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LETTER FROM ROME.

Rome, 17th December, 1887.

MY DEAR MR. COFFEY—

Enclosed I send you for publication in the CATHOLIC RECORD an interesting document from the Holy See, having reference to the Catholic colored mission of Windsor, Ont. This mission is looked upon by the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda as a work of such importance, that His Eminence the Cardinal Prefect has thought fit to issue a special letter of recommendation in favor of it. In fact, the souls of those poor colored people have been, like our own, redeemed at the infinite price of the precious blood of Jesus Christ; and the Almighty God, who wishes that all men should be saved and that none should perish, cannot but look with favor upon all who will furnish us with the means whereby we may be enabled to save as many of them as possible.

Here, in Rome, one is better than anywhere else able to see the grand efforts put forth by the Holy Catholic Church for the conversion of nations. There are here schools and colleges and seminaries and universities innumerable where young men are trained up and fitted for the holy ministry, and after having drunk the sacred science of religion at the most pure fountains of the mother of all churches, are sent forth into Asia, Africa, Australia and America, to preach the gospel to Indians and savages, to men of all races and colors.

At the great Urban College of the Propaganda particularly are found students from all the nations on the face of the earth. Here white, black and yellow-skinned mingle together, sitting side by side on the benches of the school and in the chapel pews. If one happens to drop in on a Sunday or festival day, during High Mass, he may see the celebrant a white man, perhaps some foreign Bishop or Archbishop, the deacon a black African, the subdeacon a black African. Here, therefore, one sees the large-hearted, all embracing charity of Holy Mother the Church at work, preparing her apostles and sending them forth year after year to carry the gospel of peace to the uttermost parts of the earth. Now, such a mission as is being established and carried on at its nearest core in the wilds of Africa and the boundless regions of Asia and Australia, we have at our own doors in Canada. The colored people of Windsor and neighborhood in fact offer a far more encouraging field of missionary labor than do similar missions in the very heart of Africa, and if so much energy and money are spent in founding and sustaining the foreign missions, why would not our good Catholic people of Canada and the neighboring states make a generous effort to enable us to make our own colored home mission a grand success.

It is for this purpose the sacred congregation of the Propaganda has deemed it its duty to raise its voice and make an appeal in favor of the great work of Christian charity actually being carried on among the colored people at Windsor, Ont. Let therefore all who read this appeal, coming to them even from Rome, lay aside a little sum of money to be devoted towards the erection of the buildings required for the successful prosecution of this holy and apostolic work. The foundations of these buildings will be laid in the spring, shortly after my return from Europe, provided I can succeed in obtaining the necessary funds.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
J. T. WAGNER, P.P., Dean.

THOMAS COFFEY, Esq., London.

Rome, 14th December, 1887.
EVIDE DOMINE.—Ex litteris nuper ad me datis ab Episcopo Londinensi, libenter accipit ad scholam catholicam in tua parochia aperiens pueris nigris institui. Pergratum insuper fieri scilicet addidit ut adire fructus quosdam emendatissimos iam a primis aemulorum pueris quadraginta pueris a pluribus adultis capiamus suscipere, et in gremio catholice ecclesie suscipiunt. Ex quo felici operis incepto firmiter confido in posterum incrementa futura. Prioriterque fructus ex nigriorum in institutione extituros. Quocirca tibi maxime gratulor, validosque prospectus tibi tunc stimulos addidit nova usque promissa condecorata.

Equidem dolens ut propter fideliorem pauperum exiguosque parochiam reddidit succedere non possit Ecclesiam adeoque numero nigriorum institutorum pares edificare. Spero autem caritatem fideliem, ad quam recurrere consilium inveni, tibi non defuturum, ne multos extituros qui divitias suas in incrementum impendunt salutis animarum, illicet ille celestis copiam mercede, qua Deus hilares datores remunerat.

Deum exinde precor ut te duntaxat aspicit.

Addictus.

JOHANNES CARD. SIMONI, Prefectus.

+ D. ARCHIEP. TYRRE, Sec. Cong. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER FROM THE PROPAGANDA.

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To the Rev. Theodor Wagner, Priest of the Diocese of London.

