Miramichi and the North Shore.

SCRIBNER'S FLIES.—A new lot at the Miramichi Bookstore.

THE BAND.—The band of the 73rd Batt. made a tour of the town last night, rendering several airs very well.

"SILVERTON."—The subject on which you write being a personal one, had better not be discussed further in public.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, DOUGLASTOWN.—Services will be held in St. Mark's Church, Douglastown, on Sunday next, for the first time.

LAUNCH.—On Thursday last Messrs. J. & T. Jardine, launched a fine barque of 809 tons register at Kingston, Richibucto. She is named the *Waciusa*; her dimensions have already been given in a former issue of this paper.

VAGRANCY.—A tramp named Harte, hailing from Vicksburg, who has been annoying residents of the town in various ways lately was arrested on Sunday last but was discharged on condition of his leaving the town.

FIRE ALARM.—Yesterday afternoon, about 3.15, a fire alarm was sounded in consequence of the roof of an old house on lower Water Street catching fire from some rubbish burning near Loggie's mill. The house was occupied by Docite Deplacy. No damage was done.

ENTERTAINMENT.—A dramatic and musical entertainment by the pupils of the Christian Bros'. College will be given in that part of the new building at present devoted to church purposes, on the evening of Monday next, July 1st—Admission 25cts., reserved seats 50 cts. Tickets will be for sale at the door.

ATTENTION NEEDED.—From personal inspection we learn that the covering of the Black River Bridge, on the Richibucto Road is in a very bad and dangerous state. It requires, at least, a centre planking with deals, longitudinally, to the width of say twelve or fifteen feet to cover the holes worn through the present covering.

ASSAULT.—On Monday John Lavway, bar tender for Mr. McGowan, was charged before the Police Magistrate with assaulting James Cahill. It appeared that on Friday evening, Cahill had been employed to cut some bean poles for Mr. McGowan, and, in consequence of some disagreement, was taking them away, when Lavway struck him. The defendant acknowledged the charge, but pleaded in extenuation that the complainant had "sauced him." He was fined $4.00 and costs.

GORED BY A BULL.—On Tuesday last, Mr. Hunter, of the back lots, Douglastown was severely injured by being gored by a bull. The animal in consequence of showing an ugly disposition had been tied up and the chain becoming entangled, Mr. Hunter went to straighten it out, when the animal knocked him down and wounding him in the forehead and back before those who came to the rescue could save him. In consequence of the shock erysipelas and inflammation of the lungs set in, and the wounded man being 75 years old is not expected to recover.

ACCIDENT.—What might have been a very serious accident happened last Thursday night to their Lordships, Bishop Rogers and Bishop Sweeney. The latter was being accompanied by the former to the Railway Station, Chatham, and as the carriage was being driven down the rather steep incline leading from the Cathedral grounds the horse became restive and went off on the run. To avoid the carriage containing His Excellency, the Delegate, which was just in advance, the driver pulled the horse to one side, and becoming aware of the fact that he was getting off the edge of the street, he turned too sharply and an upset was the consequence. The speed at which the carriage was going and the weight of four persons—the driver and another passenger, besides the two Bishops—made a perfect wreck of the vehicle. Bishop Sweeney was the most injured, as he fell upon his shoulder, head and side; Bishop Rogers received a bruise on the top of the head and his back was slightly injured. The other occupant of the carriage and the driver were also slightly hurt. Bishop Sweeney was not prevented by the accident from proceeding to St. John, but after his arrival there he was confined to his residence for several days. Bishop Rogers, was about the following day, though suffering somewhat.

ABOUT THREE MONTHS SINCE some choice specimens of virulent abuse directed against the proprietor of this journal by Messrs. W. H. Venning, Inspector of Fisheries and Wm. Wyse, Overseer of Fisheries, were put in the shape of a circular, printed at the *Advocate* office, in Newcastle, and sent through the mails to different parts of the province and particularly through this County. Some of these circulars, which were mailed in St. John, had vile sentences added in writing to their already disgraceful contents and when it is known that the whole, with the name, "Wm. Wyse, Fishery Overseer," attached, was sent even into Fredericton Hotels and to persons with whom the gentleman thus privately attacked was in almost daily intercourse, the unmanly malice and vindictiveness of the printers and senders will be apparent. In its issue of yesterday the *Advocate* republishes a portion of the circular and intimates that "the person so charged" ought not to allow it to remain unanswered. With Messrs. Venning, Wyse and the editors of the *Advocate* we have nothing to do personally. This journal has criticised the official conduct of the two former and attacked the political position taken by the latter. If the editor and proprietor of the ADVANCE is personally to be made the object of public and private slander for those reasons, he must, as others in his position have done, submit to it and leave his detractors to public sentiment. Mr. Wyse cannot congratulate himself on the results of his official misconduct, nor has Mr. Venning any reason to think that he has improved his standing as a public officer, by his attempts to resist the truth of our criticisms. The manner in which the *Advocate* has allowed its columns to be prostituted in the interests of both these persons, and its types in printing slander circulars on the private character of the editor of another local journal, will not improve its position in any way or injure those of whom it is so deeply and vindictively jealous.

