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FIRST EPISCOPAL VISIT

Made by Archbishop Bruchesi to St. Patrick's.

Address of Welcome Presented by the Parishioners—Eloquent Reply of His Grace, in Which He Strongly Advocates the Establishment of a High School and Greater Encouragement for the True Witness—The New Statue of St. Patrick Blessed—Tribute of the Catholic Teachers of Montreal.

A very large congregation of the faithful gathered at High Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, when Monseigneur Bruchesi paid his first official visit to the parish since his consecration, and blessed the magnificent new statue of St. Patrick that is to be placed on a pedestal over the main entrance to the church. Opportunity was taken of the occasion to present to His Grace an address of warm welcome from the parishioners assuring him of their love and filial obedience, and of their unalterable attachment to the Holy See. Monseignaur's reply was one of deep, fatherly love for his children, whom he urged to be ever true to the traditions and faith of their forefathers. His Grace also advocated the establishment, among the English-speaking portion of his flock, of a Catholic High School, and spoke some words of well directed encouragement to the TRUE WITNESS, the value of which to the Catholic community he forcibly pointed out.

The ceremony of blessing the statue of St. Patrick was performed by His Grace before the commencement of the Mass. The figure of the patronal saint of the parish, which had, for the time being, been placed just outside the principal entrance of the church, is a finely finished piece of work, and, when placed in position, will be very conspicuous and ornamental. It is from the well known establishment of Carli, of this city, and is of a composition called artificial stone. It is colossal size and weighs about 1500 pounds.

During the Mass, which was celebrated by Rev. J. A. McCallen, S. S., assisted by Rev. M. Callaghan, S. S., as deacon and Rev. P. Fallon as sub-deacon. Monseigneur Bruchesi, who occupied his throne and wore his cope and mitre, was attended by Very Rev. L. Colin, S. S., Superior of the Seminary, and Rev. Fathers Quinlivan and Lussier, as deacons of honor. The masters of ceremonies were Rev. J. Perron, of the Cathedral, and Rev. M. Driscoll of St. Patrick's. At the conclusion of the Gospel, Rev. Father Quinlivan, pastor, ascended the pulpit and after making a number of announcements said: "In your name now, brethren, and in the name of the Irish people—in a word, in the name of St. Patrick's—I beg to read a short address, expressing our regard, our love and our veneration for our new Archbishop, who has been good enough to pay us his first visit this morning." He then read the following address:

To His Grace the Most Rev. PAUL BRUCHESI, Archbishop of Montreal:

MONSEIGNEUR—Ever since the happy day when the news of your appointment reached us from the Eternal City, the priests and people of St. Patrick's have been looking for a favorable opportunity to tender to Your Grace the expression of their respect, their love and their filial obedience. During the days of the widowhood of this vast archdiocese our prayers ascended to heaven that God might deign to give us a worthy pastor, a man like Holy David, according to His own heart. It is not always that prayers have been so fully answered, and certainly the debt of gratitude we owe to God is a heavy one, for having sent us a bishop of whom we not only feel justly proud on account of his scholarly attainments, his tender piety and amiable personal qualities, but especially because we know that in him we have a true father and friend, to whose kindness we can always appeal in our trials and troubles. The gentleness and amiable disposition of your predecessor, Monseigneur Fabre, were so marked and, at the same time, so rare, that we had reason to fear that his like could not easily be found But even in this God has condescended to us and given us a prelate whom not even the lowliest or most timid amongst us can fear to approach.

It is surely a source of joy to every true child of the Church in this diocese, and of encouragement and consolation to yourself, Monseigneur, to note the universal satisfaction your appointment has given, not only to your own, but also—which is no small import to the common good—to persons of all classes in this great city, and throughout the entire country. To us in particular, your Irish—your English-speaking—children, it is most gratifying that the fluency and correctness with which you speak our language enables you to address us in our own tongue, and be assured, Monseigneur, that we shall listen to your words, not only with pleasure, but also with that reverence which we owe to our first pastor, and in that spirit of faith and docility which has ever been characteristic of our people.

