

phan colony, shook hands with the boy and patted him on the head, and pictured a brilliant future for him. Just then a boy of seven made a short presentation speech, and two midgets of about three presented His Excellency and His Grace with bouquets. It certainly was a pretty sight to behold these tiny children, each with a golden ringlet hanging about their bright, winsome faces. A pair of large blue eyes and a pair of equally as large black eyes, gazing up into the faces of these high church dignitaries was a picture over which an artist would rave. The little children were robed in pretty black velvet suits and large white collars and cuffs falling back over little Fauntelroy coats, the work of the never tiring fingers of the Sister Superior.

His Excellency took these children on his knee and talked to and caressed them while the other children crowded around to listen to his fatherly advice. He finally deposited each flower boy in little chairs and gave his undivided attention to the entire roomful of boys, as he said, future citizens of Winnipeg. He chatted with and patted each boy, learned the trend of their ambitions, and encouraged them, and in about fifteen minutes after his arrival at the orphanage the youngsters and the Apostolic Delegate were as old friends.

The Sisters had decorated the school-room with palms, smilax and cut flowers, and forming an archway was this Latin inscription: "Benedictus qui venit in Nomine Domini." Under the arch the formalities of the occasion occurred. Vicar General Dugas, Fathers Stickney, O'Dwyer, Cahill, Brother Lewis, the staff of St. Mary's school and Messrs. N. Bawlf, Deegan and Russell accompanied His Excellency on this informal visit.

His Excellency spoke at length on the untiring vigilance of the Sisters, and admonished the children to pray fervently to God for grace to appreciate the home that is provided for them and the careful attention these foster mothers are each day bestowing upon them.

When the bouquets had been presented to His Excellency that a holiday might not be amiss, and asked if the afternoon might be spent in rollicking fun and frolic as a fitting celebration of his visit, to which His Excellency promptly acquiesced, and a jollier, happier and more appreciative lot of youngsters never lived than the deserted youngsters, inmates of St. Joseph's orphanage.

The party left 25 minutes before one o'clock, leaving in their wake more rays of bright warm sunshine than had ever been the lot of these youngsters to enjoy—or each one was singled out for recognition—and that meant so much.

A little before 1 p.m. Mgr. Sbarretti and Mgr. Langevin drove to Government House, where they received the guests invited by His Honor to the luncheon, which began at 1.15. Sir Daniel McMillan most graciously did the honors of an exquisite repast. His guests were: His Excellency Mgr. D. Sbarretti, His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, Rev. Father Dugas, V. G., Rev. Father Stickney, Rev. Father Drummond, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Father Cahill, Rev. Father Kulawy, the Chief Justice and Mme. Dubuc, Hon. Senator and Mme. Bernier, Judge and Mme. Prud'homme, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bawlf, Mr. and Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Scott-Griffin, Mme. Monchamp, Mrs. Devine, Capt. and Mme. Gautier, M. and Mme. Bourgeois, Dr. and Mme. G. A. Dubuc, Dr. and Mme. Lambert.

A little after six p.m. Mr. Nicholas Bawlf entertained at dinner in honor of His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti. Covers were laid for twelve, the other guests being His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, His Honor Sir Daniel McMillan, Chief Justice Dubuc, Hon. R. P. Roblin, Rev. Father Drummond, Rev. Father Stickney, Rev. Father Cahill, Rev. Father Cherrier, Rev. Father Kulawy and W. Bawlf.

Mrs. Bawlf, assisted by Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Stewart, of Spokane, and Miss Mary Wood, of Smith's Falls, received the distinguished guests, whom little Master Clarence, dressed in a neat Eton jacket, ushered in at the door.

The table decorations were very artistic. A tall cut glass filled with shaggy white chrysanthemums rested on a centrepiece of white tulle over yellow silk. Broad bands of yellow and white, the papal colors, crossed the table ending in smart bows at the corner.

Shortly after dinner Mr. Bawlf and his guests drove to the Y.M.C.A. building, the reception rooms of which were already crowded. For over an hour the large throng passed through the parlors and were presented by Mr. Frank Russell, President of the

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to His Excellency. In spite of Mr. Russell's wide acquaintance with the people of Winnipeg, he was frequently obliged to ask the visitors their names, so cosmopolitan was the crowd. Every shade of political and religious opinion was represented, from the Chief Justice to the Rev. Dr. Bryce, every step in the social scale, from millionaires like Mr. Ashdown to the poorest of the poor, whom His Excellency welcomed with especial kindness. It was, for any reflective mind, a most impressive spectacle, simple in its forms but suggestive of the happiest possibilities. Everybody seemed to be at home with the right hand man of the Father of Christendom.

When all had been cordially welcomed the guests assembled in the auditorium.