Enjoy Life.

What a beautiful world we live in! Nature gives us grandeur of mountain, glens and oceans, and thousands of means for enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health; but how often do the majority of people feel like giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worried out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory proof that Green's August Flower will make them as free from disease as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint is the direct cause of seventy-five per cent of such maladies as Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Dizziness of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, and other distressing symptoms. Three doses of August Flower will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bottles, 10 cents. Try it. Dr. Pallen agent for Chatham.

Visit of the Papal Delegate to Chatham.

AN EXCURSION ON THE MIRAMICHI—RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL DIEU—LUNCHEON GIVEN BY HIS LORDSHIP, THE BISHOP OF CHATHAM, IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION; SPEECHES BY THE BISHOP OF CHATHAM AND THE DELEGATE—LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE NEW CATHEDRAL—THE DECORATIONS. OTHER VISITORS, CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICES, ETC., ETC.

In last week's paper we referred briefly to the arrival of the Papal Delegate at Chatham. This week, we reproduce a portion of what appeared on the subject in last issue and give a more extended report of the important event. We are much indebted to the kindness of His Lordship, Bishop Rogers, and other gentlemen interested for being enabled to place so full a report before our readers.

His Excellency, Bishop Conroy, of the ancient united Sees of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise, in Ireland, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, arrived in Chatham about four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, 19th inst. The purpose of his visit was to perform the Consecration Ceremonies connected with laying the Corner Stone of the New Cathedral at Chatham. He came to Newcastle by the Express train of Tuesday night, accompanied by Rev. Father Ryan, his Secretary, and Rev. Father Bannon of Chatham, who had been sent to Montreal by His Lordship, Bishop Rogers, of Chatham, to meet the distinguished Prelate. His Excellency, was the guest of Rev. Father Dixon of Newcastle for the night. On the following (Wednesday) forenoon he visited St. Mary's R. C. Church and the Schools of the Convent of the Congregation of *Notre Dame*, Newcastle, and was, also, driven to several points of interest in and about the Shire town.

With their usual kindness, Messrs. Call & Miller placed the *Andover* at the service of the Bishop of Chatham and party, who met His Excellency at Newcastle at half past two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. In the party were His Lordship, Bishop McIntyre of Prince Edward Island and Bishop Cameron of Arichat (the former being accompanied by Rev. Father McAffee of his Diocese) Rev. Fathers O'Leary, of Grand Falls, Babineau, of Tracadie, Varriley of Bathurst, Edward J. Bannon, of Dalhousie and Trudelle, Shippagan, besides a number of citizens of Chatham, including Hon. Senator Muirhead, Messrs. Wm. Wilkinson, Q. C., T. F. Gillespie, M. P. P., L. J. Tweedie, John Bannon, S. Habberly, R. P. B. Joyce, M. Connors, D. Finn, D. G. Smith and others, also, Brigade Major, Lt. Col. Macshane of St. John. Accompanying His Excellency were Rev. Fathers Ryan, Dixon of Newcastle and Bannon of Chatham and Messrs. M. Adams, M. P. P., R. R. Call, John C. Miller, J. Mitchell, R. Haddow, C. Sargent, Alex. Stewart and others. After a delightful trip up the Northwest, through the "Tickle," up the Southwest, under the Railway Bridge and, thence, to Chatham—those on board being presented to His Excellency *en route*—the distinguished party went to the residence of His Lordship, the Bishop of Chatham.

The grounds were very tastefully decorated for the occasion, with arches of evergreen bearing appropriate inscriptions, and several prominent points about the buildings were gay with flags. The arch at the entrance of the Cathedral grounds was a massive one about twenty-five feet wide, thirty feet high and ten feet deep with large crosses of evergreen surmounting the apex at front and rear, while a staff, which rose from the top of the arch in the centre bore the flag of the Dominion. On the outer face of this arch was the legend, "Welcome the Delegate of the Apostolic See." The face of the left column bore the legend, *Ceud mile failte* and that of the right column the legend, "Honor to whom Honor is due". The converse face of the arch bore the legend, "*Salvete Illustrissimi Antistites Nostri*, in welcome to the other visiting Bishops.