Henceforth, Monseignear, your name in this parish will be associated with that of our patron national saint, the glorious St. Patrick, whose statue you have been kind enough to come here this morning to bless, and I need not remind your Grace how holy and how heavenly are the memories which that blessed name evokes in the breast of every child of Erin.

In a few days your Grace will have set forth on your journey to the Eternal City, there to lay your tribute of love and submission at the feet of our common father, the great and immortal Leo XIII. Be assured, Monseigneur, that our prayers will accompany you, and that each day, until you have returned to our midst, we shall ask God to send His holy angel to accompany you, to grant you a happy and prosperous voyage, and, like the young Tobias, to bring you back to your own.

We respectfully beg of you, Monseigneur, when you have the happiness of seeing the Holy Father, to assure him of our profound veneration and love for his sacred person, and of our unalterable attachment to the faith and authority of the Holy See. We know that it is unnecessary to ask you to request his blessing for us; that, we are sure, you will obtain for us, in common with the rest of your children. It now only remains for us, Monseigneur, to thank you for your visit here to-day and to ask your paternal blessing upon each and every one of us, priests and people, so that we may be ever faithful to our duty, and during the long reign which we pray God to grant Your Grace that you may never receive ought but consolation from your children of St. Patrick's.

An Eloquent Reply.

His Grace was then conducted from his throne to the front of the sanctuary, where he replied to the address in the following terms:—

"My beloved brethren, on the day of my consecration in the Cathedral I had an opportunity of expressing my sentiments of affection and devotedness to the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal; and on that occasion no one was excepted in the benediction, the first episcopal benediction that I gave in the name of God. To day I feel happy to come into your midst and to bless once more such an important portion of the flock which God has committed to my care. St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, said: *Os meum apertum est vobis, O, Corinthi, cor meum dilatatum est*—Our mouth is opened to you, O, Corinthians, our heart is enlarged. I say to you to day, beloved brethren, my mouth is opened to you all, to tell you of my joy and my affection; and my heart, as bishop and father, is greatly enlarged towards you. I feel happy when I see before me works that prove the zeal of the priests of this parish and your own faith and generosity. I feel happy, and in my joy I thank God, who gives me such devoted hearts. I feel happy when I hear of your Catholic spirit, of your veneration for the Church and for the ministers of Christ; and I feel happy when I hear of your faithfulness to all your duties as Christians and citizens. I also open my mouth to express to you my gratefulness, for I know that this welcome is cordial. Your hearts receive me to day not only as your bishop, but as a true friend. When I come into this church, my beloved brethren, I think of many things that are passed. I was born not far from this church, the mother church, I may say, of all those temples erected for the English-speaking population of this city. When I come into this church, I remember that I was born not far from it, and that, when a boy, I used to come sometimes with my beloved and pious father to pray here; for this was one of the churches in which, as a citizen, he was in the habit of receiving holy communion every day. I likewise remember that, wishing not to be seen by everybody, he used on two or three days a week to go and receive it in the old Cathedral. On the other days he came to St. Patrick's. Can I forget such a thing? Here we have had good and holy priests who have worked for God and for His souls; priests whom I have venerated, and who I have considered as friends. Here, for many years, was dear Father Dowd, whose name is in the hearts of all here present; I might say in the hearts of all the Irish Catholics of Montreal. For many years he was your father. How many among you were baptized by his hands? How many were consoled by his charity and friendship? How many poor little children were taken by him into Zions of charity? How many tombs of your dear parents and friends did he not bless himself? He is now in heaven; but amongst you I know that he is never forgotten. Here also I knew dear Father Toupin, that French-Canadian priest who worked here for many years and proved that for the priest, the minister of Christ, there is no distinction between nationalities. And I now see at the head of the parish a worthy successor to dear Father Dowd. Your pastor was my classmate in Montreal College, my example in everything; and for the past three years we have had the happiness of working together on the Catholic School Board, for the good of your own children. Do I not find here another priest who was my teacher in the college, and who has converted so many souls to God? Do I not find here friends in the priests who have the direction of your souls? Therefore, my dear brethren, you understand the joy that fills my heart, when I come into your midst. I come as your bishop; I come as your father; I come as your friend. God has gathered in Montreal different races and nationalities. But the difference between nationalities is for man; never for God and the priests. The priest is the minister of Jesus Christ. He has to teach all nations. When Our Lord sent His apostles into the world, He did not say to them, "Go and teach this or that nation," he did not say "Go teach the Greeks," or "Go teach the Romans." He said "Go teach all nations," and that is the reason why the heart of a priest cannot make a distinction between one race and another. Everywhere a priest is in his home. Let him be in Rome, let him be in Italy, let him be in Ireland, in France, in the States, or in Canada, all the souls committed to his care are his souls, and always faithfully he has to teach and guide his children. St. Paul, at the beginning of the Church, stated that grand and beautiful principle: "They are no more Greeks or Romans, but they are the sons of Jesus Christ." As a bishop, I hope I shall prove in my diocese that I have something of the feelings of the great St. Paul, my patron saint. For me there is no distinction between one race and another, between one nationality and another. You are all my sons, and I equally open to you all my heart and my love. Now, I understand that a nationality needs special helps to perform its duties, and that is the reason why I have always favored all that could give greater facility to the English-speaking population of Montreal for the performance of their Catholic duties, as I will do for the Italians who are here, and for the poor Syrians. I am a servant of everybody, because I am a representative of Jesus Christ, who made no distinction between one soul and another soul. And now, as your pastor, I come to say to you: My beloved brethren, stand by the traditions of your forefathers; keep the great gift of faith; and remember that nothing in this world—fortune, talents, glory, sympathy, love—is equal to the simplest act of faith. You received that great gift of faith when you were baptized. Many of you brought it from the motherland. Keep it now by all means, and let your ambition be to transmit this great and precious treasure to your children. Always have respect and veneration for the authority of the Church, and listen faithfully to the advice of her pastors. Be fervent in your prayers; keep the day of the Lord. Catholic parents, you have to look to the innocence of your children. You, dear children, be respectful and obedient to your parents. Amongst the works that I would recommend especially to this portion of my diocese, there are two I wish to mention here; and I do it of my own free will, and not at the request of anybody. I wish to speak of the value of a Catholic High School and of the value of a Catholic paper. The Catholic High School that you would erect, through the zeal and help of your priests and your own generosity, would be a protection for your children. Too many have forgotten the duty of a Catholic, and do not send their children to a Catholic school. The Catholic school is the school of the Church, and there you must send your children, and not to schools where they may learn, perhaps human science, but where they won't be taught according to your faith.

