

PROSPEROUS CATHOLIC IRISH-CANADIAN CONGREGATION.

Killing Revere Memorial Services of Toronto.

(Written for The Register.)

From the height I saw the people flock, they know the Mass is at 11 o'clock.

On Sunday last I had the happiness of attending Mass in the Catholic Church at Wooler, which district is joined to Brighton, forming the parish under the pastoral care of Rev. T. F. Collins. Under present regulations this zealous priest says Mass at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Brighton, and that holy function ended, a brisk drive of eleven miles over a country road lands him in the midst of his devoted flock in Wooler, where, after priestly greetings to his beloved people and a fatherly oversight of the children, he again repeats the blessed function and sacrifice eleven o'clock. The usual reading of the Epistle and Gospel was followed by a powerful discourse on the sacrament of matrimony and marriage. The preacher eloquently told of the efficacy of this great Catholic rite and decidedly encouraged its more frequent use among the younger and marriageable portion of the congregation. From the gracious smiles emitted by the fair ones around me I saw that the good pastor's exhortations were kindly received, yet more, they were considered timely, well-directed and very necessary. I am not sufficiently acquainted with the conditions and relations of the younger members of the flock, to be able to say whether the pastor's words implied tardiness or timidity on the part of the bachelors present; but they did not seem to manifest any signs of compunction for their backwardness, as far as I could observe. Perhaps, in tender matters such as we are now alluding to, the blame should not be all cast on one side. Although on the journey out to Wooler the Rev. pastor told me of several young men whom he would like to see comfortably settled in life, and for this non-condition in their case, he rather blamed their faint-heartedness. Turning aside from this feature, I made a close observation of the general appearance and conduct of this praiseworthy Irish Catholic congregation, for such they are, and should be so called; while there are among them a few French-Canadians, very good parishioners no doubt, the bulk of the flock are staunch, faithful and ardent children of Ireland, marked and impregnated with the spiritual zeal and religious fervor implanted by St. Patrick. Then, again they bear the stamp and features and comeliness of person peculiar to the genuine sons and daughters of Erin. And moreover they have also some of the customs and habits that prevail in Ireland in country parishes even to this day.

For example, the friendly talk outside the church door or roundabout, before Mass begins cannot be especially abolished, although Father Collins has sternly set his face against the habit in Wooler. This energetic and progressive pastor has deeply at heart the spirit of all his good people, and he looks for their strict compliance and obedience to all his rules and wishes. Hence his sharp rebuke to an offending group right in front of the Church door, who did not obey the first tinkle of the bell. Although gossiping is counted a fault in any case, its guilt becomes deeper when it is the cause of keeping worshippers back from making the salutary prayers and meditations before entering upon the sacred work of assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. And yet it has its excusable side, for what can be more natural than a quiet confab among men united by the bonds of faith and blood when they meet once a week on the church grounds? Separated as many of them are by tens of miles, when they meet on Sundays, clasp hands and exchange a few friendly words, it is but a vesper sin at most if they linger a minute or two even after the first tinkle of the warning bell.

On the precise occasion in question I was partly the cause of the detention, for I stood among a group of new-found friends, and as I had heard an early mass I felt conscious of having done my duty. This is spoken in extenuation not in defense of a practice which the discipline of the Church condemns and which is at best unbecoming. This passing word said, let us turn to a brief review of this splendid congregation of Wooler, and see who were its founders and promoters. If we go right back to the beginning, we think it was 1827 that Mr. John Moran senior of Coderington, settled in the district: ten years later, '37, the genial countenance of Mr. Thomas O'Halloran lighted up the desert waste. Both of these aged and respected parishioners are still in the flesh and were present at mass last Sunday. The latter gentleman gave me the dates and facts as above last evening. I merely mention the names of those two deserving Catholic pioneers, feeling sure that the younger Catholics will be willing to accord to them all due honor. But I have on the very point of my pen scores of names, equally

deserving, of men who came upon the scene a few years later, and who have borne the burden and heat of the day, but I do not pronounce the individual names, for to include all the really deserving ones would mean a list of the entire districts of Wooler and Coderington, and that is more than I have room for in a single newspaper article. In this connection, it was, at least to me, the most refreshing thing I had seen since I left Donagel, to see the crowds of Catholic people streaming over hills and valleys, all bent towards a common focus or center, namely the holy Catholic house of worship, and then their respectable appearance denoted prosperity. Many of them drove splendid double teams, and all of them impressed the belief that they enjoyed comfort at home and that they were now reaping the fruits of earlier years of thrift and industry. There is, no doubt, an amount of competition, or rivalry in every walk of the congregation here. For example, if Mr. Thomas O'Halloran senior or Mr. Moran senior or Mr. Ouseach should not show their mettle and have turnouts equally fine. This kind of honorable and progressive rivalry among kindred Catholics is both healthy and stimulating and infuses fresh spirit and energy into the several households of the parish.