A magnificent triple arch was also placed over the spot on which the apsis and western end wall of the proposed Cathedral will be erected. The centre arch was surmounted by a large evergreen cross and the three bore the following texts:—"*Habemus Altare.*" (Heb. XIII, 10,) "*Ecce Tabernaculum Dei cum Hominibus!*" (Apoc. XXI, 3,) "*Domus mea, Domus Orationis.*" (Luc. XVIII, 46,).

Over the entrance to the *Hotel Dieu* was the text, "*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.*" (Luc. XIII, 35).

His Excellency and party proceeded to the *Hotel Dieu*, where they were received by the Religious community of that institution, who conducted the Apostolic Delegate and suite to the Chapel. After customary devotions, the party repaired to the contiguous audience-room which is connected therewith. This room was decorated for the occasion, the principal embellishment being in the eastern end and consisting of evergreens and flowers wreathed about pictures representing His Holiness, the Pope, His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, and Saint Patrick, and the following legends, "*Vive le Successeur de Saint Patrice,*" "*Le Delegue de N. S. Pere le Pape, Leon XIII.*"

The Sisters of the *Hotel Dieu*, on the entrance of His Excellency, sang the *Benedictus*, an antiphon usually sung at the reception of Prelates. This done, an Address was presented by the pupils, which was read by Miss J. Fitzpatrick, as follows:

May it please your Excellency:—

We, the pupils of St. Michael's Female Academy, under the direction of the Religious Ladies of the Hotel Dieu extend to you a most joyous and heartfelt welcome on this, your much desired visit to our Convent home. How highly do we appreciate your coming in our midst to-day, the very thought of which brings to our minds the fond remembrance of Rome and Ireland! With what enthusiasm and thrilling sensations of joy, veneration and love, our young hearts are filled when we repeat those sacred names. This great honor conferred on us by your Excellency, will forever be an important and memorable event in the chronicles of this Institution, as well as in the fond recollection of our hearts concerning our happy school days.

May it please your Excellency, to accept our most grateful thanks and thrice hearty welcome, which in the simple accents of children, we now offer you, and, deign to bestow upon us the Apostolic Benediction.

His Excellency made a kind and happy reply, after which the piece by Cardinal Wiseman, "God Bless our Pope," was sung.

The invited guests, to the number of about eighty, representing the various ranks, professions and industries of Miramichi, then proceeded to the large school room up stairs, which had been converted, for the occasion, into an improvised banquet hall. Here tables, exquisitely arranged under the supervision of Mr. Thos. F. Keary, were sumptuously furnished. The original intention was to have had the luncheon on board the *Andover* during the Excursion on the river, but the want of sufficient early information as to whether the Delegate would come all the way to Chatham by rail or leave the cars at Newcastle, made it necessary to decide at a later hour on the place selected—which arrangement, after all, proved to be an excellent one.

Principal places at table, after the Apostolic Delegate and other Bishops, were occupied by the following gentlemen:—Hon. Senator Muirhead, J. B. Snowball, Wm. Wilkinson, Q. C., M. Adams, M. P. P., of Newcastle, Thos. F. Gillespie, M. P. P. and President of St. Patrick's Society, Drs. John and Joseph Benson, Visiting Physicians of the *Hotel Dieu*, John Bannon (father of Revds. Thos. and Edwd. Bannon and native of the Diocese of Ardagh, of which the Delegate is Bishop.) Lt. Col. Macshane of St. John, Brigade Major, Major R. R. Call, and Lieut. Jas. Mitchell of Newcastle, Alex. K. McDougall, of Oak Point, Sec'y to Tracadie Board of Health, R. Haddow and D. Ferguson, Collectors of Customs, ports of Newcastle and Chatham, Ernest Hutchison, M. P. P., of Douglastown and F. E. Winslow, Bank of Montreal, Chatham.

When ample justice had been done to the attractive bill of fare, His Lordship, the Bishop of Chatham, requested permission to propose a toast. He said he knew that the modesty of His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, objected to much toasting and speech-making on such occasions as the present. Nevertheless, he had begged permission to propose this one toast, and His Excellency had kindly consented, in gracious deference to the wish of all others present.

