



**Golden Jubilee**  
of the  
**Diocese of Hamilton**  
**1856 - 1906**

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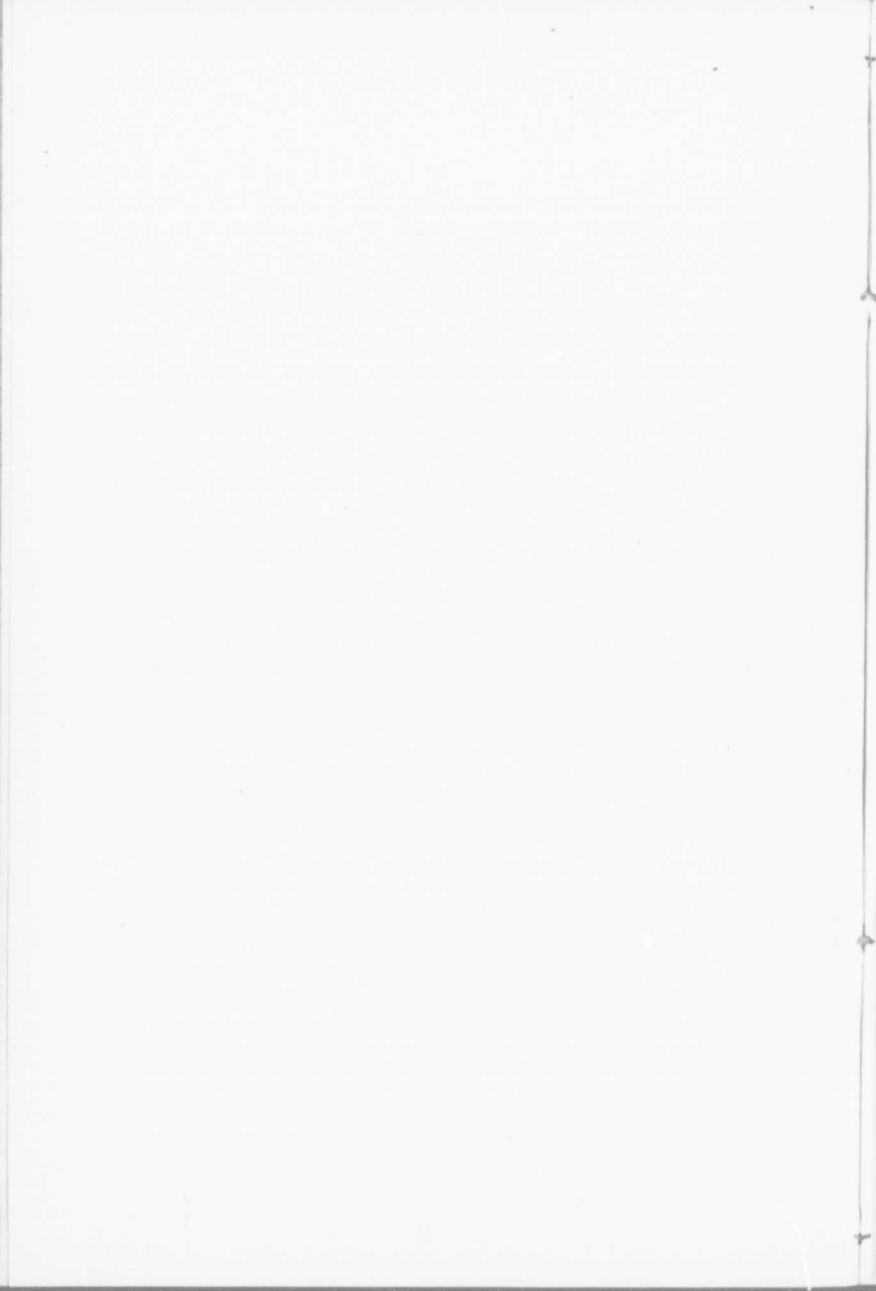


ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON.

