

CONFIRMATION AT CHESTERTON

Confirmation at Chesterton. The Rev. J. J. McElroy, Archbishop of Kingston, presided at the confirmation of 68 children at Chesterton on Sunday, Oct. 22.

On Sunday, at 10 o'clock mass was said by Father Quinn, at which the Archbishop assisted, being attended by Father Quinn. Mass being finished, confirmation was conferred on 68 children and 15 adults.

Last year, when it pleased your Grace to visit us for the purpose of blessing our church which had undergone complete renovation, we joined in giving expression to the unanimous expression of the people of the archdiocese and of the country at large.

On this occasion, when you came to confer on our children the heavenly gifts conveyed through the sacrament of confirmation, we were not too shy to sufficiently express to you the warmth of our feelings, nor can we outwardly exhibit to you the depth of our sense of pleasure at again seeing you with us.

We beg to state to your Grace that the financial aspect of the parish is good. Since your last visit, less than a year ago, we have effected improvements in the presbytery and church to the extent of \$600.

A branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada has been organized in the parish, which already has a membership of 28, and having the active support of your Grace, we have reason to expect an increase of membership in the near future.

Children. Long may you be permitted to govern us. May the recurring anniversary of your consecration, which we celebrate next Wednesday, be repeated for many and many a year, and that your life in the future may be as productive of good results as it has been in the past.

Signed on behalf of the congregation, P. McCloskey, Mrs. Kearns, M. E. Quinn, F. Dwyer, John Kearns, Mrs. Gibbons.

The Archbishop replied in his usual courteous manner by warmly thanking the people of St. Mary's congregation and the citizens generally for their extreme kindness toward him since his arrival and for the magnificent reception given him Friday last.

With pleasure he had to say that he found the children well and carefully prepared in the knowledge of the Christian doctrine which was a credit to Father Quinn and the parents. He also heard each of the children in more perfect order than he had ever heard them in his hands and he was glad to hear that the people already appreciated his services.

He was also glad to hear of the sound financial condition of St. Mary's Parish. \$400 were spent in much needed repairs to the presbytery and \$1041.25 were paid on the church debt since his last visit, and when all the debts are paid next year only \$500 will remain on the debt.

On Monday afternoon the Archbishop returned to Kingston deeply impressed with the fervor and faith of the people of the parish of Chesterton.

DIocese OF LONDON.

On Saturday, the 14th inst., says the Record, a very interesting and solemn ceremony took place at the Hotel Dieu, Windsor, Ont., being the religious and solemnation of two novices, and the reception of a postulante to the novitiate of the Sisters Hospitalier of St. Joseph.

This ceremony is very affecting, as the ladies who enter into the community of the Sisters Hospitalier renounce the ties which bind them to the world and its allurement to Almighty God, devoting themselves to the service and care of the sick, and taking the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

From Windsor His Lordship proceeded on Saturday afternoon to Amherstburg. The following resolution was recently passed at a meeting of the Catholics of Belle River: Moved by J. J. McAniff, seconded by Dr. Amyot, and unanimously carried by a standing vote:

force the people to meet his wishes, and to do so in a separate school. Our chief aim in starting a separate school is to give our children the opportunity to be instructed in the true teaching of our Mother the Church, and not to treat us as 'Belle River' Catholics, but as Catholics of the same faith and of the same principles, and we will make any sacrifice that is necessary to attain this end.

J. E. Moulton, F. D. Miller, J. J. McAniff, N. J. Amyot, M. D., Frederic Adam, Dr. D. H. Barry, Narcisse Mousson, D. Molson, At. L. Anderson, G. Gray, Nicholas Conway, Chas. Gerard and P. Brossolt, etc.

THE PAPAL DELEGATE AND THE MONTREAL PRESS

Mr. Henry J. Kavanagh, Montreal, asks The Herald to print the following letter, previously sent to the Gazette, which had refused to publish it: Sir—Had I read in a professionally anti-Catholic paper your editorial, headed 'The Papal Delegate,' which appeared in the Gazette of the 9th inst., I might have been surprised.

As a Catholic I wish to protest, as strongly as I can, and to publish my protest, against the affront offered by you to the representative of the Pope on his arrival in this city. Catholics of every social grade, of every shade of politics, priests and laymen, rich and poor alike, went in crowds to welcome him and to honor to the distinguished personage whom the Pope has been pleased to send to Canada.

The present Pope and his illustrious predecessors have before this sent delegates to Canada, and there is every reason to expect that papal delegates will continue to be sent to this country when The Gazette will be looked for as a curiosity on the shelves of some future antiquarian society. But, though we have had papal delegates before now, it has never happened before that the representative of the Church, that they 'whipped one political party in its combat with another.' And as no one has ever dared to say such a thing of them, it is more than a little surprising to find that you should have done so.

There is a truth stated by you which, had you borne it well in mind and acted upon it, would have prevented your writing the regrettable article. Among the causes which you say may be the cause of criticism, you are quite right in mentioning the 'political character that interested parties are seeking to attach to his mission, and the mischief that may come to the country from the misunderstanding of his mission.' You tell us this, and yet unfortunately you rank yourself among those 'interested parties' and distinctly seek in advance to attach a political character to his mission. For, a few lines further on in the same article, you declare the hypothesis which above you had declared to be mischievous, and threaten that 'the day that his influence is seen to be exerted . . . to influence Canada in a section of matters arising out of Canadian politics, political or social, he will provoke in the non-Catholic majority an antagonism that will certainly be fatal to his usefulness.'

It may be that a few non-Catholics were pleased to read your article, in which, plainly if discourteously, you have advised the papal delegate to pack his trunks and leave. But, as Catholics, Conservatives count for a good many among your readers, you will allow me to question even the policy of offering such insolent advice to the delegate of 'the central power of the oldest and greatest of Christian Churches, coming as the delegate comes to the heart of the heart of the Church.' And although it is my good fortune to be bound by no mandate and to be free to speak for myself and for myself alone, I have no doubt that if your article came under the notice of His Excellency, as it probably did, it must have offended him, and I have no hesitancy in saying that, in offending the delegate of the Holy See, you have gravely offended every Catholic in Canada.

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mothers and children the arms with which they are to defend their homes. But their race is certainly hopeless. A resolution not so large as that of a Canadian (it is) is desperately standing up against forces brought against it from all parts of a mighty Empire, from Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Australia, with its almost infinite resources, while those of the defence must consist of a few hundred men, and the odds are one to one. It is not unlikely that our Canadian heroes on landing in Africa will find nothing left for them but a proembrace or a hunt.

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