DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Guelph Daily Herald, May 26

The Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, D.D., Bishop of Hamilton, took occasion of his presence at the Catholic rectory for the first communion and confirmation services yesterday to see all the Italians of this city. Arriving on Friday evening, His Lordship delegated one of his Italian priests, Father Bonomi, to make, on Saturday last, a house-to-house visitation of the Italian colony. Father Bonomi interviewed fifty-four Italian families, and found about four hundred and fifty Italian men, women and children. All were delighted with his visit, and were loud in their protestations of attachment to the Catholic faith.

On Sunday morning at 9 Father Bonomi, in the presence of the Bishop, said a special Mass for the Italians, of whom more than one hundred were present, and he preached to them a stirring sermon in their native tongue. After the Mass, Bishop Dowling addressed the Italian congregation in English, first asking that all those who understood English should raise their hands. The show of hands was surprisingly large.

Although His Lordship is seventy-three years of age, has been bishop for twenty-six years, and is the oldest bishop (by date of consecration) in Canada, he showed yesterday the untiring energy of youth. Besides the fatigue of administering confirmation to more than seventy children and adults, and preaching, in his characteristically natural and easily eloquent manner, to the Italians at the 9 o'clock Mass, and to the vast concourse of English-speaking people after the 10.30 High Mass, he went at 4 p.m. to visit the Italians assembled in the open space in front of St. Patrick's school. They had gathered there to the number of two hundred and fifty with a splendid new brass band of twenty pieces, and a still more resplendent bandmaster. At His Lordship's request they played, with consummate skill and taste, selections of sacred music. The bishop, speaking in English which was immediately translated by an interpreter, aroused the greatest enthusiasm by his eulogy of the Italian race, which has produced so many illustrious Popes and by his earnest exhortation to show themselves worthy of their Catholic traditions. After this fervid discourse, welcoming with applause and cheers, the bishop invited the audience to adjourn to the large hall in the building, and there he first explained some splendid episodes in the early life of Christ, Father Bonomi acting as interpreter. In these explanations of the scenes of the Nativity and the Visitations His Lordship skillfully interwove his own experiences when visiting the historic places in the Holy Land. This was followed by the recitation of the Rosary by the bishop in the Latin tongue, to which the Italians gave the Latin responses with which they are as familiar as with their own language.

DIOCESE OF LONDON

A FIRST SOLEMN MASS

On Trinity Sunday, May 18, in St. Patrick's church, Biddulph, was celebrated the first solemn Mass of the Rev. John R. Quigley, one of the four young men ordained to the holy priesthood by the Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, Bishop of London, on Saturday, May 17.

The celebrant was assisted by his parish priest, Rev. F. X. Arnold as High Priest. The deacon and subdeacon of the Mass were Rev. Father Noonan of Dublin and Rev. Jas. Harding of London. Masters of ceremony were Rev. Father Forster, Mt. Carmel and Rev. E. L. Tierney of St. Peter's, London.

The solemn Sacrifice was witnessed by a congregation which crowded the church to the doors. An inspiring sermon on "The excellence and dignity of the Catholic Priesthood," preached by Rev. Father Noonan, was eagerly listened to and deeply appreciated by this congregation of which the Rev. Father was some years ago the parish priest.

After Mass Mr. Jas. Dewan, in the name of the congregation, read a beautiful address to the young priest, and Mr. J. F. Nangle presented a purse of gold.

The congregation then heard Father Quigley make an earnest and touching declaration of thanks to the Most High God Whom he had this morning held in his anointed hands for the first time. He thanked in his own name and in the name of his parents, his friends one and all, for their kind words and generous gift. He promised them an never-failing remembrance in the holy sacrifice, and ended by giving each and all his blessing.

In the evening solemn Vespers were sung, Rev. Father O'Neil of Parkhill and Rev. Jas. Harding assisting the celebrant. Rev. Father Arnold preached a very impressive sermon giving some excellent advice upon the joys and sorrows of the priestly vocation.

THE ADDRESS

Dear Father,—Words fail to express the deep joy we feel on this happy occasion—your elevation to the holy priesthood and celebration of your first solemn Mass.

You have heard the Master's call—"Come into my vineyard, for the harvest is abundant but the harvesters are few," and after long years of study and preparation, you have, by your zeal and perseverance, and the grace of God attained to the dignity of the Catholic priesthood—the noblest profession within the reach of man, and now you come back to us, sanctified by innumerable graces and fortified by the prayers of our Holy Mother the Church, to offer your first solemn Mass in your native parish, for the living and the dead.

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And now, dear Father, we ask you to accept this purse as a memento of our affection and gratitude on this day the day of your first Holy Mass.

Before leaving we ask as a special favor that you give us your blessing.

Signed on behalf of the congregation: James Kelly, Thos. Morkin, Patrick O'Shea, A. M. Crunican, Jas. J. Dewan, J. F. Nangle, Anthony Lamphier, and Jos. Kyder.

ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST TO BE CELEBRATED

The devotion of the nine Tuesdays, which has been going on at the shrine of St. Anthony, Ingersoll, will be completed on the morning of the feast of St. Anthony, 15th inst. On the evening before the feast, the sacred relic will be exposed and carried in solemn procession. A Franciscan Father will conduct the services and preach.

DEATH OF MOTHER GERTRUDE

After a long and painful illness Mother Gertrude, late Superior of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, died at the House of Providence, Dundas, on Sunday, May 18. She had completed the forty-sixth year of her religious life, and was one of the most exemplary members of St. Joseph's community. Her kind, amiable, and genial disposition endeared her to all with whom she came in contact in the discharge of various works of mercy. To the poor sick people in the hospital she was particularly devoted, and her name will long be remembered with grateful love. Mother Gertrude was gifted with a rare soprano voice, so full of unction and feeling that while she sang during sacred services, the kneeling worshippers felt themselves drawn closer to the Heart Divine. Many a weary convalescent patient longed for the hour of Benediction when her sweet voice, resounding through the chapel corridor, seemed to convey a message from heaven to the bed of suffering.

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

The twenty-third annual Kingston Pilgrimage to Ste Anne de Beaupre, under the patronage of His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop of Kingston, starts on Tuesday, July 22nd. The director is Rev. J. J. O'Reilly, Enterprise, Ont. 1807-3

DIED

REUTER.—In Welland, Ont., May 2nd, 1913, Mrs. Elizabeth Reuter, aged sixty-seven. May her soul rest in peace!

MARRIED

HANRAHAN-TIERNAN. — At Windsor on 26th ult., by Rev. Mgr. Meunier, John, son of Mr. Patrick Hanrahan, to Anna, daughter of Mr. Peter Tiernan, both of Windsor.

C. M. B. A.—At a meeting of Branch 77, Lindsay, of the C. M. B. A., held May 13th, a resolution of condolence was passed on the death of the late Brother King and that the Secretary send a copy to the CATHOLIC RECORD for publication.

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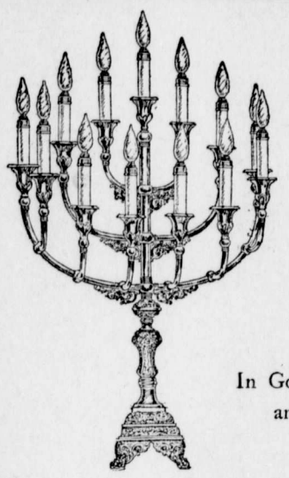

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Home Bank of Canada will be held at the Head Office, 8 King St. West, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 24th day of June, 1913, at 12 o'clock noon.

By Order of the Board,
JAMES MASON,
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Toronto, April 16th, 1913.

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