GOLDEN JUBILEE  
OF THE  
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON  
AND CONSECRATION OF  
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL



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# GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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Official Promulgation by His Lordship the Bishop

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*Circular Letter to the Reverend Clergy of the  
Diocese of Hamilton.*

VERY REVEREND AND REVEREND FATHERS :

**I**F it is our duty, as the Church declares, " at all times and in all places to return thanks to the Lord our God," that duty is specially incumbent on us during this year of grace, 1906, in which we are privileged to witness and to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of our Diocese. This joyful event denotes an important epoch in our Diocesan history, and should, for that reason, be celebrated in a manner pleasing to God and profitable to ourselves, by general rejoicing, praise, prayer and thanksgiving, and the performance of good works.

The official announcement of the creation of the Diocese of Hamilton was promulgated by

an Apostolic Brief, dated February 17th, 1856. The first Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Farrell, of happy memory, was consecrated at Kingston on the 11th of May following, arriving in Hamilton and taking formal possession of the See on the 24th of May, 1856. The present year, 1906, therefore, marks the 50th anniversary, or golden jubilee of the Diocese, and it is fitting that it should be observed with all possible solemnity and sanctity, in accordance with the directions given of old by Almighty God to His chosen people, "and thou shalt sanctify the fiftieth year, for it is the year of jubilee." (Levit. 25-10).

It seems also fitting that the beautiful month of May, the devotional month of Mary, associated as it is in the annals of Hamilton with the installation of the first, as well as of the present Bishop of the Diocese, should be selected as the month most appropriate for the Diocesan celebration. Accordingly Sunday next, the 20th inst., is the day appointed for the consecration of our Cathedral, which is to be solemnly dedicated on that day to the service of God, under the glorious patronage of His Immaculate Mother, and in the presence of His Excellency



the Apostolic Delegate, and of the Archbishops and Bishops of Western Ontario, who have graciously promised to honor the Diocese by assisting at the sacred function.

A solemn Triduum, or three days celebration, will take place at the Cathedral, beginning early on the morning of Sunday, the 20th inst., and closing on the following Tuesday evening. The order of exercises for the Triduum is announced as follows:

May 19th, 8 p. m.—Canonical reception of His Excellency at the Cathedral.

May 20th, 6 a. m.—Consecration of Cathedral by the Bishop of London.

10 a. m.—Pontifical High Mass by His Excellency.

Sermon, Dr. Teefy, of Toronto.

After Mass, addresses of welcome to His Excellency on behalf of the clergy and laity of the Diocese.

7 p. m.—Pontifical Vespers by the Archbishop of Toronto.

Sermon, Rev. Father Connolly, S. J. Guelph.

May 21st, 10 a. m.—Pontifical Requiem High Mass by the Bishop of Peterborough.

Sermon by the Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie.

8 p. m.—Reception in St. Mary's Hall.

May 22nd, 10 a. m.—Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving by the Archbishop of Kingston.

3 p. m.—Children's greeting in the Cathedral.

7 p. m.—Jubilee concert at Loretto Academy, Hamilton.

The clergy who can conveniently attend will be expected to assist at all the exercises, and all the priests of the Diocese, as well as the visiting clergy, are most cordially invited and expected to attend the dinner to be given on Monday, the 21st inst., at 1 p. m., in honor of His Excellency and the visiting Prelates.

PRAYERS DIRECTED TO BE SAID BY PRIESTS  
AND PEOPLE.

On Sunday next, and every Sunday for the remainder of the present year, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin shall be recited after the principal Mass, and the prayer, "pro omni gradu Ecclesiæ," shall be said by the priest at Mass as often as the Rubrics permit. The clergy are

also exhorted to offer a Mass of Requiem some day during the present month, at their convenience, for the repose of the souls of the deceased bishops, priests, and faithful of the Diocese, and to invite their respective flocks to assist at the same.

GOOD WORKS APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED.

Whilst the year of Jubilee should be sanctified by prayer, praise and thanksgiving, it should also be marked by zeal and fruitful in good works on the part of both clergy and laity. For it is written, "by their fruits you shall know them," and that "God loves a cheerful giver," and that Christ "has cleansed unto himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works."