As to the press, you know its magic power. The press is powerful for good, and it is powerful for evil. Continuing, His Grace expressed the wish that there should be a union of all the forces in the ranks of English-speaking Catholics to support and encourage their Catholic paper, because it is the organ of the Church and of truth, and is a great blessing for everyone in this community.

I thank your beloved pastor for his kind wishes, expressed to me in your name. In a few weeks I shall leave for the Eternal City, where I shall pray on the tombs of the Apostles. I shall also pray before the glorious Pontiff, Leo XIII., whose first blessing I had the happiness to receive in St. Peter's, when he was elected; the Pontiff whom I saw a few days after my ordination, and who has now made me a bishop. I shall tell him of my devotedness, of my submission to his decisions, of my love, and of the love, submission and obedience of my people. But in Rome, let me tell you, there is a church in which I would like to pray especially for you. When I was a student in the Eternal City I used sometimes to go and pray in the Church of St. Agatha, where, on a slab of marble, you will see an inscription telling you that therein is the heart of the great Daniel O'Connell. I used to pray there for Catholic Ireland and for the friends I had in this country. This I did when I was a student, and now, as a bishop, I shall go there and recall to mind the great and noble efforts that have been made for Catholics and for the truth. I will pray that there be continued to you the preservation of your faith. And now, I will give you my blessing. I will bless all the people who are present here—the pastors and the flock, the parents and the children—and I hope that this blessing, which I will give in the name of the sacred heart of Jesus, will be to you a source of peace and happiness forever."

His Grace then pronounced his blessing and immediately afterwards left the Sanctuary.

ADDRESS FROM THE CATHOLIC TEACHERS.

It was fitting that the Catholic teachers of the Archdiocese should follow in the footsteps of their pupils and offer their congratulations to His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi. Last night the large parlors of the Palace were filled to overflowing.