On this occasion, continued His Lordship, I feel that both myself and flock are honored in a very high degree. We have the very great honor to possess, in our most distinguished guest, the highest ecclesiastical personage of the Roman Catholic Church in America, the Delegate, the Plenipotentiary to us, Catholics, of His Holiness the Pope, the Head, on earth, of our Church. And we have present at this board, to meet and welcome our honored Guest, a distinguished representation of the principal men of all ranks, professions and business pursuits in Miramichi, irrespective of creed or race. The gentlemen present who are not of our faith come to welcome a distinguished scholar, a gentleman of rare merit and experience, personally, as well as of high official position in the Church of us, their neighbors and personal friends. Though they differ from us in religion, yet they wish to manifest their kind symyathy in honoring, socially, him whom we wish to honor. This kindness on their part is only in keeping with the uniform urbanity, cordial good will and kind social and business intercourse for which the people of Miramichi are particularly distinguished—without compromise of principle on the part of any one, or of convictions of conscience in points whereon we differ.—We have here a representation of those kind neighbors and friends of all denominations whose sympathy and good will were displayed in so effective and practical a manner on the occasion of our late calamity. The presence, then, of so many worthy guests is proof that I represent their sentiments on this occasion, in expressing our grateful satisfaction and high appreciation of the honor conferred upon us by the visit of the illustrious Bishop of Ardagh, whom the Pope has sent as Delegate to Canada—Dr. Conroy, so distinguished in every branch of learning, officially so elevated and yet so amiable and condescending as to come to aid and cheer us by laying the corner stone of our Cathedral. I beg, therefore, to propose the health of His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate, Dr. Conroy. [Applause.]

His Excellency's reply was most gracious and happy. He begged to return thanks for the kind welcome extended to him. It was most gratifying for him thus to meet so many of the principal citizens of the Miramichi, representing the various professions and departments of public life and of different religious persuasions. The spirit of general good will—the kind and friendly feeling—thus manifested, was a great source of pleasure to him, and he sincerely hoped this mutual amity among all the citizens would long endure.

He must confess that on arriving at Chatham he felt disappointed. The idea which he had formed of it was very different, he knew not why, unless that its name was associated with a certain grim old Earl, or with a great military station in England, which made him think of it as a place bristling with fortresses and weapons of war. But how agreeable was his disappointment to find it so remarkable for peace and the cordial interchange of friendly feelings!

There was, also, another disappointment which he must confess to have experienced. Before coming he expected to find, on the Church grounds, blackened walls and ruins; but while sailing to-day on the beautiful river, and preceiving, amongst other picturesque objects, the new Buildings, now in course of construction, crowning this hill, he asked what they were? When informed that they were the Bishop's buildings, springing up in the place of those burned, he felt agreeably surprised and must, now, express the hope that the new Cathedral to be constructed would grow up so beautifully and so rapidly that all the other Bishops would have reason to wish their Cathedrals burned, in order to have them thus replaced by better ones. (Laughter and applause.) His Excellency expressed high pleasure at the esteem in which the Bishop of Chatham was held, and concluded by proposing his health.

Bishop Rogers arose and expressed his profound thanks to his Excellency and to all present for the honor done him by this toast. He said he would not intrude on his Excellency nor on the company by speaking at length what he felt. He would briefly remark, in justice to all present, that the progress in rebuilding to which His Excellency had so pleasantly alluded, was due in a very great measure to the kind sympathy and practical good neighborhood of the gentlemen present, as well as of others who were unavoidably absent. The universal manifestation of sympathy and the very generous contributions of these kind friends gave to himself (the Bishop) so great a moral support and courage, as caused him almost to forget that any calamity had happened, in the cheerful excitement with which he and his flock were urged on to rebuild on the burnt foundations.

To propose the health of each one, separately, to whom he was under obligations would be endless and would intrude on His Excellency's much needed repose. To propose the health of all together of generous benefactors present might not, he feared, be in good taste. He would confine himself to a renewed expression of his profound thanks to His Excellency and to the other Most Reverend Prelates, the Rev. Clergymen and other honored friends for their kindness in coming to unite with him in welcoming the illustrious guest. His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate.

The party then separated, all being captivated by the gracious amiability of Mgr. Conroy.

A short while after His Lordship, Bishop Sweeney of St. John, and Hon. Mr. Anglin, Speaker of the House of Commons, arrived from St. John, and paid their respects to His Excellency the Delegate.

CORPUS CHRISTI—MASSES.

On the following morning, Thursday 20th (Feast of Corpus Christi) the Masses began at an early hour in the *Hotel Dieu*, in which two extra altars were erected, to accommodate the Prelates and Clergy. The Delegate's mass was celebrated in the Convent Chapel at 9½ o'clock, at which the little girls assisted, dressed in white, and sang several pieces.

His Lordship, Bishop Sweeney, (after Father Egan and Shanahan) was formerly stationed as Priest at Chatham, where the memory of his zeal and piety is still fresh in the recollections of the older parishioners. He is thus regarded as one of the principal founders of the R. C. Congregation of Chatham. He was invited to celebrate the first Mass in the new Chapel, which is being reconstructed on the foundations of that burned down, of which he was formerly Pastor. This he did at about 8 o'clock. His Lordship Bishop McIntyre, having been consecrated in his Cathedral at Charlottetown together with the Bishop of Chatham, is affectionately regarded by the latter as his senior twin brother in the Episcopacy, and therefore Bishop McIntyre was to have celebrated the first Mass on the temporary altar on the grounds of the new Cathedral after the benediction and laying of the corner stone. But owing to the intense heat of the day and the danger of fatigue and, perhaps, illness which exposure to such heat might occasion, it was deemed advisable to have as much of the day's proceedings as possible performed in the aforementioned College Chapel, which, owing to the laudable activity of the builder, Mr. Cassidy, and the other workmen had been covered in sufficiently to make it fit for use on that day, and an excellent protection from the sun, if not from rain. Therefore, the solemn Pontifical Mass, preaching and presentation of Address, took place in this Chapel or hall, before the laying of the Corner Stone, instead of on the Cathedral ground after that ceremony, as at first intended. This change of programme, though announced, was unknown to many who came late and remained on the ground expecting to assist at Mass there.

