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k, nor, in the case of
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society. "He that
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art and skill let him
e use and utility
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With these principles,
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er favors the multi-
y owners, and main-
state should legislate
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e placed beyond want
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Associations for mutual
insurance the Holy
ost encouraging words;
that they should be
religious basis.

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from Protestant equally
sources, as being based
principles of Christian
is no doubt it will
good for the working
out the Christian world.
pose for which it was
the Pope speaks with
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not claim, it must bear
fruit than those
are merely the result
magination.

MANITOBA SCHOOL TESTION.

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ba, letters were laid on
House of Commons on
week, petitioning for
ce of the Act. Among
ere several from
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se of Commons, resolu-
convention of Manitoba
ians, and letters from
ishops, all of which made
entations of the injustice
on inflicted by the Act
atholic minority. The
rotested against the
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age as an unwarranted
the promises made to
territory into Confedera-
Dominion.

Tache's letter to His Ex-
Governor General says:

r such laws as a deadly
very constitution of this
e are detrimental to the
arest interests of a por-
jesty's most loyal subjects.
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representative of Her
right should be done in

therefore, most earnestly
His Excellency, as the
re of our most beloved
ld take such steps that in
ill seem the best remedy
evils that the above men-
recently enacted laws are
r this part of Her Majesty's

from Bishop Laflèche, of
s, addressed to the Hon. J.
Secretary of State, was
the documents presented.
represent to Mr. Chapleau
ust law violates the Con-
Act, which guarantees the
of the French language on
oting as the English, and
ance of Separate schools—
without which the Catholic
e-speaking population of
uld not have consented to
deration.

ubuted that when His Grace
Tache was sent for to Rome

in 1869 to act as a mediator between
the Dominion Government and the
people of Manitoba, when the latter
took up arms because they were sus-
picious of the designs of Canadians,
it was one of the conditions on which
peace was restored that the rights of
the people then settled in the country
should be respected; and it was on
this understanding that the Archbishop
consented to act as mediator. The
passage of the obnoxious laws was a
gross violation of this understanding,
and it is undoubtedly the duty of the
Dominion Government to keep faith
with the old settlers.

DEATH OF THE O'GORMAN MAHON.

A great old chieftain has dis-
appeared in the person of The O'Gorman
Mahon, M. P. for the county Carlow.
In his demise a living link has been
removed that united the politics and
men of to-day with the stirring events
and mighty struggles of sixty years
ago. Scarcely a living man can
travel back in memory as far as the
political agitations in which The
O'Gorman Mahon was actively en-
gaged. We must look up history and
trace the ancient magazines to find
the lithe, active, energetic and elo-
quent The O'Gorman Mahon, in the
thick of the battle-smoke during the
Clare election of 1828.

The chosen leader of the Irish people
at that date was the great Liberator,
Daniel O'Connell—the man of the
people, as he was then universally
called in his own country. He acted in
the capacity of a general-in-chief, and
his most trusted lieutenants and aide-
de-camps were The O'Gorman Mahon
and the chivalrous Protestant, honest
Tom Steele. When a vacancy oc-
curred in the representation for the
county Clare it was seriously debated
in the Catholic Association at Dublin if
Mr. Vesey Fitzgerald, the Tory candi-
date, should be opposed, as he and his
father, although Protestants, were
always favorably disposed towards
their Catholic fellow-countrymen.

He was also a supporter of the
administration of Wellington and
Peel, who had lately repealed the
Test Act and the Corpora-
tion Act drawn up by O'Connell, or
rather by a Father L'Estrange, a Car-
melite Friar, and which admitted Pro-
testant dissenters to election for office,
of which they had been debarred for
nigh two centuries. The emancipa-
tion of dissenters, Baptists, Methodists
and others paved the way towards
Catholic emancipation; but none the
less should the Methodists and Baptists
be grateful to the memory of Daniel
O'Connell for the boon of official recog-
nition in the British Empire.