Among the large number present were: Messrs. A. D. Lacroix, president; T. M. Reynolds, vice president; J. V. Dessaulniers, secretary; F. X. T. Demers, H. O. Dore, L. A. Primeau, P. L. O'Donoghue, L. O. Dore, J. T. Anderson, J. E. Leroy, B. Meloche, P. Malone, C. E. O. Ryan, Leblond de Brumath, P. Auern, N. Brisebois, S. Menard, T. Allaire, N. Nolin, J. A. Primeau, A. Chioux, J. B. Primeau, U. Barthelemy, J. H. Rondeau, J. S. Tisdale, P. E. Smith, J. P. Thibault, J. N. Perrault, G. A. Famelart, J. E. Bernier, M.A. Black J. Lavallee, R. de la Cueva, J. C. St. Amour, P. E. Pompart, J. A. Cleroux, N. Belisle, J. B. Paquet, N. Latremouille, W. Meloche, M. Lanctot, G. E. Page, J. L. Tremblay, J. R. Ducharme, J. M. Tremblay, L. Larose, J. A. Brisebois, J. H. Bergeron, L. P. J. Jasmin, A. R. Prendergast, J. J. McCallen, F. Viens, C. Leblanc, J. J. Maguire, P. P. Burke, Wm. Kelly, Ed. Kelly, L. Morrin, A. B. Charbonneau, G. J. Ducharme, F. X. St. Laurent, Z. Guerin, P. J. Fitzpatrick, P. J. Leitch, T. J. Courtney, Z. Boutin, O. Roy, Charles Smith, A. P. Gelinas, N. Gelinas.

During the evening His Grace was presented with two addresses from the French and English teachers. Mr. A. D. Lacroix read the French address, while Professor T. M. Reynolds read the following address from the English teachers:—

To the Most Reverend Paul Bruchesi, D.D., Archbishop of Montreal:

May it Please Your Grace,—We, the teachers of English speech, under the control of the Montreal Catholic School Board, acting in union with our confreres of French speech, respectfully beg to approach Your Grace to congratulate you on your elevation to the sacred purple and princedom of the Church, and to lay at your feet the homage of our profound respect and veneration.

Under the wise and enlightened administration of Your Grace's predecessors of happy memory, education ever held a foremost place. As a result of their vigilant zeal and self-sacrificing labors, the ecclesiastical diocese of Montreal had attained a growth of marvellous proportions. Its past history is one unbroken record of high aims and noble achievements. Its numerous religious, educational and charitable institutions became the pride and glory of our people, and the admiration of the stranger. Within their hallowed walls every aspiration of the human soul was satisfied, and every suffering of the human body alleviated. Its priests were no less famed for their virtues and learning than for their missionary zeal and devotion, its noble sisterhoods, ever ready to tend the sick and comfort the sorrowing, taught the youth of their own sex in schools which became famous on two continents. From and through these schools our country has been blessed with mothers into whose minds and hearts were instilled those grand principles of righteousness and religion, whose practice exalts a nation, and makes its people great and God fearing.

That these works shall continue to be carried on, that these institutions shall be fostered and furthered developed, that the education of youth shall be an object dear to the heart of Your Grace, that you shall, like your great apostle and patron, "make yourself all to all, in order to gain all to Christ"—the appointment of Your Grace to the exalted position you now occupy is, in itself, a sufficient guarantee.

And the congratulations which have reached Your Grace from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the missionary fields of the far North to the sultry regions of Sunny South, it would be passing strange, indeed, did not the lay teachers of your own pastoral charge come forward, on the first occasion offered, to express their joy, and to thank God for having given to this Metropolitan See a successor so eminently fitted to fill the place of the great and saintly men who had gone before him.

We therefore recognize and salute Your Grace as the divinely appointed first pastor and head teacher of your diocese. Furthermore, we salute you as the successor of the Apostles, as the envoy of the Holy Ghost, as the ambassador of Christ, as the protege of His Sacred Heart, as "the one who was destined from all eternity to become the fourth pastor and the second archbishop of the diocese of Montreal."