The new Church where Mass was being celebrated was crowded so that it could hold no more and, yet, there remained a great many outside. This change of programme caused Bishop McIntyre to celebrate his Mass in the Convent Chapel instead of on the altar of the new Cathedral.

His Grace, the Archbishop of Halifax, the Most Rev. Dr. Hannan, was expected, but a telegram from His Grace to the Bishop of Chatham was received on the previous day intimating his extreme regret that owing to temporary illness he could not come.

THE PROCESSION TO THE CHURCH.

At 10 o'clock the Clergy and Sanctuary Attendants to accompany His Excellency, the Delegate and the Prelates to the Church, was organized in front of the door of the *Hotel Dieu* and proceeded in the following order:

Processional Cross,
accompanied by two Acolytes bearing lighted tapers;
Altar boys, in Soutane and Surplice;
Priests in Soutane and Surplice;
Bishops in *rochets* and *mantelettes* with their Chaplains—namely:—
Bishop Cameron of Arichat.
Bishop McIntyre of Charlottetown.
Bishop Sweeney of St. John.
Bishop Rogers (Diocesan) of Chatham.
Bishop Conroy, of Ardagh, Apostolic Delegate *in cappa magna*, assisted by his Chaplains, the Very Rev. Michael Egan, V. G., and the Rev. Father Ryan (the Delegate's Secretary) and walking under a rich cloth of gold *dais* or *baldachino* to protect from the sun, borne by four gentlemen of the congregation.

The Procession moved on slowly around to the south front of the new buildings now erecting, and entered the Church door where the Delegate, receiving the *aspersorium*, sprinkled the holy water on all as he passed up to the altar. In the Sanctuary a throne and dais were erected on the Gospel side for the Delegate, where he took his seat. The other Bishops took their places at the seats and kneeling benches prepared for them on the Epistle side.

The Priests present in the Sanctuary were:—

Rev. Father Ryan (Secretary to the Delegate);
Very Rev. Michael Egan, V. G., Pastor at Nelson;
Rev. Pius McAffee, Rustico, Prince Edward Island;
Rev. John J. Nugent, Newcastle;
Rev. John J. O'Leary, Pastor, Grand Falls, Victoria Co.;
Rev. William Morrisey, Pastor, Bartibogue;
Rev. Theophilus Allard, Caraquette;
Rev. Joseph A. Babineau, Pastor, Tracadie;
Rev. John Carter, Pastor, Renous River;
Rev. William Varrily, Pastor, Bathurst;
Rev. Marcel F. Richard, St. Louis, (near Richibucto);
Rev. Stanislaus J. Doucett, Pastor. Pockmouche;
Rev. T. Bannon, Rector, Cathedral, Chatham;
Rev. P. M. Dixon, Pastor, Newcastle;
Rev. Joseph R. Doucett, Pastor, Grand Anse;
Rev. Edward J. Bannon, Pastor, Dalhousie;
Rev. Joseph Trudelle, Shippegan;
Rev. Mich'l Joyce, Cathedral, Chatham;
Rev. Hilarion Doucett, Pastor, St. Margaret's.

The celebrant of the Pontifical High Mass was His Lordship, Bishop Cameron, of Arichat—

Assistant Priest—Rev. J. J. Nugent;
Deacon—Rev. Theophilus Allard;
Sub-Deacon—Rev. Hilarion Doucett;
1st Master of Ceremonies—Rev. Wm. Varrily;
Master of Ceremonies of the Mass—Rev. M. F. Richard.

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS.

The celebrant, aided by the Assistant Priest, Deacon and Sub-Deacon, having vested at the faldstool, now commenced the Mass. The Choir, under the direction of Brother Symphronian, Mr. Timothy Harrington presiding at the Organ, intoned the *Introit*, and sang throughout, with fine effect, in Gregorian Chant, the Mass of the Blessed Sacrament. The effect, however, of the singing and music was much impaired by the open, unfinished state of the building.