The Catholic Association in Dublin
carried the resolution that Mr. Vesey
Fitzgerald should be opposed.
But who should dare oppose him?
Who would have any chance of success
against one who was so popular among
the Catholics and who enjoyed the full-
trust of all the landlords and aristoc-
racy of the county? The O'Gorman
Mahon and Mr. Steele were sent to
Clare to inquire into the dispositions of
priests and people and ascertain if a
Protestant Liberal, Major McNamara,
would not be acceptable to all.
"O'Gorman Mahon," says Mitchell, in
his history of Ireland, "came back in
two days. He reported that the major's
family lay under such obligations to
Mr. Vesey Fitzgerald that he could not
think of opposing him." Meanwhile
the "Ascendancy party," as well as
the Liberal Protestants of Clare, were
actively engaged in working for their
candidate already in the field, and
boasting that no gentleman in the
county would stoop so low as to accept
the patronage of the Catholic Association.

These gentlemen were soon to re-
ceive a lesson. There was earnest
consultation one night at O'Connell's
house in Merrion Square. Next day
Dublin city was startled, and soon all
Ireland was aroused by an address
from O'Connell himself to the electors
of Clare, soliciting their suffrages and
declaring that he was fully qualified
to be elected, notwithstanding an oath
which he said the most bigoted enemies
would see the necessity of removing.
Several members of the Catholic Asso-
ciation were at once sent down to Clare
in order to excite the people and pre-
pare them for the great event of elect-
ing a Catholic to the British Parlia-
ment. Among the delegates from Dub-
lin none were so remarkable or pro-
duced such enthusiasm among the
people as The O'Gorman Mahon, who
went about in company with honest
Tom Steele, from parish to parish, from
valley to hill-top, everywhere address-
ing crowds of tenants who were under
the lash and threats of their landlords
to vote for Vesey Fitzgerald or
leave their homes and choose exile or
the poor-house. The O'Gorman
Mahon was then but twenty-five years
of age. He was tall of stature, broad-
shouldered and handsome, the beau ideal

of a soldier; but of a soldier impatient
of active employment, whether in civil
or foreign war. It was politico-relig-
ious war his country was then engaged
in, with the great O'Connell for gen-
eral-in-chief. The O'Gorman Mahon
threw himself into the strife with all
the intrepidity of a Duguesclin and
the fire of a religious martyr.

He and Tom Steele met the advo-
cates of Toryism on every public
square in open air meetings. He
addressed in burning eloquence thou-
sands who assembled on the hill-sides
on week days and pious crowds in the
chapel yards after Mass on Sundays.

The whole county Clare was thor-
oughly aroused; the influence of aristo-
cratic landlords was forever broken.
People and priests moved together in
solid phalanx, and O'Connell was elected
in spite of penal laws—in spite of wealth
and bribes and every intimidation that
armed force and landlord threats could
create in the hearts of the people.

O'Connell walked into the House of
Parliament, and was tendered the
usual oaths of "Supremacy" and of
"Unbelief in the Mass." He refused to
take these oaths. He was then heard
at the bar of the House, where he
claimed the right to sit and vote. His
claim was disallowed by a majority of
the House. The old oaths were once
more tendered to him. He read over
the stupid thrash (says the historian)
in an audible voice; then said, raising
his head, that he declined to take that
oath, because "one part of it I know
to be false; and the other I do not
believe to be true."

The oath, however, was abrogated;
O'Connell was re-elected, Catholic Em-
ancipation was declared; and through
his own genius and bravery, and
through the courage and perseverance
of his lieutenants and co-workers, The
O'Gorman Mahon and others, the land
was advanced a stage towards
freedom and national independence.

Several Catholics were arrested dur-
ing the heat of the election contest, and
brought to trial in Farns for disorderly
and riotous conduct. A special com-
mission was named and judges ap-
pointed to punish the rioters, who
were condemned beforehand. O'Con-
nell appeared for the prisoners, how-
ever, and obtained their acquittal.
It was during this trial that The
O'Gorman Mahon challenged the
crown prosecutor. The latter, seeing
a tall young man arrayed in
green, looking down from the court
house gallery in a menacing attitude,
called the attention of the judge to the
circumstance, and inquired aloud who
was that man. The O'Gorman shouted
(pointing to the attorney for the crown),
"If that gentleman will send his name
to this gentleman (pointing to himself),
this gentleman will have great pleas-
ure in sending his name to that gentle-
man."

