

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

Archbishop Walsh at St. Basil's.

The Forty Hours' was opened in Saint Basil's on Sunday last, with His Grace the Archbishop present in cope. St. John High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Gilmann, assisted by Father Hayden as deacon and Mr. McGuire as sub-deacon. At its conclusion the Blessed Sacrament was borne around the church, preceded by the sanctuary boys and a numerous train of children from the parish. The ceremony was brought to a close by the exposition of the Sacred Host being left exposed on the high altar, and the recitation of the usual prayers. The following is a report of his Grace's most appropriate sermon on the occasion.

"We begin to-day in your midst," said he, "the 40 hours' devotion. This is the most beautiful and solemn devotion of the Holy Catholic Church. It is not a time for sermons or for preaching. On the contrary, it is a time for great reflection and meditation. The people get too many sermons, from which they derive little or no profit; the word of God is to them as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. The word is all right, but those who hear it are not. Hence one of the great objects of this devotion is to make people think. I will therefore give you this morning some thoughts on which you may reflect. The Blessed Eucharist is the greatest gift that God has given to man. Many gifts have been lavished on the Church, but not one to compare with this. Many graces have been given to individual souls, but here is the sum of all graces. Heaven itself has nothing richer or greater than the sacred humanity of Christ, the Incarnate Son of God. "And the body that I will give you is my flesh for the life of the world; he that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath everlasting life." The sacrament was instituted when Christ was about to lay down His life for the sins of the world. On that evening, when the Apostles were gathered round the table, He fulfilled the promise which he had formerly made to them. During the next three days, this Blessed Eucharist, consecrated by the power of the priest, will be present on the altar for your adoration. The priest is the creation of God, through the ministers appointed to make priests. All the Kings and Emperors of the earth cannot make one priest. Every priest is consecrated by a bishop, who in turn is consecrated by other bishops, and so in that long line of pastors we go back to the apostles and to that great event at the supper table in Jerusalem. The Church which possesses the Blessed Sacrament must necessarily be the apostolic church. It must go back in one unbroken line to Jesus Himself. It is the Blessed Sacrament that gives light to the human soul, and the church which dispenses this light must be the historic church with its regularly ordained priesthood. Other men call themselves ministers of the Gospel. Very well. Let them preach the Gospel as they understand it. They have no mission to preach the Gospel of Jesus, nor have they any divine gifts to give to the people. The history of the church tells of many martyrs who, though weak and sensitive it may be by nature, have bowed before the altar of the living God, and strengthened by His grace, have gone and died for the faith of Christ. It tells, too, of virgins who, with passion like others, kept their robes white and their souls pure, because they were filled with the spirit of holiness. And as the Blessed Eucharist is the safeguard of sentiments, so it is also the key of knowledge. We, though many, are one body in Christ, and the church that holds the Blessed Eucharist must be one and Catholic. Rely upon Christ, and He will help you. If you are poor, He will make you rich in spirit; if you are overburdened with sorrows, He will help you. Come to Him, and He will show you how to wipe away your tears, how to bind up the broken heart and heal the wounds. Come to Him during these days and lay before Him your spiritual wants for yourselves and your families. He will enable you to sanctify your lives and build up the structure of spiritual life. Upon partake worthily of the Blessed Eucharist, you plant in yourselves the seeds of immortality.

By the Rev. Father Crinnon.

The congregation assembled in St. Basil's church, Dunnville, on March 17th, where High Mass was celebrated by the pastor, Father Crinnon. Under the guidance of Mr. J. G. Gilmann, of Hamilton, organist and leader, the choir rendered very creditably Farmer's mass. The children sang some hymns and the Rev. Father Crinnon preached a soul-stirring sermon on Ireland's preservation of the faith St. Patrick taught her. At the conclusion of the service, a surprise from the congregation awaited Father Crinnon, who was presented with a beautiful gold watch by the congregation. The Rev. Father stepped forward to receive the gift, and Mr. Jeremiah Barry read the following address. To Rev. Father Crinnon, Parish of Dunnville and your many friends therein,

come to convey to you some feeble expression of the high esteem, sincere affection and lasting gratitude in which you are justly held. You have endeared yourself to us by many lasting ties, made personal sacrifices we shall ever remember, and conferred benefits we cannot hope adequately to repay.