Hence it is most gratifying to know and to be able to announce that this year of the Golden Jubilee has been inaugurated by good works, such as Missions held in the city and in many parishes of the Diocese for the glory of God and the sanctification of souls, the establishment of new schools and of new parishes, and the payment of parochial debts; so that, with few exceptions, almost all of the parishes of the Diocese are now, thanks be to God and the zeal

of the clergy and the generosity of the people, practically out of debt.

On Sunday last the Church of St. Anne, built chiefly for the benefit of the poor working men in the new district of East Hamilton, was opened and blessed. It was a day of great joy for all the people, and especially for the Bishop of the Diocese, who was, thank God, so far recovered from his late illness as to be able to officiate at the dedication and celebrate the Pontifical Mass for the first time in the new edifice.

St. Anne's is now a votive church, and will soon be in possession of a precious relic of the Patron Saint, obtained from the Vatican. It will no doubt be in years to come a shrine of special devotion, and is destined to endure as the memorial church and a monument of the Golden Jubilee.

To the offerings so generously promised by the pastors of the Diocese, in their own name and in the name of all their parishioners, in aid of the new church, I beg to offer my own humble mite in heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for the restoration of my health and as a glad tribute of devotion to a saint so dear to Canada as the good St. Anne, whose festival on the 26th

of July next will, please God, be celebrated with all possible solemnity in the little church newly erected to God by pious benefactors, under the patronage of the Saint.

Asking a share in the pious prayers of priests and people, and praying God to bless you all and grant you all the abundant graces and blessings of the Golden Jubilee,

I am, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,  
your devoted servant in Christ,