On the 4th of February, 1830,
Parliament was dissolved and a
general election took place. This
time O'Connell contested the county
of Waterford, and achieved another
brilliant victory by wresting that
constituency from the powerful
and bigoted Beresfords. The O'Gorman
Mahon was returned triumphantly
for his native county, Clare. He was
then but twenty-seven years old; but
he was the soul of honor, the ideal
of the people and the staunchest and
most constant friend and follower of
Daniel O'Connell.

Such he remained all through life.
When Smith O'Brien and the young
Irishmen abandoned their leader to
the Chartist rebellion, and failed in the
attempt, The O'Gorman stood faith-
fully true to his allegiance, and never
for one moment wavered in his attach-
ment and devotedness to the "Liberator."
In every scheme devised for
securing Repeal of the Union or Home
Rule for Ireland The O'Gorman Mahon,
if not the actual leader, was second in
command, and never once during the
sixty years of his political life did he
forfeit the confidence or the love of his
country. He died poor in the world's
goods, but he was rich in merit and
in the devotion and gratitude of Ireland,
which he loved and served so long and
well.

THE LATE SIR JOHN MAC- DONALD.

Right Rev. Father Flannery, P. P.,
St. Thomas, Editor Catholic Record,
London, Ont.:

REV. FATHER: To settle a dispute I
had a few days ago with some Catholic
friends—I was assured by them that
Sir A. John Macdonald died a Roman
Catholic, notwithstanding that he was
attended by Protestant ministers both
before and after death. However, the
only proof they could give me was
the initials R. I. P., which headed the
account of his death and burial in
some Catholic newspapers, notably the
True Witness of Montreal, and which
they say are never used only for Catho-
lics; and as a Protestant I know we
never pray for the dead.

Hoping you will excuse all this
trouble of a stranger to you, I remain,
yours, William McIlwaine, a native of
Belfast, Ireland.

Mr. McIlwaine does not furnish us
with his address, yet we have no doubt
of the sincerity of his inquiry. It con-
cerns not us or Mr. McIlwaine, but
the soul of the late Sir John Macdonald,
whether or not he died in the Catholic
faith. No information has been
vouchsafed to us on the subject. Let
us hope, however, that Sir John died
fortified and cleansed in spirit by the
holy sacraments which Christ left to
His Church for the sanctification of
souls. We are sorry to learn that Mr.
McIlwaine does not pray for the dead,
for the Scripture says "it is a holy and

wholesome thought to pray for the
dead that they may be loosed from their
sins."

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

AN EVENTFUL DAY IN CHATHAM.
Chatham Planet, June 15.

Last Sunday was a day of much in-
terest for the Catholics of Chatham,
owing to the presence of His Lordship
Bishop O'Connor, who came for the pur-
pose of administering the sacrament of
confirmation to a carefully prepared class
of one hundred and fifty boys and one
hundred and thirty-one girls, whose
answering reflected the highest credit
on the indefatigable parish priest,
Father Paul, O. S. F., and on their own
careful study. The children occupied
seats in the centre of the church and
fronting the altar, the girls being
tastefully dressed in white and bear-
ing white veils. The High Mass was
most impressive, the musical portion
being superb. Before the confirma-
tion, the Diocesan addressed the candi-
dates, expressing his pleasure in being
enabled to give them the sacrament,
and explaining its spiritual signifi-
cance, as feeding the life of the soul
and as an earnest of immortality,
through its neutralization of the
poison of original sin. The descent
of the Holy Ghost or Paraclete,
the Third Person of the Trinity,
was enlarged on, and the presence
of the Comforter promised as a con-
sequence of confirmation. The Spirit
would set its mark on the faithful for
time and eternity, but in hell that
same mark would be the index of ever-
lasting shame. After the confirmation
was over the Bishop again addressed
the young people, comforting them by
the declaration that they had as truly
received the Holy Ghost as did the
Apostles on the day of Pentecost.