But if this was calculated to injure the singing and music and to tax the voice and physical strength of the preacher it added a most beautiful picturesqueness to the scene in admitting the bright light of the sky while the sun's rays piercing throught he chinks and seams of the boards and laths produced a checquering or stripping of golden bright lines on the whole interior—on walls, audience, vestments of clergy etc., —than which nothing could be more beautiful. The air too—or what little there was ot it—had free circulation through the openings, so that for a warm day no place could suit better. It was only late on the day previous that the workmen with heroic efforts succeeded in getting the lathing done under the dome and ceiling, clearing away the scaffolding, and erecting the temporary altar and the throne and dais for the Delegate, leaving no chance to get effected any interior decorations such as festooning etc. But the poetic mosaic produced by the varieties of shade and light supplied every decorative deficiency. It was intended to have various texts from Holy Scripture, mottos etc., suitable for the occasion, arrayed on the walls. The only thing in this line that could be done were the two texts painted with large letters on strips of white cotton and hurriedly tacked up that morning. One of them was across the end of the building over the entrances; "*Imperavit ventis et mari et facta est tranquillitas magna.*"—"He commanded the winds and the sea and immediately there was a great calm" (Matt. VIII. 26), in reference to the repairing or rebuilding by the goodness of God of what had been destroyed by the disastrous fire. The other was around the walls of the Sanctuary over the altar, the same which is in the dome of St. Peter's Church in Rome and has reference to the authority given by Christ to St. Peter and his successors "*Tu es Petris et super hanc petram ædificabo ecclesiam meam,*"—"Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church (Matt. XVI. 18), this was in compliment to Mgr. Conroy in reference to his office of Delegate of the Holy See.

At the end of the Pontifical Mass which Bishop Cameron sang with rich, full voice His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate preached, reading from the Bible his text in the Gospel of St. Luke VII. 1-7

It would be impossible for us here to give a just idea of the truly eloquent, lucid and cogent style of Bishop Conroy's beautiful and yet practical discourse. One remarkable feature being its great fitness to the occasion—showing forth the merit of building temples to the honor and glory of God—then naturally gliding from the material edifice to the spiritual temple, the Church of Christ. The audience were completely spell-bound and hung on the words of the learned and eloquent Prelate, drinking in with avidity what he spoke with such winning simplicity and gracefulness of manner as well as cogency of reasoning.

At the conclusion of the sermon His Lordship, the Bishop of Chatham, made one or two announcements. One was concerning the offerings which the people intended to make at the Corner Stone, that it might be more convenient to deposit them before leaving the present building, so as to shorten the time to be spent outside under the warm sun during the ceremony of laying the Stone. Another announcement was respecting the Address of the congregation to be presented to the Apostolic Delegate. No time had as yet been fixed for this ceremony, but His Excellency was pleased to manifest his pleasure to receive it now, while the people were present. Mr. Simon Crumley, Student and School Teacher, who had been selected for the purpose, being sent for, came in front of the Delegate and read in a most graceful manner and full voice the

ADDRESS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CONGREGATION OF CHATHAM.

To His Excellency, the Most Reverend George Conroy, D. D. Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise in Ireland and Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

May it please your Excellency:—

With joyous and grateful hearts we bid you welcome!—*Ceud Mile Failte!*

The honor and benediction of a visit from the Delegate of the Sovereign Pontiff, our Most Holy Father the Pope, would at all times be hailed by us with dutiful joy. For with filial reverence we love the Apostolic See of Peter, wherein we recognise the centre of religious unity, the keystone of the Hierarchy and the infallible teaching authority predicated by our Lord Jesus Christ when He said, "I have prayed for THEE Peter, that thy faith fail not and that THOU when converted confirm thy Brethren".

But in the person of your Excellency we recognise, moreover, one of the most learned and most pious members of the illustrious Irish Episcopate, delegated by the Holy See, in its wisdom, on a mission of paternal benignity, encouragement and peace to the young and growing portion of the Church in Canada.

St. Patrick, a native of Brittainy in France, was similarly delegated by *the then* Pope, St. Celestine I., to preach the Gospel of Christ to the Irish people. His mission was fruitful; and its fruit has remained; for in every clime under heaven there are Irishmen to be found and fidelity to the faith of St. Patrick is, in them and their descendants, an acknowledged characteristic. It is not surprising therefore that we who claim to be either natives or descendants of the "Emerald Isle"—the "Island of Saints"—should vie with our Brethren in Canada of French extraction, compatriots of St. Patrick, in hailing your advent amongst us as the harbinger of a twofold fruitful benediction that of St. Peter's successor, the learned and Saintly Leo XIII (whom may God long preserve,) and that of St. Patrick, Apostle of Ireland.