† THOMAS JOSEPH DOWLING,

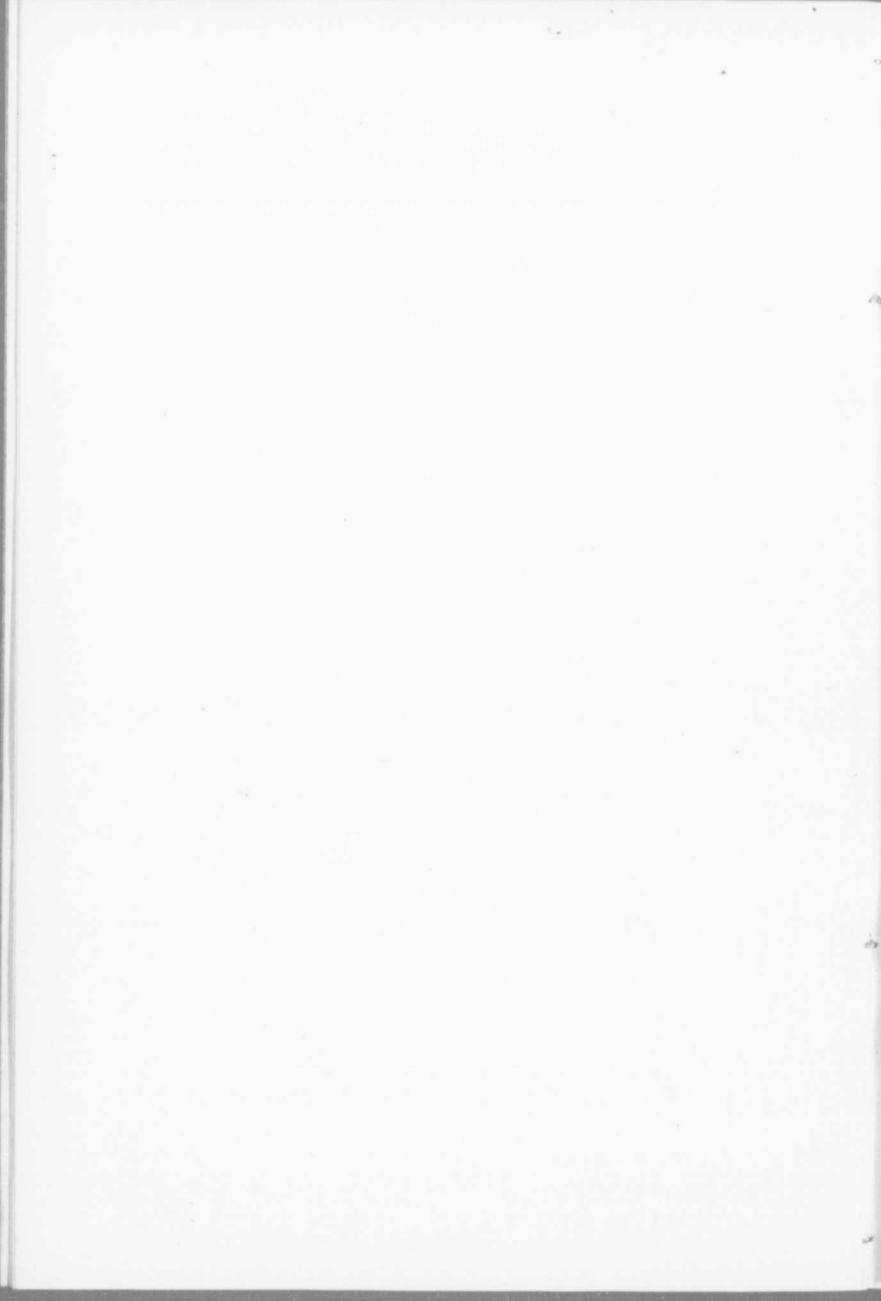
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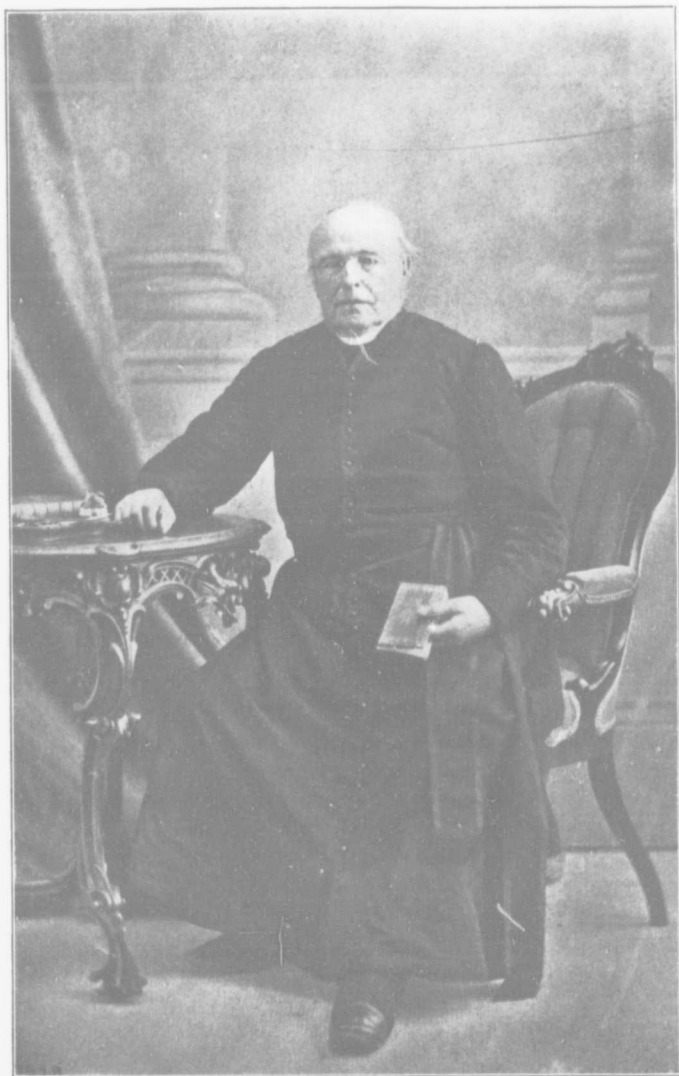