Since you came a few short years ago as our first resident pastor you have with slender resources built and tastefully furnished this beautiful house of God, the completion of which cost you so much unwearied solicitude and anxiety, until it is to-day our pride, and one of Dunnville's ornaments. Besides a new church a new house suitably furnished, with accompanying lot, bear testimony to good taste, business ability and financiering, which reflect credit.

To your practical sermons, instructions, and timely explanation of Catholic truth we are indebted for a better knowledge of our holy religion. By your care and attention to the sick and afflicted you have assisted them to accept their sufferings with resignation, consoled and fortified them in the last decisive hour by the administration of the last sacraments, and soothed and healed the breaking hearts of their living bereaved ones. You have been with us in prosperity and adversity alike, in joys and in sorrows. By your priestly zeal, earnest devotion and energy you have greatly advanced the cause of religion, education and temperance. We feel that the accompanying purse of gold is a poor offering to make you for priceless favors, but we beg your acceptance of it, dear rev. father, not as a reward, but as a token of the respect, affectionate good will and gratitude of a faithful and devoted congregation, on whose cordial co-operation you may always rely.

Signed in behalf of the congregation,

JAMES HARRY, JEREMIAH BARRY, JEREMIAH HARTNETT, WM BILLINGTON, F. A. RUSSELL, JAMES NEWMAN, DENIS CORCORAN

FATHER CRINNON'S REPLY.

MY DEAR FRIENDS.—The presentation of an address couched in terms so generous and affectionate as this was not needed to cement the union of sympathy and mutual tender attachment that has been abidingly formed between you and me during my six years in your parish. During these six years I have received many acts of thoughtful, generous and delicate kindness, but this last act is the greatest and most grateful of all. Quite unexpected and undeserved, it will serve as an incentive to make me strive to be less unworthy in the future of the regard of such people. When I came amongst you I quickly found out that the people amongst whom I was going to live and labor were signally endowed with those estimable qualities and rare virtues which combine to form the ideal Catholic; and I attribute whatever of success God has been pleased to bestow on my labors to the capacity for fruitful results with which nature and grace have marked your own character. I found you at all times edifyingly docile; indulgent of my shortcomings; faithful to me and sensitive of my needs; grudging no sacrifice for me or the Church, if I asked for it; performing good works, and attributing, as you do even in your beautiful address, the credit of them to me; and prone to accept, with confiding trustfulness, such councils as I gave. Your confidence never elrank from the largest bestowal of trust. From all this there arose between myself and you a localized expression of that sacred union which binds together in an indestructible, golden chain the hearts and fortunes of the priests and people of the Catholic Church. Although I cannot claim a tith of the ability or zeal with which your charity credits me, I am, nevertheless, hopeful that my mission amongst you has not been wholly devoid of fruitfulness; and I will not affect to deny that I feel what I hope is not an unpardonable pride, when you remind me of the days of trying toil and anxiety which I so freely devoted to the building up of this new parish. But even in those days I merely directed; you performed the continuous, indefatigable work, done only for God, known best to Him.

With reference to your munificent gift I cannot trust myself to say many words. From the moment I first heard of your intention to accompany your address with the presentation of a purse of gold, I offered all the strenuous and persistent opposition consistent with my unwillingness to give offence. Many and valid reasons urged me to refuse it; but of these reasons, I need now make reference to only one—my conviction resting upon personal knowledge, that any extra draft on your means should, of necessity, involve considerable sacrifice to many. Finding finally that my absolute refusal would give you pain, I consented to accept what you assured me would be no more than a memento. It has now largely overreached the dimensions of a memento, and the pain has been transferred to myself I accept your gift, however, with the expression of my deep and lasting gratitude, begging you at the same time to feel assured that it being seasoned with those evidences of spontaneity and generous insistence constitutes its most gratifying element.

In conclusion, my friends, I shall always try to establish a claim upon your prayers by never failing to give you a large share in my own.

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