SIR,—

From a letter lately addressed to me by the Bishop of London, I have learned with unfeigned satisfaction that you have opened in your parish a Catholic school for the education of colored children. It has also given me much pleasure to hear of the abundant fruits this same school has already produced during the first six months of its existence, since not less than forty children and a number of adults have received baptism, and have been admitted into the fold of the Catholic church. I have therefore good grounds to hope that the good work of educating the colored children, so happily begun, will go on daily progressing more and more, and will produce fruits still more abundant.

Therefore, whilst addressing you my congratulations, I would also encourage your pious zeal to persevere in carrying on a work so meritorious.

Meantime I am sorry to hear that, because of the poverty of these people, and the otherwise limited resources of your parish, you have not been able yet to build a church and a school house suitable to the requirements of this por-

tion of your population. But I hope that the charity of the faithful, to which you propose to have recourse, will not fail you, and that many, anxious to secure for themselves the heavenly reward promised to the cheerful giver, will not hesitate to devote a portion of their earthly goods to procure the salvation of souls.

Meanwhile I pray God that He may have you in His holy keeping.

Yours devotedly,
JOHN CARDINAL SIMONI, Prefect.

+ D. ARCHIEP. TYRRE, Secretary. We are requested to ask our Catholic exchange to reproduce the above correspondence.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.
DIOCESE OF PETERBORO.

The new presbytery has been occupied by the priests since the first of November. Enlarged, renovated and supplied with all modern improvements, it is now one of the finest clerical residences in Ontario. The clergy have reason to be grateful to His Lordship for removing them from the unhealthy surroundings of the late dilapidated residence. A new house in close proximity to the presbytery has also been purchased for the use of the Bishop. Into this His Lordship expects to move about the middle of January. When he does so it is expected that there will be ample room for the accommodation of the Diocesan Clergy when called to retreats, conferences, etc. Three out of the four of the city clergymen have been on the sick list for the last three months, but are now fortunately able to attend to their respective duties.

The protracted illness of the clergy required His Lordship's special attention here after his return from the visitation of the Northern Missions. During his visit to the North he called at Killarney, Manitoulin Island, Gordon River, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur, Fort William and Fort William West, at all of which places he officiated, gave catechetical instructions, and administered the sacrament of confirmation to several hundred Indians, half breeds, and white children.

At Fort William West, he blessed a new church and bell, called after the Bishop, Thomas Joseph, for the Rev. Father Baxter. His Lordship was edified by the activity of the Jesuit Fathers, and the Indians under their charge. The Indians were delighted with the visit of the Bishop and received him with every demonstration of joy and gratitude. The chiefs and warriors met him as he left the steamer, and escorted him in their boats across the Manitoulin Bay and accompanied him across the portage to the village of Wickwemikong, whose church bell rang out a merry welcome. Here he was received by the venerable Father Durand, and spent a week visiting the institutions on the island.

At His Lordship's departure on Sunday afternoon, the chiefs and warriors again assembled, attired in military costume, carrying musical instruments, and decorated in true Indian fashion—paint, feathers etc. escorted him again over the rough portage to the shore where the steamer was waiting. He then conveyed the party to the opposite side to meet the passing steamer. The return trip was made by the C. P. R., and the Bishop visited several new villages along the line, which have sprung into existence within the last two years. Accompanied by his secretary he took the train at Port Arthur, and travelled at express speed for 24 hours, a distance of about 600 miles, before he reached Sudbury, the next parish.

Here he remained for a few days to give confirmation and lay the corner stone of a large new church for the Rev. Father Canon. Here he was joined by the Rev. Father Bloem, and visited in succession Sturgeon Falls, North Bay, Powassan, Trout Creek, Bracebridge, and Gravenhurst, returning by way of Hamilton and Toronto to Peterboro.

On the 29th of October, His Lordship visited Lindsay, and presided over a meeting convened by the Vicar General, for the purpose of aiding the bishop to pay off the diocesan debt. His Lordship explained that the diocesan debt was \$28,000, \$18,000 of which he proposed to levy on Peterboro, and the other \$10,000 he hoped to receive from the clergy and people of the outlying parishes.

The meeting generously responded to His Lordship's appeal by subscribing on the spot \$1500, \$200 of which was the personal donation of the Vicar General.