But, to my mind, the real Irish-like feature of the day was the sight of teams of ardent Catholic worshippers coming from miles away to the house of prayer, dressing in their best, wearing countenances indicative of pure souls and healthy bodies, abounding around their beloved priest, obeying his voice and wishes, profiting by his wise counsels and words of instruction, and freely and generously giving of their means towards his support, attending regularly to the precepts and sacraments of the Church. A priest is blessed in such a congregation, and it is but simple justice to say that the parishioners in this case are equally blessed in their pastor. This may be called ideal painting, and if it be urged that I am coloring the picture too highly, it is because I was very deeply impressed with what I saw on my first visit to the Wooler congregation, and am confident that in no parish in Ontario will the reality of the sketch be better fulfilled than by the same flock of which I speak.

Not long since a mission was given in the joint parish of Brighton and Wooler by the Rev. Fathers Kloudner and Handley, O.S.B., of Brooklyn, N.Y. The good work was undertaken at the instance of Rev. Father Collins, under the sanction of His Lordship Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Connor. The results have proved fruitful beyond expectation. Lukewarm Catholics who before thought that heaven could be gained by the idle and indulgent habit of neglect of religious duties, have been awakened from their slumbers by the powerful preaching of the eloquent missionaries, who worked early and late to bring sinners back to repentance, and in this they succeeded wonderfully, for the pastor assures me that hardly one of his people failed to attend the mission or to approach the sacraments, and the salutary effects are seen in their everyday life and actions. Men and women who heretofore inclined to be careless are now extremely energetic in the performance of their religious duties, and the names of the two reverend preachers who wrought such a change are everywhere remembered with fond remembrance. A renewal of the mission is promised, so that the holy work may be cemented and confirmed. These two powerful speakers roused the hearts of the most tepid, and made the sacred doctrines of Holy Church so clear that not even the most embittered could misunderstand the nature and binding obligations imposed by the Church. Both congregations are grateful to Rev. Father Collins for his energetic action in procuring for them such a rare spiritual treat.

It may be predicted of the Coderington and Wooler sections that they will in future furnish fresh recruits to the faith, for the families are spreading out, and new households and children are coming into existence, and these later additions will be well trained in all the duties that belong to Catholicity, and growing up to manhood they will be the mainstay and safeguard of the Church in this part of the Peterborough diocese. But in awarding the palm, the name of the reverend pioneers who fought the early battles must not be forgotten. Wm. ELISON.

Priests Preserve The Peace. HAZLETON, Pa., Sept. 14.—To a great extent the strikers have been restrained from open acts of violence by the priests. The priests, however, have no plea of mercy for the sheriff's deputies who shot the men down at Latimer, and some of them are active members of the committee that is to push the murder charges in the court.

Inspector of Dominion Police. OTTAWA, Sept. 15.—Sergeant Major Hogan of the city police force will be appointed to the position of inspector of the Dominion police, made vacant by the appointment of Dan O'Leary to the deputy magistracy of Kingston penitentiary.

FAMINE IN IRELAND.

Mr. Gladstone on the Sad Situation.

A Government Inspector gives an Alarm—Letter from the Archbishop of Tuam—A General Famine in Galway.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—Mr. Gladstone is so impressed with the grave tidings from Ireland that he has broken his rule not to say anything on public affairs, connected however remotely with politics. Acknowledging copies of reports from Ireland forwarded to him by the correspondent he replies in an autograph: "I thank you for your kind attention to one like myself, withdrawn from public affairs. The intelligence is very sad and causes me much concern. W. E. GLADSTONE."

"Butorstone House, Sept. 8, 1897." Colonel Spaight, an official of experience, who sounded the first note of alarm, writes as follows in reply to a request for a full explanation of his views: "Derry Castle, Killaloe, County Clare, September 9.—My only wish and object in calling attention to the probable effects of the present disastrous season were that the necessary steps might be taken in time to meet the severe trial which, I regret to say, is certain to arise from the almost incessant inclemency of the present season. I have had experience of the sad effect of a general famine on the potato crop, though not now the sole source of the poorer people, still undoubtedly is their main reliance in this country. This in the mountain and on the poorer lands is, I may say, a total failure—small, ill-grown and blighted. Not only are potatoes the people's own food; the pigs and fowls depend almost entirely on them. "One of the most serious wants of the people, though not taken much notice of, is fuel. No one, except those who have personally visited the people can form any idea of the way this want is felt by the vast majority of the poor. Fuel is almost more necessary than food, and its loss is bitterly felt, particularly by the women and children. "In my opinion the only way practically to give relief is to provide useful works which would be a permanent benefit to the country. This must be done with due thought and consideration—by really good men. "GEORGE O. SVAUGHT. "Late Local Government Inspector."

The venerable Archbishop of Tuam writes: "St. Garlath's College, Tuam, September 18.—From all the accounts that reach me from all parts of the diocese of Tuam, embracing nearly half the Counties of Mayo and Galway, I am sorry to say that hardly could could things be worse, owing to the unceasing downpour of rain. The potato, staple food of people, has suffered severely, often where not totally destroyed by blight. I therefore regard it as unquestionably certain that a genuine famine in the diocese of Tuam is sure to overtake us before long. Unfortunately our people have hardly any money with which to purchase meal, be it ever so cheap. "It is most humiliating to be eternally sending round the hat, but what can be done? Hunger pierces stone walls. The oat crop, too, is greatly damaged, while the turf is in a bad way, and it may be said that a fuel famine is as bad as a food famine. On the whole, I look on the coming time as brooding misery. I give you a gloomy picture, but I am sorry to say a true one. "JOHN MAC EVELLY, "Archbishop of Tuam."