But, again, when we consider that your first public function on arriving at this side of the Atlantic was to give Episcopal Consecration to our venerated Metropolitan, the Archbishop of Halifax, and that your present visit to our young and humble Diocese is one of condescending kindness and sympathy, to lay the foundation stone of our Cathedral and thus encourage our devoted Bishop and his flock, whom Divine Providence permitted to be so severely tried a few months ago by the calamity of fire, we cannot restrain—and, yet, we cannot adequately give utterence to—the expression of our grateful admiration!

Deign then, Most Reverend Bishop of an Irish See which St. Patrick founded—Most Excellent Delegate of the Supreme Visible Head of the Church—while imparting to us this twofold benediction, to receive our humble but cordial welcome, our grateful thanks and the assurance of our constant prayers that God may continue to bless your mission in Canada, as well as your pastorate in Ireland, and that He may preserve you during a long life of useful labors in the intcrest of both Church and State, of Religion and Science, of Peace and Charity, of social happiness and of intellectual culture under the ægis of Faith, until full of years and merit, having finished your course on earth, you will be called to receive the "Crown of Justice" in Heaven.

Chatham, N. B.

Feast of the Most Holy Sacrament, June 20th, 1878.

His Excellency replied in the most kind and paternal manner. The sentiments of filial love and attachment to the Apostolic See of Peter expressed in their Address did them honor, although from their well known Catholic piety such sentiments would naturally be expected. He would convey their sentiments to our Holy Father and impart to them on his behalf the Apostolic Benediction.

He was also glad to perceive their attachment to Ireland—the land of their birth and of their fathers—while at the same time they were faithful subjects and devoted loyal citizens in the Dominion of Canada, where Providence had cast their lot. They loved to cherish the memory of their great Apostle St. Patrick, whose Compatriots of French extraction formed such a numerous portion of the Catholic fold in Canada. He would suggest that a third branch of the Catholic Celtic stock—the Scotch—whose children are also numerous in Canada, be intimately cherished, for if Ireland received her faith through St. Patrick, a Frenchman, he communicated it by her great saints to Scotland.

When he would return to Ireland he would tell the people of his diocese how dearly the old land and the old faith are cherished in the Diocese of Chatham. He congratulated them and their good Bishop on all he saw since he came into the diocese. Considering the limited means he was pleased to see the church so neat and decent, as becomes the house of God—the clergy devoted—the children religiously educated, the sick so well cared for by the good Nuns. Also he was very much pleased to know by what he had seen yesterday that neighbourly good will and kind feeling exists between them and all their fellow citizens, and he prayed that God might graciously preserve them long in the enjoyment of such holy peace, and ever increasing benedictions.

After some little delay, to let the people pass out slowly and deposit their donations with the gentlemen who kindly undertook to stand near the stairway to receive them the procession of the clergy and Bishops was again formed as before, leaving the Sanctuary in the same order as it had arrived, preceded by Cross and Acolytes to the Corner Stone, where the ceremony of its benediction immediately commenced.

CEREMONY OF BLESSING AND LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL.

The Pontiff, Mgr. Conroy, wearing mitre and cope, and attended by the assistant clergy, the Bishops of Chatham, St. John, Charlottetown and Arichat being also present, and a dense concourse of people assisting, began the ceremony by first blessing holy water. Then going to the large wooden cross which had been planted on the spot where the principal altar of the Cathedral is to stand, over which the temporary chancel, with altar in it, had been erected, he sprinkled it with blessed water, reciting the antiphon.

"Put the Sign of Salvation, O Lord Jesus Christ, in this place and do not permit the Destroying Angel to enter" and the 83rd Psalm "How beautiful are Thy Tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts" &c, to the end. Then, having taken off his mitre, standing in front of the place thus sprinkled, he recited the following prayer:—

O Lord God, who, though Heaven and Earth cannot contain Thee, deignest, nevertheless to have a dwelling place on earth, where Thy name shall be continually invoked, visit we beseech Thee, through the merits of Blessed Mary Ever Virgin, of Blessed Michael the Archangel and of all the Saints, with the serene glance of Thy clemency, this place and by the infusion of thy grace, purify it from every defilement, and preserve it purified; and mayest Thou, who didst accomplish in the work of his Son Solomon what Thy beloved David had desired, design to accomplish our desires in this work, and may all spirits of wickedness flee hence. Through our Lord Jesus Christ who, with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Then standing, with his mitre still off, he blessed the Corner Stone, saying:—

V.—Our help is in the name of the Lord.
R.—Who made Heaven and Earth,
V.—May the name of the Lord be blessed,
R.—Now and for ever,
V.—The stone which the builders rejected,
R,—This same is made the head of the corner,
V.—Thou art Peter
R.—And upon this rock I will build my Church,
V.—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
R.—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

Let us Pray.