He warned them, however, that they must
co-operate with God in the work of
their own salvation. He then gave
practical instructions as to the cultiva-
tion of prayer and the due and fre-
quent reception of the Holy Sacrament.
The boys he warned against disobedi-
ence to parents, profane language and
other vices, and spoke very strongly
on the evils of intemperance. By
unanimously rising, they solemnly
pledged themselves to become total
abstainers till they came to the age of
twenty-one. The girls were specially
cautioned against the reading of im-
pure books.

His Lordship concluded by imparting
the apostolic benediction to the con-
gregation.

An address of welcome from the con-
gregation was then read by Principal
Killick, and suitably replied to by
His Lordship.

After Mass the people adjourned for
dinner, which by wise forethought was
provided in the large malthouse, on
route for the Hospital. The ladies
(Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Pennefather
and others) were kept very busy and
about 1,000 people enjoyed a plentiful
repast. At 4 p. m. a procession, mar-
shalled by riders on horseback headed
by the city band and including the St.
Augustine Convent, Knights of St.
John, No. 8, C. M. B. A. and C. P. R.,
was formed, in which the carriage of
the Bishop and priests was conspicu-
ous. On the unfinished hospital build-
ing a platform had been erected, from
which the actual laying of the corner-
stone was seen, and from which the
Bishop and others spoke. He took his
text from Matthew, "When the Son of
Man shall sit in his majesty, etc.,"
and distinguished from the spiri-
tual works of mercy as indispensable to
our salvation, justly eulogized the
Sisters, and disclaimed any sectarian
or proselytizing views in connection
with the hospital. All ministers, when
summoned by the patients, would be
welcome. Judge Woods expressed his
sense of the great instruction gleaned
from the address and bore testi-
mony to the admirable care which
had been bestowed by the Sisters on
his deceased brother. Dr. Bray, from
a medical standpoint, endorsed the
praise of the hospital and the Sisters.
As an Episcopalian, he rejoiced in the
erection of this building and felt sure
that from it no sectarian impulses

would emanate. Mr. W. E. Hamilton
read a long letter from His Worship
Mayor Carpenter, who was unable to
attend, but sent an expression of his
appreciation of the ceremony, and
sympathy with the movement for the
erection of a hospital at an early date.
Mr. Hamilton followed with a comment
of his own, among which was a sugges-
tion for the erection by public subscrip-
tion in town and country of an addi-
tion to the institution, under the title,
"The Sir John A. Macdonald ward."

At 3:30 p. m. the members of the
C. M. B. A. assembled in the branch
hall. Bishop O'Connor, escorted by
Chancellors Killackey and Marquette,
and accompanied by the Rev. Father
Henry, entered, and the following
able address, splendidly engrossed, was
read by Chancellor Killackey:

To the Right Rev. Denis O'Connor, D. D.,
Bishop of London:

MAY I PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—We, the
members of Branch A of the C. M. B. A., beg to
assure Your Lordship of our first opportunity to
express our devotion to the high office of chief
pastor of this diocese, while sympathizing
with you in your elevation, we experienced a
strong desire to sever your connection with
the noble staff of learning which under your
devoted guidance has long been the pride of this
diocese. Your Lordship will find our associa-
tion and its members ever anxious to co-operate
in all works in which you may in your wisdom
require our assistance. We invoke Your Lord-
ship's blessing upon our immediate spiritual
guides, the good Franciscan Fathers, to whom
we mainly owe our success, and upon the mem-
bers of the association and their families.

W. J. McILWAIN, J. E. WELLEN,
Sec. Sec. President,
Chatham, June 15, 1891.

His Lordship made a most suitable
response, giving the members very
valuable advice, putting particular
emphasis on the great importance of

admitting to their ranks only those
who were practical Catholics.

CONFIRMATION AT WINDSOR.