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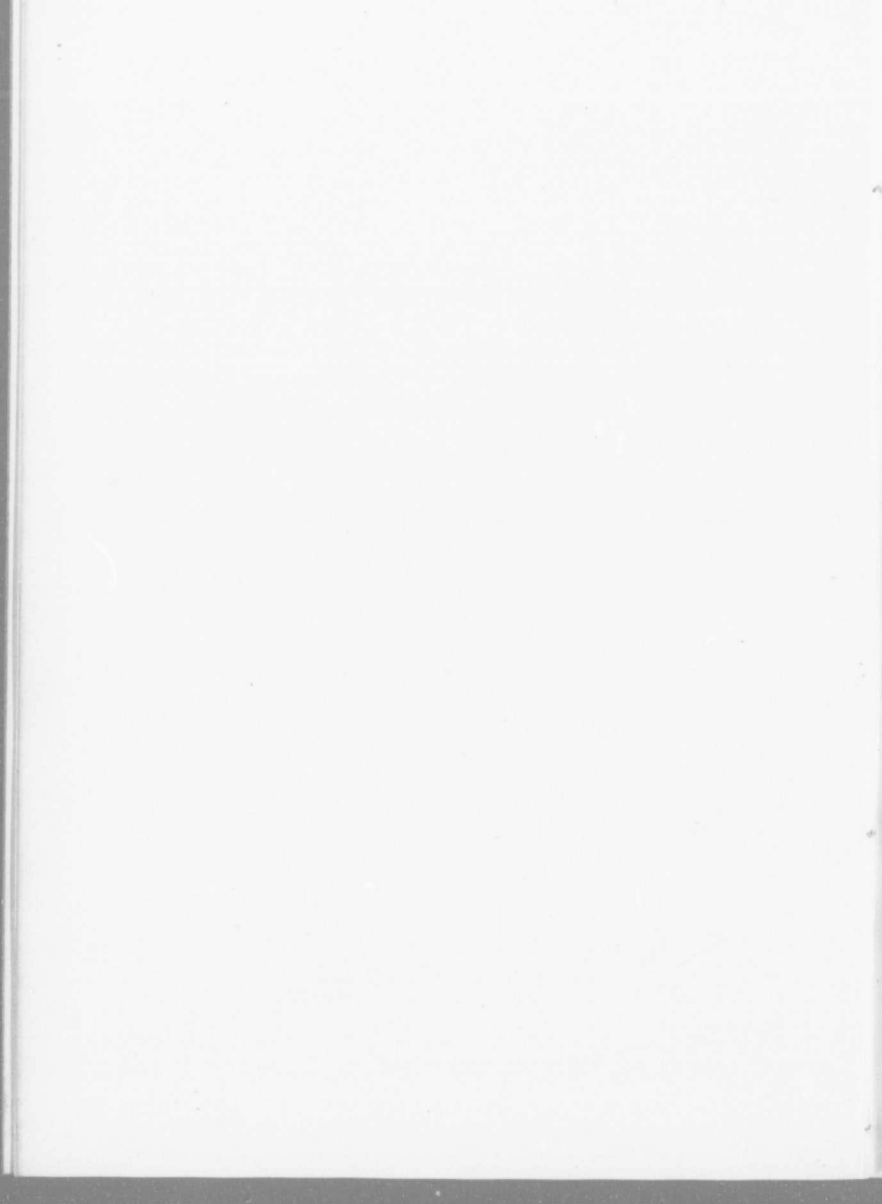
This circular shall be read at Mass in all the churches of the Diocese on Sunday, May 20th, by order of the Bishop.

