

of God with that consummate wisdom that has characterized the past years of his pontificate.

For Your Excellency, whose virtues, learning, high attainments and zeal for the good of our holy religion, we recognize in your selection by His Holiness to fill the exalted position you occupy, we pray that your sojourn in Canada may be of the happiest character for yourself, and productive of abundant good for the Church we, in common, love so well.

Signed in behalf of the Catholics of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception, Winnipeg, Manitoba, the 30th September, 1900.

(Signed) A. A. CHERIER, P.P.

J. A. McINNIS.

F. W. RUSSELL.

The most reverend delegate replied at some length, expressing his best thanks for the beautiful sentiments of love conveyed in the address to the Holy Father, the pope. It might be said he asked how it was that throughout the whole world, wherever Catholics were to be found, there were such sentiments of love and veneration towards the Holy Father. "I," said His Excellency, "am a stranger to you; you never saw me; I don't belong to your nation; how is it that you respect and venerate me to-day in such a manner as to let even those that do not belong to our religion admire your action? There is something supernatural in this demonstration of love and attention. In order to explain it we must have regard to those principles of religion which exalt the Holy Father to such a high position. You know well that our Redeemer came down to this world to save all mankind. Redemption then, was not for any particular nation or generation, but was intended for all mankind. Hence our Divine Redeemer established His Holy Church in such a manner that she was to be the keeper of His divine word, the teacher of the truth. He chose Peter, one of His beloved disciples and gave to him the powers which he had received from the Eternal father. 'Thou art Peter,' said he, 'and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' In order that this power might be known throughout the whole universe immediately after his resurrection, addressing himself to Peter he said: 'Feed my lambs; feed my sheep.' By these words he declared him in the most solemn manner to be the supreme pastor of the church, his vicar upon earth, giving him power and authority over all his flock. This is the reason we see him at the head of the Apostolic college. He presides at the election of the apostle who is to replace the traitor, Judas; he presides at the first council in Jerusalem. He fixed his chair in Rome, which was the capital of the universe at the time. In the course of time his spiritual kingdom extended its influence throughout the whole universe. Since the days of Peter about twenty centuries have passed by; most powerful empires have fallen, most ancient dynasties have disappeared. Since the days of Peter, 262 pontiffs have succeeded him; a most wonderful succession, truly divine, which like a golden chain, links the present pontiff to St. Peter. Therefore the Roman pontiff deserves your love and veneration. He is your spiritual father as the pastor of the universal church; therefore, in recognizing his authority, in venerating his great person, in fulfilling those sacred duties, you become truly children of the Catholic church. You come here, not for any merit on my part, but for the person I represent. May God bless you. May you keep his faith always fervent in your heart. I had the happiness in my young days to spend some years among the

good Irish people; it is now about twenty years ago; but I recall to my mind that they always proved to be faithful children of the church. I hope that you will be faithful to your pastors and faithful to your church, that you may be sure of the blessing of God. As a token of that love which our Holy Father cherishes for you I am going to give you the apostolic benediction.

AT THE ST. BONIFACE COLLEGE.

After his visit and enthusiastic reception in the city, His Excellency Monseigneur Falconio drove direct to the spacious and handsome college of St. Boniface, where so many of the sons of the Catholic laity of Manitoba have received their education to enable them to take up positions in the clerical, legal, medical, military and other circles. Monseigneur Falconio, who was accompanied by his grace Monseigneur Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface, and Monseigneur Pascal, Bishop of St. Albert, appeared in excellent health and did not seem to have been at all distressed by his arduous labors of the day. On arriving at the college he was received by the Rector Rev. Father Hudon, with his able staff, and the boys of the college, who in their simple suits of black, with white ties, presented a most pleasing and manly appearance. His Excellency was entertained at a sumptuous dinner by the Jesuit Fathers, who had done everything in their power to make the visit of His Excellency an event to be remembered in the annals of the college. The dining room was elaborately decorated with flowers, and fairy lights in various colored candelabras sparkled from every side. Amongst the distinguished company to meet His Excellency were: Monseigneur Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface; Monseigneur Pascal, Bishop of St. Albert; Fisher; Rev. Fathers Magnan, Dupras, from the province of Quebec; Dandurand, Dugas, Beliveau, Hudon, Tourangeau, Lebel, Grenier, Rolvichard, Couture, McDonald and Blain. Messrs. Carmin, Doiron and Frere Vandandaigne, who had charge of the efficient musical arrangement. Immediately after dinner the boys marched into the hall and the proceedings commenced with a chorus "Long Live His Excellency." Then followed an address by E. Beaupre, in French, and sonnet, in English, by J. Bennis, one of the boys. A. Beliveau recited in stirring fashion, a Sapphic ode. The delegate, who was received with hearty cheering, made a stirring and eloquent speech in reply, in which his chief point was the fact that many great men have risen from the lowest station of society, and as examples of these facts he instanced Copernicus, Sir Isaac Newton, Lord Macaulay, Abraham Johnston, Sextus V., and several others. They won their positions by the dint of hard work and perseverance. The chorus "God Save Our Sovereign Pontiff" was sung and the whole proceedings closed with the papal blessing. His Excellency gave the lads an extra holiday.

MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

Yesterday morning His Excellency drove to the chapel of the Home of the Sisters de Misericorde, at Sherbrooke St., where he celebrated mass. After breakfast he spoke to the sick and he had a good word for every one who wished to see him.

His Excellency returned to the palace and then, in company with his grace Monseigneur Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface, and Monseigneur Pascal, Bishop of St. Albert, and members of the clergy of both St. Boniface and Winnipeg, proceeded by rail to St. Norbert. To his great regret he was unable, for want of time, to visit the monastery of Our Lady of the Prairies, but the Trappists themselves came to pay him their respect at the Presbytery, where he was the guest of Monseigneur Richot, Prot. Apos. V. G. After a short visit to the Church where two addresses were read, and a sweet reception by the pupils of the Convent under the direction of the good Sisters of Charity, a princely dinner was served at Mgr. Richot's residence, soon after which His Excellency and party returned to Winnipeg.

ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL.

In the afternoon, at 4 o'clock, His Excellency Monseigneur Falconio paid a private visit to the St. Boniface hospital, and seemed very much pleased with all that he saw. He was accompanied by his grace Monseigneur Langevin, Archbishop of St. Boniface, Bishop Pascal, of St. Albert, and other priests. His Excellency visited the various wards and spoke words of comfort to the inmates. He was received by Father Messier, chaplain, and Sister Dugas, Superior. His Excellency, on leaving the building, was pleased to express his great satisfaction at the general arrangements and management of the establishment.

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Monseigneur Falconio, took place at the rooms of the Catholic Club, Fould's block, corner of Main and Market streets, when a public reception was tendered to His Excellency by the Catholic laymen of Winnipeg. The rooms had been beautifully decorated and everything had been done by the committee to make His Excellency's visit noteworthy in every way. Amongst a representative gathering of clergy and laity were noticeable the following: Fathers Guillet, Cherrier, Lacasse, Kulawy, and Messrs. T. D. Deegan, A. and J. Bernhart, Martin, Kelly, N.J. Bawlf, F.W. Russell, S. Perkins, Dr. Smith, D. Cameron, W. Kenealey, S. Brodie, O. H. Day, Tobin, Shaughnessy, Lynne, Manning, Hinds, D. Bawlf, Forrester, H. Brownrigg, Genest, Brodrick, Joseph Fahey, Boxer, Dolton, Patrick Shea, Driscoll, Barre, Choumain, Kennedy, R. L. Chevrier, McIvor and many others. T. D. Deegan took the chair and immediately proceeded to read the following address of welcome:

The Catholic Club of Winnipeg, "In faith and friendship," To His Excellency, the Most Reverend Diomed Falconio, Archbishop of Larissa, Apostolic Delegate. May it please Your Excellency.—The members of the Catholic club cannot allow your visit to these rooms to pass by without asking you to accept from them an expression of their deep appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon them by coming here, and whilst conveying to you their heartfelt gratitude for this act of condescension and kindness on your part, they desire to take the liberty of adding an assurance of their unbounded devotion to the Holy Father whose representative you are, and their attachment to the holy mother church whose interests in this country are your especial care.

We may state for Your Excellency's information that the Catholic club of Winnipeg is an institution which exists simply and solely for the purpose of conserving and promoting the well being of the church and of the Catholics in this city.

Founded by laymen the club has, from its inception had the warm and expressed approval of our beloved archbishop and his zealous clergy; and it is our earnest desire and intention to ever merit the valued encouragement we constantly receive from our ecclesiastical superiors. We trust that thus our club will become more and more a power for good in this country, and that the purposes for which it was established will be realized, even beyond the expectations, if not the desires of its most ardent friends.

Such being our hopes and sentiments we consider it the greatest privilege that could be granted us that we have been permitted to receive here so exalted a dignitary of the church as Your Excellency, and entertaining as we do both for your sublime office and for yourself personally, the most profound veneration and regard we shall ever pray that you may be long spared to take a lively action in directing Christ's kingdom on earth.

Signed on behalf of the members of the club, T. D. Deegan, president; F. W. Russell, secretary.

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THE REPLY.

Mgr. Falconio, in reply to the welcome, expressed his great gratification at seeing here in Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, this club, composed of citizens who love and honor the church. It was a great joy to hear that everything was done in accordance with the authority of the church, and that the members were united to defend the rights of the church. He prayed that God would bless them,

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