Evening Record, June 15.

At 8 o'clock this morning a class of
187 candidates were admitted to first
Communion and confirmation at St.
Alphonsus Church. It was Bishop
O'Connor's first official visit to Windsor,
and the church was crowded to see and
hear their old friend the beloved chief
pastor of the diocese.

The Bishop said the Mass, assisted by
Father Cushing, president of L. Assump-
tion College, Sandwich; Very Rev.
Dean Wagner, Father Scallan, Father
Beaudoin and Father Gauthier. The
Bishop gave the children a brief
instruction on the great sacraments
they were about to receive and also on
the obligations they were bound to
fulfil in order to persevere in the path
of Christian charity and love of God.

During the offertory Mrs. Kilroy
gave a solo—"Ave Maria."

At the conclusion of the service Messrs.
Francis Cleary, M. A. McHugh and
several other gentlemen of the con-
gregation advanced to the sanctuary rail-
ing and presented the following address
to the Bishop:

To the Right Rev. Denis O'Connor, D. D.,
Bishop of London:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—Although
the Catholic people of Windsor, in common with
their co-religionists in the county of Essex,
offer their felicitations to Your Lordship on
the occasion of your retiring from the presi-
dency of the college to assume the more respon-
sible office of Bishop of this diocese, we deem it
our duty as well as a pleasure, to avail our-
selves of the opportunity which your first
official visit to this parish affords us, to again
congratulate you and bid you a hearty welcome.
We are convinced that your Lordship's pos-
sessions, in an eminent degree, those qualities
most essential to the successful administration
of the affairs of the diocese. Your Canadian
nationality, education and association render
you peculiarly familiar with the needs and
aspirations of the people whose spiritual
guidance has been committed to your care.

A practical, successful education for
many years, the cause of Catholic education will
always find in Your Lordship an able exponent
and zealous advocate.

Indefatigable in the furtherance of every
thing calculated to promote Catholic interests,
charitable to those not of the Catholic faith,
zealous, active, practical, with administrative
ability of the highest order, as it indeed has
already realized, a worthy successor to the
chief pastors of this diocese, we cordially
welcome to our parish, to assure you of our
devotion and attachment and to acknowledge
your spiritual obedience to you in all mat-
ters appertaining to your exalted office.

In conclusion we have to express the earnest
hope that Divine Providence may grant Your
Lordship health, strength and vigour, to per-
form the arduous duties of chief pastor of
the diocese of London.

Signed, Francis Cleary, M. A. Twomey, Hyppolite Reame,
E. Hamahan, Alex. B. Marquette, F. N.
McHugh, M. A. McHugh.

The Bishop responded feelingly, re-
ferring to his visit to Windsor as a
home-coming. He was welcomed by
familiar faces, voices and scenes. He
did not speak of the congregation in
particular, but to his numerous non-
Catholic friends, of whom he could, in
all honesty say, "God bless them."

VISIT TO AMHERSTBURG.

From the Echo, June 15.

Right Rev. Denis O'Connor, D. D.,
Bishop of London, made his first official
visit to Amherstburg on Wednesday
evening and the Catholics of the
parish took advantage of the occa-
sion to give him a reception in keep-
ing with the high official position he
occupies. The Bishop arrived per M.
C. R. in the evening, and was received
at the railway station here, by the
members of the St. Jean Baptiste
Society, the C. M. T. A. and C. M. B. A.,
in a body, headed by the Am-
herstburg band. The procession was
re-formed, with the societies leading,
and followed by carriages containing
the Bishop and visiting and local
priests and the Presidents of the
societies. In the first carriage were
the Bishop, Rev. Father Cushing,
Father Ryan and Thos. Ouellette.
The next carriage contained Father
Brennan, Father McManamin, Father
Renaud and Henry Ouellette. The
Presidents of the societies followed in
two other carriages, after which came
members of the parish in buggies.
Arriving at the church, which was
magnificently decorated and brilliantly
lighted, the Bishop was given a grand
reception, the church being crowded
to the doors. After the opening services
were concluded, addresses from the
French-Canadians of the parish, the
societies of the church and the married
ladies of the parish were read and
presented to the Bishop.