Hamilton, May 16th, 1906.





VERY REV. E. GORDON, V. G.





## GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

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THE Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Hamilton, the Dedication of St. Anne's Church and the Consecration of St. Mary's Cathedral, which took place in May, 1906, are events of more than passing importance, and although the local papers at the time gave fairly accurate reports of the ceremonies, nevertheless it has been thought well to embody them in a more permanent form.

### FOUNDATION AND EARLY HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

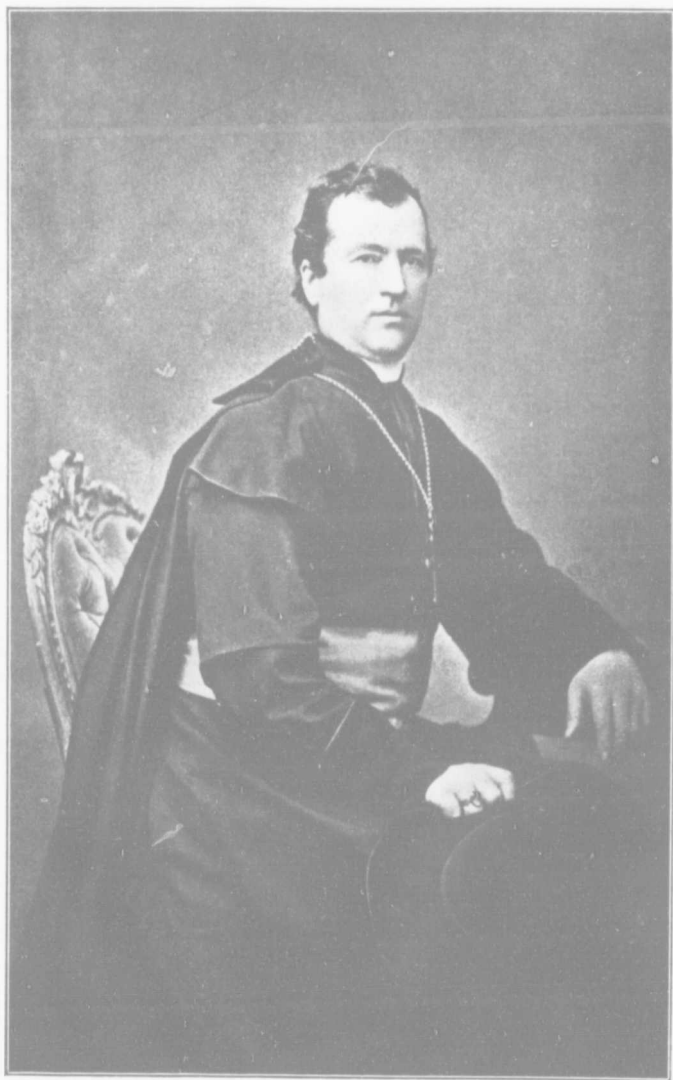
In the early days the few Catholic settlers in Hamilton were visited by zealous Missionaries from Kingston, Niagara and Toronto, among whom were Fathers Proulx, Cassidy, Forbes, Campion and Cullen. On February 14th, 1826, the Sovereign Pontiff, Leo XII., erected Upper Canada into a diocese. Rt. Rev. Dr. McDonell was the first Bishop and Kingston was selected as the Episcopal See. The diocese comprised

the whole of the present Province of Ontario, which has since been sub-divided into nine dioceses. The first resident priest at Hamilton was Rev. W. MacDonald in the year 1838. On December 17th, 1841, Gregory XVI. divided the Diocese of Kingston and formed the new Diocese of Toronto, with Rt. Rev. Michael Power as first Bishop. Bishop Power appointed Father MacDonald at Hamilton his Vicar-General. In addition to his other work Father MacDonald published a paper, "The Catholic," in Hamilton, from 1841 to 1844. He died April 2nd, 1847, and his remains repose under St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto. On November 13th, 1846, Rev. Edward Gordon was given charge of Hamilton. Bishop Power died in 1848 and was succeeded by Rt. Rev. Dr. de Charbonnel, who was consecrated at Rome May 26th, 1850. In 1851 Bishop de Charbonnel appointed Father Gordon his Vicar-General and sent Father Carayon to assist him. In 1854 the dreadful cholera scourge made its appearance at Hamilton and the aged Vicar and his zealous assistant were kept busy day and night attending to the spiritual wants of the poor victims. Father Gordon labored in Hamilton up to the time of his death, which occurred 15th October, 1870, at the ripe age of 79. His remains are interred under St. Mary's Cathedral, and the spot