It was afterwards supplemented by a generous donation of \$100 from the convent of Loretto, Lindsay. His Lordship next visited Cobourg, where Father Murray and his generous flock subscribed \$1,000.

At Campbellford, Father Casey and his people contributed \$700.

At Hastings and Norwood, Father Quirk and his congregation \$1,000.

At Douro, Father Dan O'Connell gave a personal donation of \$500, to be supplemented by at least \$500 more from his flock.

Father Brown, of Port Hope, subscribed \$200 as a personal donation, and promised \$400 more from his congregation.

At Downville Father Connelly and his congregation contributed \$600, while the pastor and people of Ennismore generously subscribed \$1,000.

His Lordship postponed his visit to three other smaller missions until after the holidays.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

The great day of Christmas was duly celebrated in Peterboro'. During the week previous confessions had been heard every day until a late hour at night, and several hundred approached Holy Communion on the morning of the festival.

The first Mass on Christmas morning was a high mass celebrated by Father McEvay, who said two more masses in succession. Father Rudkins next celebrated three masses, making in all six masses said in the cathedral.

Five masses were said in the convent chapel, three by Rev. Father Conway, and two by the Bishop. At half-past ten His Lordship officiated at solemn Pontifical Mass, Father Conway acting as assistant priest, Father McEvay as deacon, and Father Rudkins Subdeacon. Immediately after mass His Lordship

preached the Christmas sermon, and wished his congregation all the graces and blessings of the holy season. He expressed his gratitude to God for the loyalty of the clergy, and the piety and generosity of the faithful of the diocese. Wherever he went through the length and breadth of the diocese he was edified by the zeal of priests and people.

The diocesan debt was a heavy one, but the generosity of the clergy and the faithful had already lightened the burden. He had joyfully assisted for the last few days the city clergy in hearing the confessions of the faithful, and was pleased to see so many that morning approach the Holy Sacrament of the altar. He was particularly gratified to have heard so many confessions in French, for the French portion of his congregation were as dear to him as any other. Their own pastor was at present on leave of absence for his health's sake, and promised before many months to return to his labor.

The material comforts of the people in Church was not forgotten as they have now a heating apparatus and a convenient approach to their Cathedral which made their church attractive, inviting and respectable, and left no excuse for absence in future from the solemn functions on Sundays and Festivals.

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clergy or any true lover of Ireland, wants political separation from England. We want to be as Canada is. Irish Home Rule would not be demanded so persistently if the Irish could extort from England just laws for the general good of Ireland, but over eighty years of trial and of broken promises and unjust and coercive laws left them no hope.

When the Parliament left Dublin it carried with it the strength of the nation. The aristocracy left, absenteeism began, trade languished, rents were transferred to England, and commerce followed. All this will be brought back by Home Rule. The rule left was that of absurd duty.

Gentlemen, you have seen the prosperity of the Irish in this new country; they came impoverished from misgovernment and landlordism, but rich blood, talent, industry and honesty raised them up, and now the influence of over ten millions of prolific Irish and their descendants exercise an extraordinary influence in the election of the President of the United States and the majority of the Senators. It is their province to ratify treaties, and the Fishery question between Anglo-Canada and the United States.

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We don't want war, but the American revolt years ago was the first dawn of freedom for Ireland. I am sure, gentlemen, that you rejoiced to find so hearty a welcome in your capacity of Irish delegates from the American and Irish American people, and how the Governors of States and the most influential gentlemen graced your platform.

How blind England is to crush the people of Ireland at home and drive them abroad with most unfriendly spirit!

Ireland to day is one of the most oppressed countries of Europe.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, with the highest consideration, your obliged friend,

+ JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH, Archbishop of Toronto.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

Hon. A. S. Hardy took the chair, and after stating that the delay was unavoidable, said:—I am gratified to be able to announce that we have with us on the platform the two distinguished statesmen whom you have gathered to listen to to-night. I am gratified also that it has fallen to my lot to preside over this meeting. I am fortunate, and you are fortunate, in that it is the duty of the chairman to remain almost silent, to announce the speakers, possibly to announce the cause. The names of the speakers you know—you know something of their career. The cause is a world-wide one. (Loud cheers.) It may be that the cause of Ireland at times is not so conspicuously bright as those who love that country and the cause they advocate could desire. But with Parnell leading in Ireland—(loud cheers)—with Gladstone leading in England—(prolonged cheering)—with an almost unanimous people in Ireland—(applause)—with an almost unanimous people and sentiment in Scotland and Wales, the cause of Ireland must ultimately triumph. (Loud cheers.)