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who art True and Omnipotent God, the splendor and image of the Eternal Father, and Life Eternal who art the Corner Stone hewn from the mountain not by hands, the immutable foundation, give strength to this stone which is to be set in Thy name; and Thou who art the beginning and end, in which beginning God the Father created all things at the commencement, be Thou we beseech Thee, the beginning, the increase, and the completion of this work which is about to be undertaken for the praise and glory of Thy name. Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, God for ever and ever.—*Amen.*"

Let us Pray.

O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God deign to bless this stone for the foundation of a Church in honor of St. Michael. Though our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, the approved precious Corner Stone, set in the foundation, referring to whom the Apostle says: But the rock was Christ. Who with Thee and with the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, God, for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

Then he sprinkled the stone with holy water, and taking a trowel he marked the sign of the cross on each of its sides saying:—

In the name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Ghost, *Amen.*

Let us Pray.

Bless, O Lord, this creature of stone and grant through the invocation of Thy Holy Name, that whosoever with a pure intention will aid in the building of this church, may obtain health of body and benefit for their souls, through Christ our Lord.—*Amen.*

The Pontiff and assistants then knelt down to recite the Litany of the Saints; after which, rising, he recited the 126th Psalm: Unless the Lord build the house they labour in vain who build it, &c., to the end, then placing the stone in its position in the wall he pronounced the prayer:

"In the Faith of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we place this primary stone in this foundation: In the name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy + Ghost, that true Faith may flourish here, and the fear of God, and fraternal love; that this may be a place set aside for prayer, for invoking and praising the name of the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God for ever and ever—*Amen.*"

Meanwhile, the mason settled the stone with cement, and the Pontiff sprinkled it with holy water saying: "Sprinkle me, O Lord with hyssop and I shall be cleansed, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow" and continued to recite, with the assisting clergy the 50th Psalm, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy" etc., to the end. Then the Pontiff made the circuit of the foundation of the Church sprinkling it with holy water and reciting other psalms and prayers. Finally the ceremony ended by the Pontiff giving the Apostolic benediction from the temporary altar to the kneeling multitude. The Bishops and Clergy withdrew in procession after which Healy's band, which had kindly been volunteered for the occasion, played several enlivening tunes and the crowd dispersed.

Thus ended a sacred ceremony which will be long remembered in Chatham. Everything seemed to combine to make it successful and happy—The weather, though warm, was delighful, in a word nothing was wanting to make it for the catholic people of Chatham and their kind fellow-citizens, truly "A day which the Lord had made".—The family feast, or tea party, which the Ladies of the congregation had prepared in the School rooms of the new building for the enjoyment of all after the ceremony was honored by His Excellency and the other Most Reverend guest; His Honor, Speaker Anglin who had not arrived in time for the Luncheon on the previous day, sat at the right of His Excellency, Bishop Conroy, on this occasion. His Excellency and suite left that night by the Express Train for Halifax where they arrived after a comfortable night's repose in the Pullman Car at 11 o'clock next day, and embarked on the following Tuesday (25th inst) in the Steamer for Newfoundland.

[Copy of Parchment Record enclosed, with other articles, in the glass jar which was set with the Corner Stone in the cavity of the foundation prepared therefor, and closed with cement under the large covering stone.]

This Corner Stone
of the Cathedral Church of Chatham,
the old pro-Cathedral having been consumed by fire, on the 14th of Feb. last,
His Excellency the Most Rev. Geo. Conroy,
Bishop of Ardagh, in Ireland,
And Delegate Apostolic to Canada,
Blessed,
with Sacred Rites,
and set in its place,
To the praise and glory
of the Most Holy Trinity,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
in honor of the Blessed V. M. and of
all the Saints,
particularly of Blessed Michael
the Archangel,
under whose name and title it is being
founded,
under whose patronage it is being erected,
this 20th day of June, in the year of
our Redemption, 1878.
(On which day falls this year the Feast of
Corpus Christi,)
Our Most Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII,
occupying the Chair of Peter with approbation of all;
Queen Victoria reigning in peace;
Rt. Rev. James Rogers,
first Bishop of the Diocese,
now terminating his 18th year in the
Episcopate;
His Grace the Most Rev. Michael Hannan,
being Archbishop of the Metropolitan
Church of Halifax;
His Excellency, Earl Dufferin,
being Governor-General of Dom. of Canada;
The Hon. Samuel L. Tilley, C. B.,
Governor of the Province of New Brunsw'k;
The Bishops of the Province
being present, namely:
the Bishops of St. John, Charlottetown
and Arichat,
together with a large concourse of
clergy and laity.

May He who has begun this temple
deign to bring it to a happy completion,
for the greater glory of His name,
for the increase of
Faith, Hope and Charity,
towards the Most Sacred Heart of
Jesus in the Eucharist;
for the perpetual union with the Apostolic See