The platform was richly decorated with plants, flowers and curtains. His Excellency and Archbishop Langevin took seats on the stage, accompanied by Mr. F. W. Russell, President of the Catholic Club, Mr. N. Bawlf and Mr. T. D. Deegan. Mr. Russell read the following address from the members of the Catholic Club to the Delegate:—

In Faith and Friendship,

The Catholic Club,

Winnipeg, Oct. 26, 1903.

To His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate.

"Your Excellency.—Before closing the proceedings this evening the members of the Catholic Club desire to assure you of their respectful appreciation of your kind recognition of the work they are doing in this city. Established as our club was, during the pontificate of our late lamented Pope Leo XIII., who so often, and in such express terms, impressed on the faith the importance of fraternal and social organization, we rejoice to believe that his successor, our present beloved pontiff, will in like manner encourage the progress and development of all well-considered and approved associations of laymen, and we look upon Your Excellency's kind and ready acceptance to our gathering this evening, not only as a mark of your approval, but as an indication of your desire to encourage us in the social work in which we are engaged.

Our club has now been in existence long enough to entitle us to say that it was a necessity of the time and place and the great success we have achieved is owing, we believe, to the fact that in every detail of the club's existence the executive and members have been true to the Catholic principles, on which the organization was founded, and that we have ever had the warm approval and encouragement of our Archbishop and our parochial clergy.

Again thanking Your Excellency for your kind consideration and beseeching your blessing on our club, our members, and the work in which we are engaged, we remain on behalf of the members,

F. W. RUSSELL, President.

H. BROWNRIGG, Hon. Sec'y.

**THE REPLY.**

His Excellency read his reply to the address, departing from his course on the numerous other occasions on which he was similarly honored, when he spoke extempore, but before doing so he said:

I want to signify to you that I have been very much impressed by my stay in this beautiful city. I admire the broad, well-kept streets of the city, the fine buildings and the magnificent institutions of charity and of learning. I have seen with great pleasure that the city is very orderly, and that the people are energetic and full of reasonable

enterprise for the advancement and the progress of the city. I like to see energy and progress in every sphere of human labor; and I like to see that you are up to the standard and are moving energetically forward for the advancement of civilization in this nice and beautiful city. I fear that if I were to stay longer I would like to remain here forever. (Applause).

"Allow me first to thank the Catholic Club for their hearty welcome and to congratulate them on the formation and solid growth of their body. It was a truly Catholic idea that gave rise to your association, and you have ever shown a lively spirit of faith. By co-operation with those who represent the authority of the Church, lay action, such as yours, becomes a real source of power for good. I am glad to see that the Catholics of Winnipeg are animated by so excellent a spirit, a spirit which I found more or less everywhere among the Catholics of the West.

One thing that particularly struck me in Western Canada is that this vast region will, in all human probability, be the home of millions of people from all parts of the world. Of course these settlers will be of many different nationalities and various creeds. The great problem is how to assimilate all these different elements, how to weld them into one harmonious whole. In order to solve this problem it is evident that a most important factor will be a friendly feeling of toleration for national peculiarities and beliefs, together with a strong desire to do justice to all. If we really wish that all should go hand in hand in the path of true progress, we must necessarily avoid all unnecessary friction and do all we can to foster, among all sections of the community, a spirit of happy and contented patriotism.

"It was only natural that shortly after the opening up of this great country, immediately after the first rush of immigrants of widely divergent opinions, there should have been some misunderstanding, some friction; but, as the country develops, as people get to know each other better, it may assuredly be predicted that the causes of friction will pass away, and, while ever insisting on a loyal observance of the country's laws, the framers of those laws, who represent a fair-minded and generous people, will see to it that justice be meted out to everyone, because justice is the very foundation of every well ordered society. This broad spirit of equal justice gives me the assurance that all the rights of every individual, and of every class of citizens, will be respected; and that your great country will be second to none on earth in the way of civil, moral and social progress. Catholics have done, and will do their share, will powerfully co-operate to obtain this noble end. My observations and investigations during my trip through your western country have shown me that the Catholics who have settled in these vast regions are daily being better understood and their value in the development of the country better appreciated by their non-Catholic brethren. Those who are familiar with the early history of the Northwest, cannot but remember how the Catholic missionaries trained the then relatively preponderant Catholic half-breed population to habits of proverbial honesty and trustworthiness, so that during many years the stalwart Catholic half-breeds saved the country from the terrible Indian raids which laid waste the less fortunate regions of Minnesota and the Dakotas, and how those same missionaries made those very Indians, at one time such a source of danger, a body of harmless and, for the most part, law-abiding citizens. Coming down to later times, we note how the great work the Catholic Church is doing here, ministering to the spiritual and temporal wants of the people in schools, in hospitals, in orphanages, in all works of charity, is now more and more recognized as a most important factor in the progress of civilized life in this country and city. Throughout your great province with its agricultural wealth, as well as in the mining and lumbering centres of the west and in the sea ports of the Pacific, Catholics show that they are not behind any others in their patriotic

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