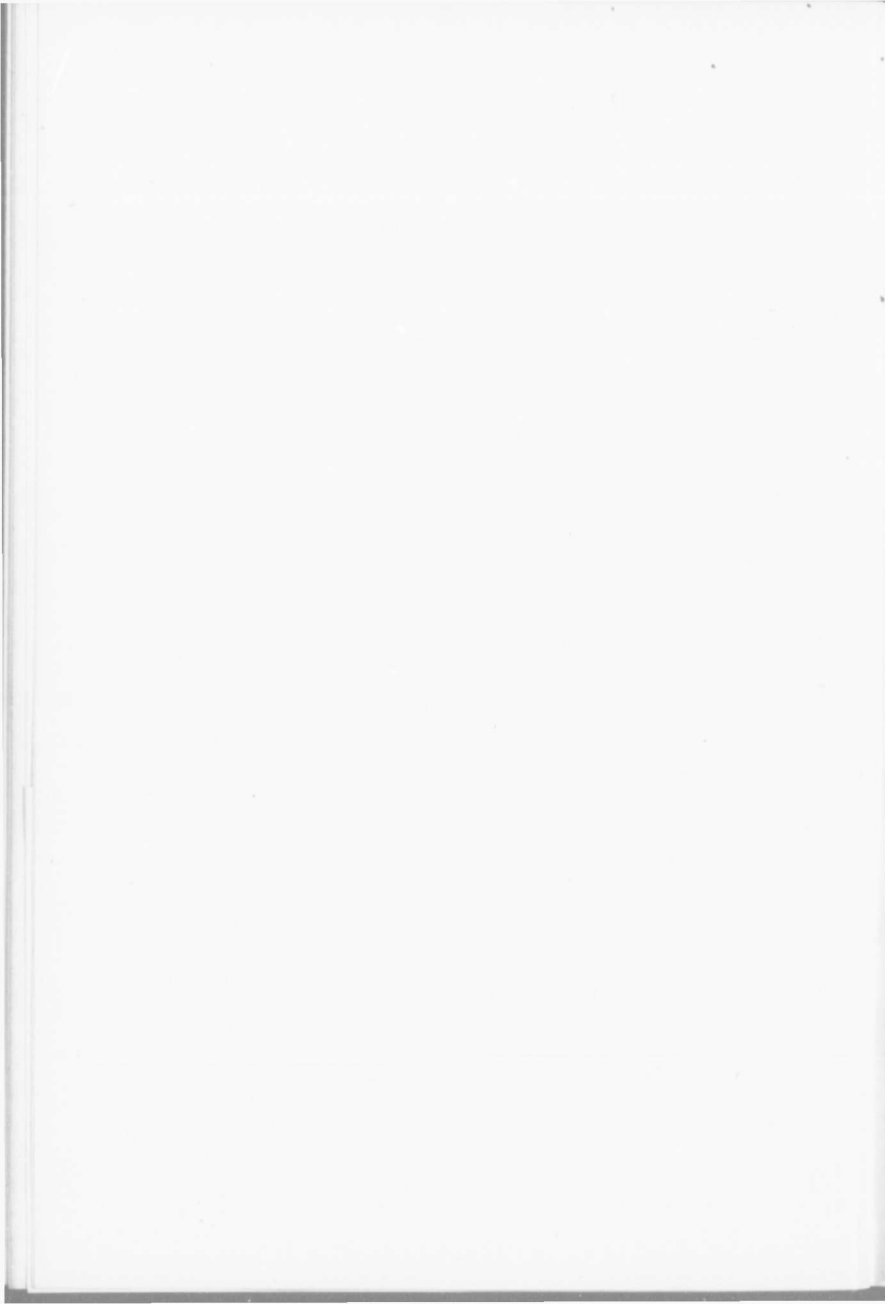
is marked by a marble tablet. Shortly after arriving at Toronto Bishop de Charbonnel conceived the idea of forming a new Diocese at Hamilton. The eminent Sulpician, Father Dowd, of Montreal, was to be the first Bishop. But through the humility of Father Dowd, who wished to die a simple priest of St. Sulpice, the plan was a failure. The Bishop then asked that two new dioceses be erected, one at Hamilton, the other at London. The prelates of the Council of Quebec, in June, 1854, urged the petition so strongly on Propaganda that the prayer was acceded to and a bull, dated February 17th, 1856, was issued establishing the See of Hamilton. Rt. Rev. John Farrell, of Peterborough, who was born at Armagh, Ireland, June 2, 1819, was consecrated, at Kingston, Bishop of Hamilton, on May 11th, 1856, by Mgr. de Charbonnel, and great was the rejoicing of the Catholics of Hamilton when on May 24 the new Bishop made his entry into his episcopal city. In the early part of his administration the Separate School system was introduced into the City of Hamilton, and two substantial brick school buildings, viz., St. Mary's and St. Patrick's, were erected mainly through the zeal of Rev. Father Carayon. In the month of August, 1859, the frame structure that served as a cathedral was burned, and in the spring of 1860 the new St. Mary's