N. A. Coste, supported by Zenobie
Morin and Joseph Reame, read an
address in French as follows:

To the Very Rev. Denis O'Connor, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of London:

Most Reverend Father, the French-Canadians of
the old parish of St. Jean Baptiste, of Amherstburg,
are happy on the occasion that is offered to
them by your first official visit to this parish,
to express to the episcopate, to assure you of their
attachment to yourself and to our Holy Father
the Pope, who has been the greatest blessing
to them, in you, a Bishop, whom they have known,
respected and loved so many years. You are
welcome, My Lord, in your official position to
the parish of Amherstburg, as you have been
every time you have come here, and be assured
that all the parishioners, and certainly the
French-Canadians, in the name of whom this
address has been especially prepared, wish that
it may be permitted to you, with the grace of God
to do much good, which is without doubt your
only ambition here below. The French-
Canadians of Amherstburg and vicinity, who
compose the greatest part of the parish of St.
Jean Baptiste, are pleased, My Lord, to be able
to address their Bishop in their mother tongue,
knowing that you know and speak the French
language perfectly, and they dare hope that
you will always encourage these parishes,
which are in great part French-Canadian, the
language of their ancestors, of the eldest daugh-
ters of the Church, for experience shows that
the French-Canadian who abandons his lan-
guage very often loses his faith and often
changes his religion, whilst the body of Cana-
dians who pray to God in French remain at-
tached to the Holy Catholic, Apostolic and
Roman religion. You can always depend, My
Lord, upon the devotion and obedience of your
spiritual children the French-Canadians of this
parish, who respectfully ask you for your benedi-
ction.

On behalf of the French-Canadians of the
parish of St. Jean Baptiste, of Amherstburg,
by order of the committee named for the
purpose,
N. A. COSTE,
President of the Society of St. Jean Baptiste
and Recteur of Malden.

J. David Burk, supported by T. B.
White and Dr. T. J. Park, read the
following address from the societies:

My Lord—Your first visit to Amherstburg,
an act of kindness to us and to Rev. Father
Ryan, personally, came upon us so unexpectedly
that we had neither time nor opportunity to say
and do what was in the heart of every member
of the parish. From the moment your appoint-

ment was made public, though it was received
with universal acclamation, yet we think none
could be so specially delighted with it as the
people of this county, for none had had our
opportunity of knowing the value of the treasure
God was bestowing upon us. Living and act-
ing in our midst, under our eyes for so many
years, and conducting the largest institution of
the diocese with marvellous prudence, you
were already designated by public opinion
before the voice of Rome was heard at all. And
when that sacred utterance reached us every
Catholic heart answered: "It will! Thank God
be to God for the choice." For we knew you as
a man of high administrative capacity, a ruler
by nature, patient with a steady arm and ways
of peace, and with wonderful success, those
heavenly objects which the Church puts before
her clergy. We need not mention your gift of
judgment, which drew thousands to your pres-
ence for counsel and direction, nor the tact and
franchise and charity which sent every one
away satisfied; for no one is ignorant of these
Your Lordship, who, in knowing us, knows our
shyness in those statements, can, therefore,
understand how pleased and proud we are to-
day, in the name of the societies of St. Jean
Baptiste, the Temperance and the C. M. B. A.,
and of the whole parish, in welcoming you, on
this, your official visit. Not a man here but is
happy to receive you, not one but would speak,
if occasion allowed, more strongly and affection-
ately than we have been able to do. May the
good God who has been so kind to us, watch
over His gift, to your greater happiness and
greater good.

We kneel for Your Lordship's benediction,
signed in behalf of the societies of Amherstburg,
the parish of Amherstburg.