LATEST MARKETS. TORONTO, Sept. 15. On the curb in Chicago at the opening to day December wheat was quoted at 93 3/4; at the close December wheat was quoted at 91 1/4; puts on December wheat 95c, call 96c; puts on December corn 31 3/4, call 32 1/4. "The receipts of wheat in Liverpool during the three days were 12,000 casks of American, and of corn 112,500 casks American. TORONTO. Wheat—There was more offered to-day and the market was weaker. Exports bought a few cars of new No. 2 at 80c north and west, and at 87c middle freight, but holders were mostly asking 89 to 90c. New spring was offered and 80c was bid for it. Manitoba wheat is steady at \$1.02 for No. 1 hard and \$1.07 for No. 2 hard. Flour—Cables were lower to-day at equal to \$4.35 west for straight roller, with sellers asking 5c to 10c. Millfeed—Shorts are steady at \$11 to \$11.50 for car west. Bran sold at 57c middle freight. Barley—There was some inquiry locally for barley to-day, but there is none offering yet. Hops—Is steady at 45c middle freight. Corn—Is steady at 30c to 31c for yellow wheat. Oats—Are firmer at 23c bid and 23c asked for new white wheat. Some old were offered to-day at 20c for white wheat. Beans—Some of the new offering are not very satisfactory. The quotation for new

is 47c bid north and west. Some old were offered west to-day at 50c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Eggs—Demand light, holders asking higher prices than purchasers are willing to pay. Small cases quoted at 13c, ten-cases at 12c. Potatoes—No particular inquiry. Bags quoted at 35c to 60c. Potatoes—Turkey, 10c to 11c; green, 8c to 9c; chickens, 40c to 50c; ducks 60c to 70c. Apples—Small lots of dried quoted at 4c to 5c, and evaporated 10c to 15c. Raisins—Syrup—Maple syrup is quoted at 85c to 90c for single bag lots. Round lots sold at 70c to 80c. Common quoted at 60c to 65c. Honey—Round lots of choice, delivered here, quoted at 10c to 11c. Prices as follows:—6c to 7c for 10 lb tins, and 7c to 7 1/2c for 10 lb tins; honey in combs is quoted nominally at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per dozen sections. Milk Syrup—Maple syrup is quoted at 60c to 65c in large tins, and 65c to 70c in small tins. Bacon—Market steady, with a demand for all that is offering. Choice stock is quoted at \$10 to \$12, car lots on track, and No. 2 at \$8. Bacon—Straw—On track car lots are quoted at \$5 to \$5.50. FRUIT. Receipts of fruit were heavier than yesterday, but still they were comparatively light to-day, only 2,100 packages, by boat and rail. Peaches especially are in light supply. The market was scarce and dearer. Apples—Market steady. Prices as follows:—any other single line. We quote: Pinks, per basket, 15c to 40c. Muskings, per basket, 10c to 20c; per crate, 40c to 75c. Lawton, per basket, \$1.50 to \$3; original package, \$4 to \$4.25. Bananas—First, per bunch, \$1.50 to 1.75; second, \$1 to \$1.35. Egyptian onions, 3c per pound. Apples, green, extra, per pound, 6c; suns, 7c. Lemons, per pound, 4c. Citrus fruit, white, per bushel, 6c. Oranges Yellow Danvers and silver skins, 20c to 25c per basket. Pears, 8c to 20c per basket. Apples, per basket, 15c to 20c. Sweet potatoes, per basket, 30c to 40c; per barrel, \$2.75 to \$3. Red peppers, per basket, 25c to 35c. Huckleberries, per basket, 60c to 65c. Grapes, Moore's, per 2c to 2 1/2 per lb; Niagara, 2 1/2 to 3c per pound. LIVE STOCK. Trade is pretty fair all round at the western cattle yards and very little remaining unsold at the close of Tuesday's Market. Where buying of export cattle was slightly more brisk. Cattle. Quotations: Milch cows, each, \$420.00 to \$450.00. Export cattle, per cwt., 4.00 to 4.60. Butcher's choice cattle, cwt. 3.60 to 3.80. Butcher's good cattle, cwt. 3.00 to 3.40. Butcher's fair cattle, cwt. 2.50 to 2.75. Bulls, per cwt., 2.50 to 4.00. Fedders, per cwt., 3.20 to 3.75. Stockers, per cwt., 2.25 to 2.75. Export sheep, per cwt., 3.00 to 3.65. Butcher's sheep, per cwt., 3.00 to 3.25. Spring lambs, per cwt., 3.50 to 4.00. Calves, per head, 2.00 to 8.00. Choice bacon hogs, per cwt. 7.00 to 7.50. Thick fat hogs, per cwt., 4.75 to 6.00. Sows, per cwt., 3.25 to 3.60. Stags, per cwt., 2.00 to 2.25.

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