We have deplored, that country has deplored, wherever Irishmen live, wherever Britons dwell, they have regretted the measures of coercion which, unhappily, the English Government are attempting to bind upon Ireland. (Applause.) But I do not believe they will succeed. (Applause.) We have witnessed even during the past week the attempt of the whole force of the war:—the police and the army, backed up by the officers of the law, the English police in Ireland, the army and navy, the whole force, spiritual and temporal, of the Empire, to put the prison breaks upon Mr. Sheehy. (Applause and laughter.) And after a considerable struggle they succeeded, and the news was so momentous that they cabled it across to you. (Applause and laughter.) That is one little incident at all events of the Coercion Act, but it is a typical one. We have Mr. O'Connor, a distinguished parliamentarian and debater. (Applause.) He is accompanied by Sir Thomas Gratton Esmonde, the son of the grand-daughter of the great Henry Gratton—(great applause)—whose voice made the walls of Parliament both in England and Ireland tremble—(applause)—whose virtues and whose patriotism, alike with his eloquence and his statesmanship, were supreme in both countries. (Applause.) I therefore have pleasure in introducing to you as the first speaker the great grandson of Henry Gratton. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

AT THOMAS ESMONDE.

Sir Thomas Esmonde began by apologizing for his late arrival, and said that he and his colleagues, he said, had come over to lay the case of Ireland before the Canadian people, though they knew from Canadian newspapers and other sources that the people of Canada are already enlightened on the subject of Home Rule. They had come to speak to people who believed it was the right of a people to make its own laws. (Applause.) They had come to appeal to all honest, fair-minded people, irrespective of religious or political distinctions. They had come to lay the case of Ireland before people who could fully understand the meaning of the liberties and privileges which they enjoyed themselves, and would be glad to see others enjoy the same privileges. (Applause.) He would like to make plain what it was that Home Rulers were contending for. He could not make it clearer to his audience than by asking the inhabitants of Ontario how they would take it if their affairs were managed by the people of Quebec. Would they be satisfied with such a condition of things? He would be very much surprised if they would; and were the Irish people to be satisfied with the laws

HE WAS WILLING TO GIVE THE ENGLISH credit for the most honest desire to govern the Irish people honestly and properly, but with the very best intentions it was perfectly impossible for them to govern Ireland properly—(applause)—from the very simple reason that the English could not understand the Irish. They did not sympathize fully with the aspirations and sentiments of the Irish people, and they could not possibly know what the peculiar needs of the Irish are.

CHARITY BEGAN AT HOME, and it was only natural that Ireland should be more concerned about Irish affairs than any other nation. It was said that the Irish were not able to govern themselves. How could they govern themselves when they never gave them a chance to govern themselves? (Applause.) If the Irish could not govern themselves how was it that they could govern the English people as they had done in the dependencies of the British Crown? The stock argument of the opponents of Home Rule was that if the Irish were allowed to govern themselves the rights of the Protestant minority would not be respected. What were the facts? He defied any man to take up the history of Ireland and prove that the Irish Catholics, as such, have ever shown themselves inclined to oppress the Protestant minority. (Applause.) He was perfectly prepared to grant that there had been persecution in Ireland, but it was not from the Irish Catholics. (Applause.) He went on to show that Gratton, Robert Emmett, Lord Edward Fitzgerald, Smith O'Brien and Charles Stewart Parnell were all Protestants. The Protestants in Ireland only laughed at all the talk about

THEIR RIGHTS BEING PROTECTED.

He dilated on the expense of keeping up the 13,000 men of the Irish Constabulary. If Ireland had Home Rule she would be an element of strength to England instead of a source of weakness.

MR. ARTHUR O'CONNOR.

Mr. Arthur O'Connor, M. P. for East Donegal, expressed his regret that the wear of travel had so used them up. It would have gone against the grain for them to have gone home without calling in at least two cities in Canada. (Applause