with and congratulate you on this occasion, for you have been to us in an especial manner that pastor to whom God said: "I have set thee over the nations to root up and pull down, to build and to plant." We are well aware of the extraordinary exertions you have made in order to advance us in the way of perfection. You have planted us as a garden; you have labored hard to eradicate the noxious weeds of sin and to sow in their stead the seeds of virtues and piety that ever mindful of the great fact that "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," you have daily brought God through dear Mother Mary to bless your labors.

To you, very dear Father, our sodality owes its establishment; by you we have since been trained and instructed in the many virtues of her whose name we honor and revere. Under your loving care and edifying example we are happy to state that we are as numerous and prosperous as any sodality in the Diocese. As a slight token, then, of our gratitude to the C. M. B. A., so that the public has seen and heard little about them yet. But I am certain from what I know of their rules and by-laws that their influence must be far good. And if ever they are called upon to fight for the good cause, they will not be found hiding behind the stumps.

ADDRESS FROM THE SANCTUARY BOYS.

VERY REV. DEAN WAGNER:—To your congratulations which are reaching you from every side, suffer your little servants at the altar to add their humble word of greeting. We are not wise with the wisdom of our elders, and can neither tell nor understand all that you have done in our midst, but we have hearts that feel, and there your kind words and kind ways have left a record that cannot be effaced. Day by day and many times a day we have been with you, and always have come away with words and lessons that have steadied our young lives and helped us to keep our steps aright. For us you have been in very truth the Shepherd of whom the Master told. You have known us one by one, you have gone before us to clear the way; when we were weak, you bore us up; when we were wayward, you checked us and led us back to truth and right.

No wonder that this anniversary fills us with joy! It is sweet to see our pastor, him whom we love and reverence as the father of our souls, honored with the homage of the flock which he has served for years so many that they outnumber the years of our lives. May the good God and Mother Mary keep you for a yet longer period of years, and fill the years of your life with deeds as fair as those which through the past. For this boon we shall pray; and our prayer will be hopeful, for you have told us more than once that childhood's petitions are a power before the throne of grace.

Before we leave you, reverend father, suffer us to offer you this little token of our love to-day. It is a witness of our affection we beseech you. When we are absent the memory of it will be with you to remind you of the loyalty and love of your sanctuary boys.

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At St. Mary's Convent.

After Grand High Mass, His Lordship, Bishop Walsh, accompanied by the Rev. clergymen, repaired to St. Mary's Academy, where a dinner prepared by the ladies of the congregation awaited them. On their arrival they were ushered into the dining-hall amidst the joyous strains of a festive march. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers, and appropriate inscriptions adorned the wall.

After benediction the rev. gentlemen sat down to a sumptuous repast which was all that the most fastidious could desire, and which did honor to the generosity as well as to the taste and refinement of the ladies of the parish, represented by Mesdames A. Y. Williams, Casgrain, Ouellette, Montreuil, Cleary, Jannisse, McKee, Davis, and Misses Resame, Hannan and Langlois.

Good spirits reigned supreme, and many were the heartfelt wishes offered for the health, happiness and prosperity of the pastor of St. Alphonsus parish.

At five o'clock the rev. clergymen were conducted to the reception hall, where the pupils of the convent had prepared an entertainment in honor of their beloved pastor. Often had this reception room been arrayed in gala attire, but never did it present so gorgeous a sight to the invited guests. The walls of the spacious apartment were decorated with panels

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