As teachers, we, therefore, reverently bow before Your Grace, asking to be enlightened, instructed and directed by you; and to your instructions and direction, as well as to your sacred person, we pledge our willing obedience, our entire submission and our unswerving loyalty.

We most cordially wish Your Grace a God-speed on your journey to the Eternal City, a safe and happy return to the homes and hearts of your beloved people. While humbly begging Your Grace's benediction ourselves, on our work and on those entrusted to our care, we pray the Giver of all gifts long to preserve you in health and happiness for the welfare of this diocese, and for the glory and edification of the Church.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING TEACHERS OF THE MONTREAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

His Grace, in his usual manner, made a happy response, and, in thanking them for all the kind things in the address, said that he appreciated their prayers and good wishes for a safe trip to the Eternal City.

An evil heart put the worst interpretation on all that it sees, and turns it to its own hurt.

THE A.O.H. TO THE FRONT

To Relieve Distress in Ireland

Full Text of Resolutions Adopted by the Washington Branch—Some Interesting Details of the Progress Made by the Famous Order in the United States.

The news comes from Washington, the American Capital, that the local branches of the Ancient Order of Hibernians have taken up the question of assisting their fellow-countrymen in the Old Land in view of the impending famine.

The following resolutions, adopted at a recent meeting, were forwarded to the National President, Mr. O'Connor, of Savannah:—

Whereas, We learn with profound regret and sorrow, from authentic sources, the sad tidings that a period of dire distress appears to be imminent in our mother country, owing to the total failure of the harvest throughout a large portion of Ireland, due to the heavy and incessant rains and inclement weather which have prevailed during the past season, which, among a people so largely dependent for their sustenance on the products of the soil, is sure to cause widespread desolation by reason of the famine, which must inevitably follow, unless speedy action is taken to avert this threatened calamity; and

Whereas, We deplore the evident and well-known causes which have made agricultural pursuits the principal occupation of so great a percentage of the population; still, realizing that this is neither the time nor the opportunity to discuss these matters, but that some measures should be adopted looking to the quick relief of our suffering, and soon, perhaps, to be starving, homeless and shivering kindred. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division No. 2, of Washington, District of Columbia bearing in mind our love and devotion to the cause of Ireland and suffering humanity, and our grand and noble motto, "Friendship, Unity and True Christian Charity," do hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to Ireland's poor in this their hour of anxiety and trouble. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted, through our district president, to the national officers of the A. O. H., with a request that such prompt steps be taken by the order throughout the United States, as will cause to be raised a fund sufficient, if possible, to ward off this pending evil, and thereby bring comfort and happiness to many an Irish heart and home

By order of Division No. 2, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Washington, D. C., by unanimous adoption at the regular meeting held Sunday, Sept. 12, 1897.

M. P. SULLIVAN
President Division No. 2.

Approved by the district president and forwarded to the national president, Sept. 16, 1897.

P. T. MORAN, District President.

A correspondent in referring to the Order, and its achievements in the past, says:—

The A.O.H. has a membership of two hundred in the District of Columbia. The several divisions are composed largely of prosperous business men, with a generous sprinkling of lawyers, doctors and other professional men. The timely action of these patriotic gentlemen cannot but redound to the good of the poor Irish peasantry. The total membership of the Order is officially named at 250,000 souls. The local branches here hope that an universal assessment of one dollar will be asked for by National President O'Connor. Should this call be responded to with the enthusiasm which is expected at least $200,000 will be available before the severe weather has approached. Division 2 has made a step in the right direction, and it is devoutly hoped that their good example will cause others to do likewise The ease with which the A.O.H. raised the necessary funds for the endowment of the Gaelic chair at the Catholic University has proved conclusively what the Order is capable of doing when it is a question of patriotism. According to the best of authority, the need to prove the worth of patriotism is now very urgent indeed.

OBITUARY

MR JAMES DOHENY.

It is our painful duty to announce the death of Mr. James Doheny, one of the best known Irish Catholics in Montreal, which sad event occurred this morning after an illness of about a month. Mr. Doheny, who was born at Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, came to Canada nearly a half a century ago, and for the greater part of that time he occupied the responsible office of Beef and Pork Inspector in this city. He was highly esteemed among all classes in the community for his high integrity and unassuming manners.

