

THE ACADIAN.

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Since Father Vaughan, the great London pulpit orator, and Jesuit priest, made his great onslaught upon Protestantism at Montreal last week, there are people who fear for the future of Protestantism in Canada. They imagine they see a foe with the "boot" and other implements of torture, whose aim would be the overthrow of the faith in this country, and they are making a call to arms to repel the invader.

Neither in Canada, nor anywhere else, can Protestantism be in any real danger so long as it remains true to itself. The foes that it has caused to dread most are not those without but those within.

No man can have an enemy more to be feared than his own untrue self, and no cause can stand in greater danger than that one whose numbers among its followers a greater percentage of "nominals" than of "actives."

If the people who are doing so much shouting just now, would occupy themselves day by day in practical demonstrations of the vital principles which are the foundation-work of Protestantism, it is unlikely that they would ever have cause for trembling.

It so happens that the administrator of the Dominion government at Ottawa during the absence of Earl Grey, is Judge Girouard, a Roman Catholic, and as such he presented his homage to the Papal representative to the ecumenical congress. It would have been more diplomatic had the administrator eliminated his official title while presenting his homage, though after all the use of the title in this instance means much less than nothing.

It is claimed and said that Earl Grey's absence from Ottawa at this particular time was arranged so as to avoid friction touching the character of any official recognition of Cardinal Vannutelli, the Pope's representative, the Hudson Bay trip being speedily arranged. Father Vaughan said, referring to "the battle for the possession of the world," "It will soon be narrowed to the Roman Catholic church and the destructive forces of agnosticism, Protestantism, is disappearing."

At first sight we would say that this was about as near the truth as a Jesuit priest could get, providing he, in his bigotry, imagined his church would benefit by the saying, but it is the reflection will be upon the reverend father, not upon Protestantism. On the other hand, if what he says is correct, he should be thanked for his plainness of speech.

Musical.

A fair audience greeted the musical presentation which was given on Friday evening last in the Presbyterian church, but certainly a very much larger one would have been amply repaid. Wolfville has had so many take concerts of music that she is getting somewhat cautious.

Mrs. Smith (nee Miss Annie Murray) sang most effectively and will always be most popular with an audience in her home town. Mr. Clark has a most magnificent voice and will be better patronized when next he sings in Wolfville.

Professor Pigott is a genuine interpretative artist with a remarkable sense of the emotional of the text. He understands precisely when the music of a song is spiritually wedded to the text in an indissoluble union. On Friday night the professor was in excellent voice and highly appreciated by those present. Mr. Hasty presided at the organ most admirably and his selections were greatly appreciated. The following is the programme:

PART I.
1. Organ Solo, Allegro, from Sonata No. 1 Mendelssohn
Mr. Hasty
2. Solo, Lord God of Abraham (Hilf) Mendelssohn
Mr. Pigott
3. Solo, These are they (Holy City) Gaul
Mrs. Smith
4. Solo, Oh Jesus thou art standing (Giebel)
Mr. Clark
5. Solo, Oh Canada Richardson
Mr. Pigott

The Bi-Centenary Visitors at Grand Pre.

The visit of the Bi-Centenary delegates to Grand Pre, which had been arranged for by Rev. R. P. Dixon some months ago and anticipated with much interest by his parishioners, took place last Friday. A special train carrying the distinguished visitors started from Halifax at 8.30 for Annapolis Royal, reaching Grand Pre somewhat behind its time. The train drew up at the style opening into the Memorial Park and was there met by the rector of the parish of Horton and Rev. T. C. Mellor, Rector of Cornwallis. Among those alighting from the train were the Bishops of London, Nova Scotia, Glasgow, Ontario and Toronto. Rev. Mr. McComas, rector of Annapolis, Maryland, J. Loucks, Ottawa; Gillson, London Archdeacon; Pentreath, Vancouver, B. C.; F. G. Scott, Quebec; Archdeacon Armitage, Halifax, and many others. The rector was accompanied at the entrance to the grounds by Mayor Harvey, Rev. Dr. Cullen and J. P. Herbin, the trustees of the park, Warden Creighton and Messrs. R. W. Starr, H. Dalmaine and R. Watson, vestrymen, Hon. Chief Justice Townshend, Sir Robt. Weatherle, Dr. Johnson, Rev. R. D. Weather, Brod. Halsey, and others. The boys of Acacia Villa school marched down under the command of the principal Mr. P. A. Douglas and acted as a guard of honor. They made a most creditable appearance.

After a few necessarily hurried introductions, as the time was strictly limited, a move was made to the grounds. On arrival there a short address of welcome was read by the rector. Then the following by Miss Olga Trenholm, teacher of the Grand Pre school:

To the Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, I say, We have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear but now our eyes see thee. We are glad. We greet you and your co-delegates on coming to Grand Pre, whose meadows and mountains and basin and rivers and homes are around you. We welcome you to this spot so much talked of because of your mission, because you belong to a church which has done and is doing so much good in the world, because many of you belong to our mother land under whose loving care we live in peace, none daring to make us afraid, because others of you come to us from different parts of this Canada of ours. We especially welcome you, My Lord, because we know that you love us children with a great, deep love. We try as children to do our very best to help the older ones of this place to do their best. We learn songs to encourage them. We come from school with hearts brimful of love for our king and our own country, for the boys and girls of England, Scotland and Ireland, Australia and Africa and India and the islands of the ocean, over all of whom floats one flag—the flag, and we tell our home folks what we have learned of our British Empire and of those who speak our language under other flags. We try to keep them from holding narrow views, from being interested only in our apples and our crops, and our near by friends. And it is not hard work either, for they respond nobly, having learned, before us, to love their king and country. We know that your Lordship will cheer us on in this work and we wish you God speed in the work which brings you here, to our town.

On behalf of the children of Grand Pre School,
OLGA TRENHOLM, Teacher.
Mr. Herbin then read a most interesting historical paper which was short, concise and of high literary merit. As it has appeared in full in all the daily papers we need not reproduce it here. After Mr. Herbin's paper a very pretty and touching incident took place. Little Marian Crane stepped forward and presented the Bishop of London with a bouquet of flowers with the words "From the children of Grand Pre to the children of Glasgow." Another bouquet was presented by Alice Ross to the Bishop of Glasgow. Both the bishops were deeply impressed and kissed the little girls. The Grand Pre school, which had accompanied their teacher then sang a verse of the "Maple Leaf." Then followed a few kindly words

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