Z. Morin, T. B. White, N. A. Coste, T. J.
Park, M. and J. David Burk.

After the reading of these two ad-
dresses, Mrs. Lambert Bertrand, Mrs.
L. N. Demou and Mrs. Jos. Reame,
on behalf of the married ladies of the
parish, presented the Bishop with a
handsome episcopal chair, in walnut
and purple plush, and Mrs. Bertrand
read the following address:

Right Rev. D. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of
London:

My Lord—At the occasion of your first
official visit amongst us each one is desirous to
draw near Your Lordship to tender congratula-
tions and speak her extreme satisfaction that
your merit has been recognized by the Holy
See, when God appointed you our Bishop and
first pastor. Expressions of affectionate re-
sentment of an episcopal chair, which we have
tended to you, and we are proud to state that
our sentiments blend well in all that can be
said in your honor. We believe us, My Lord,
we will receive additional pleasure to see
you occupying it, and we trust that God will
answer our prayers in making your administration one
of the most fruitful and successful of the age.
We are, My Lord, very humbly kneeling for your benedi-
ction, and we ever dwell upon us and upon our
families.

THE LADIES OF THE PARISH OF AMHERST-
BURG.

The Bishop was very much affected
by these tokens of the love and esteem
of the members of the Amherstburg
parish, and, in replying to the several
addresses, referred to the presentation
and the Ladies' address first. He said
he was sincerely thankful for the mani-
festations of the people's love for him.
He was especially thankful to the
ladies, not only for their magnificent
present, but also for the great interest
taken and the zeal shown in church
work. The ladies of the parish of
Amherstburg were always willing and
eager to do anything to advance the
interest of the church and he was
thankful for an opportunity to compli-
ment them on their work and the taste
and artistic skill displayed by them in
decorating the church and altar.

He replied to the French-Canadian
people's address in their own language
expressing his thanks for the many
kind remarks, congratulations and
well wishes set forth in their address.
To the societies the Bishop expressed
himself as very grateful for the recep-
tion given him. He felt deeply their
kindness in turning out to meet him,
notwithstanding the unfavorable and
inclement state of the weather. They
not only showed their love and respect
for himself, as their Bishop, but also
their devotion to the Church.

After replying to the addresses the
Bishop brought the services to a close
by pronouncing the benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament.

The first Communion and confirma-
tion services were held on Thursday
morning, at 8 o'clock Mass, by Bishop
O'Connor, assisted by Revs. Father
Cushing, Superior Sandwich College;
Father Brennan, of Malden, and Father
Renaud, of Amherstburg. There were
one hundred and ten adults and chil-
dren confirmed and seventy children
received first Communion. The serv-
ices were very impressive. The Bishop
is an eloquent and fluent speaker and
he feelingly referred to the significance
of the services being held and the duties
of the people to the Church.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the
first Communion children and other
members of the Church were enrolled
and received as members of the
Society of the Blessed Virgin and
League of the Sacred Heart.

The Bishop was given a reception
and an address by the children of the
Sisters' school at 4 o'clock in the after-
noon.

At 7:30 Thursday evening the
Bishop received fifty young ladies as
members of the Sodality of the Blessed

Virgin and also gave them the
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

LEAGUE OF THE SACRED HEART.

In St. Thomas, at the close of
the mission on last Sunday after-
noon, a men's branch League
of the Sacred Heart was inaugu-
rated by Rev. Father Devlin, S. J.
About sixty members joined, and
chose officers for the current year. They
are: President Mr. John Anyavot, M. C.
R. First Vice-President John King
(H. M. C. A. Second Vice-President P. L.
M. Egan, Secretary and Treasurer W.
P. Reynolds. Messrs. Terence Brady,
of Glanworth, and J. H. Price were
appointed Promoters. The aims and
objects of the Men's League are all
printed in a leaflet, which was dis-
tributed among the members of the
congregation during Mass. A copy of
its principal regulations will not, we
think, be out of place here—

END.

The Men's League is an association of men
desirous of promoting, by prayer in union with
the Sacred Heart of Jesus, reception of the
sacraments and practice of the Christian virtues,
especially temperance, not only their own spiri-
tual welfare, but also by their example and in-
fluence that of their fellow men of all classes of
society.

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