The funeral will take place on Friday, from his late residence, 56 Shearer street, at 8.30 a.m., to St. Ann's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass will be chanted, after which the remains will be transferred to Cote des Neiges Cemetery for interment.

A JUBILEE FAD.

A Rumor that the Office of Irish Viceroy Will be Abolished.

A Prince of Ireland to be Substituted—Some Interesting Details of the Castle Rule at Dublin and the Peculiarly Costly Maintenance of Its Dignity.

A correspondent to an American exchange, Mr. Frank Morris, has this to say in connection with the recent rumor of the appointment of a Prince of Ireland to replace the Irish Viceroy:

The proposal to abolish the office of Irish viceroy and establish in its stead a prince of Ireland, with a royal residence in Ireland is the latest post jubilee gossip of the English. The project is said to be viewed with serious consideration by the government and to have the sanction of the Queen.

Just how the Irish people will receive the news remains to be seen, but there is little doubt that they will not fail to disagree. The scheme in detail is to create the Duke of York Prince of Ireland and to have the title descend to the eldest son of each succeeding Prince of Wales. The few loyal peers of Ireland and the Irish Tories of the South of Ireland would be greatly pleased, and it is probable that not a few patriotic Irishmen would find no great opposition to the plan.

Almost anything would be better than maintaining the viceregal farce which now holds the boards. Every effort has been made to invest the Irish viceroy with dignity, but somehow each added trill of pomp and circumstances has brought only increased ridicule. The viceroy has been given Dublin castle as a place of residence and a salary of $100,000 to keep it up. He has been surrounded by a mimic court, with the usual complement of state stewards, comptroller of the household, gentlemen in waiting, aide-de-camp, and the like. He has been hedged about by strict rules of etiquete which compel him to lug along an escort of cavalry when he rides or drives and to have his doings published daily in a court calendar which is the most mirth provoking bit of literature which sees the light in the United Kingdom.

He holds levees and drawing rooms just as the Prince of Wales does, and his guests, even ladies of high birth, are obliged to courtesy low before him. He is the only viceroy who has the authority to confer knighthood. Yet as for taking any hand in the government of the country he is a mere figurehead. True, he has a seat in the cabinet, but the secretary for Ireland is the active agent who executes the wishes of the cabinet, the viceroy serving merely as a buffer.

Since the position has been an expensive one to fill, it has been the custom to select for it a peer with plenty of money. Whether he had brains or not was a secondary consideration. So it happened that sometimes the Queen's lord lieutenant in Ireland has been a man who has not reflected credit on the royal house. There was one viceroy who was drunk so much of the time that he was in disgrace even in convivial Ireland. The interesting feature of his falling was that whenever he became intoxicated he showed a desire to make use of his princely prerogative to knight folks. On one occasion he conferred this distinction on the "boots" of a country hotel, "boots" having given needed assistance in getting him to bed.

There has already been some foolish talk about the possible danger to the future king of England should he take up his residence in Ireland. Why such talk should be taken seriously is not clear. The Irish have never been assassins of royalty. True, some representatives of British rule in Ireland were "removed" on one notable occasion, but it was not a blow aimed at Queen Victoria or any one of her children. It is a fact that Her Majesty has visited Ireland but three times during her reign, while she has gone to Scotland every autumn, but it has not been because she feared violence at the hands of the Irish.

The Duke of York might be labeled Prince of Ireland in a dozen places, but the Irish would never recognize him as a prince any more than they recognize Victoria as queen of Ireland. However, the establishment of a nominal Irish prince in Muckross house, Killarney, as is suggested, would be fully as acceptable an evidence of British authority as is the vice-royal residence in Dublin. With what social gayety the Duke and Duchess of York would bring to the Killarney region, not to mention the profit which would come from the entertainment of the train of nobility and tourists which would follow in their wake, it is probable that the Irish would be financial gainers by the change.

The committee on arrangements of Division No. 1 Ancient Order of Hibernians have secured the services of the gifted orator, the Hon. John F. Finerty, of Chicago, to deliver an address at their fifth grand annual entertainment commemorative of the death of the Manchester Martyrs, to be held in the Windsor Hall, on the 23rd of November next.