Cathedral was erected. It was during Bishop Farrell's administration also that the Loretto Convents and Academies for the higher education of young ladies were established in Hamilton and Guelph, and St. Jerome's College, Berlin, for the education of boys for the priesthood and learned professions. A new convent and chapel and orphanage were also erected for the Sisters of St. Joseph, and the Basilian Fathers were placed in charge of the northern missions in the County of Grey. In 1873 the health of the good Bishop began to decline, and after receiving the last sacraments from Dr. Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto, his soul passed to its eternal reward September 26th, 1873. His remains are interred in the vault beneath the western crypt of St. Mary's Cathedral.

After seven months of mourning the widowed diocese was rejoiced to receive as chief pastor Right Rev. P. F. Crinnon, born in County Louth, Ireland, 1818, who was consecrated at Stratford April 19th, 1873, and installed Bishop of Hamilton next day. Bishop Crinnon, realizing the great need of priests, brought a large number of students and some newly ordained clergymen into the Diocese. He also built St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton, and purchased the sites for St. Lawrence Church and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. During his ad-



RT. REV. JOHN FARRELL, D. D.  
First Bishop of Hamilton.



ministration, too, the House of Providence was established at Dundas. In the summer of 1882 the health of the Bishop began to fail. On the advice of his physician he took a trip to Florida. His beloved people fondly hoped to see their Bishop return in health. God, however, willed otherwise, for his condition soon grew worse, and on November 25th, 1882, the humble and holy prelate passed away. His remains were brought to Hamilton, and on November 30th were interred in the Cathedral vault beside the tomb of his predecessor. On the death of Bishop Crinnon the present Bishop (Rt. Rev. Dr. Dowling) was elected Vicar-Capitular, and acted as administrator of the diocese until the arrival of the Rt. Rev. James Joseph Carbery, O. P., in the spring of 1884. Bishop Carbery was born in County Meath, Ireland, in 1822, and consecrated Bishop at Rome, November 11th, 1883. After making a general visitation of the diocese, dedicating several churches, purchasing a new episcopal residence and holding an important synod for the clergy, the Bishop on account of ill-health returned to Ireland, and died in the Dominican Monastery, Cork, December 19th, 1887. His remains are interred in the vault attached to the Dominican Monastery, Limerick.

## CONTEMPORARY HISTORY.

By a papal Brief dated January, 1889, Rt. Rev. Bishop Dowling, a former priest and Vicar-General of Hamilton Diocese, was transferred from the See of Peterborough to that of Hamilton, and was installed May 2nd of the same year. Since the advent of Mgr. Dowling as Bishop Catholicity has given evidence of increased vigor in the Diocese. Fourteen new parishes have been opened in the Diocese. In the city, besides a new episcopal residence and the spacious rectories in connection with the Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church, and the Mortuary Chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, St. Lawrence Church with its beautiful rectory, St. Joseph's Church and rectory, and the new parish of St. Ann, with its church and rectory. Outside the city : St. Mary's, at Brantford, and the parishes of Acton, Waterloo, Dundalk, Markdale, Drayton, Kenilworth, Preston, Hespeler, Cape Croker and Mildmay. In addition to the churches in the above parishes new churches have been built at Freelon, Mount Forest, Berlin, Waterloo, St. Agatha, Chepstow, Neustadt, Saugeen, Elmira, Wiarton, Chesley, Hanover, Glenelg, Hepworth and Holyrood, making a total of 22. During the same period nine chapels have been opened and blessed by the Bishop. Twenty-eight priests have been



ordained, of whom twenty-three are still living and doing zealous work in the diocese. St. Mary's, St. Thomas' and St. Ann's Schools have been opened in the city. Loretto Academy and St. Joseph's Convent and Orphanage have been greatly enlarged. St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, has been established, and St. Joseph's Hospital at Guelph and the spacious House of Providence at Dundas have also been erected. An Infirm Fund for the support of aged and infirm priests has also been established in the Diocese.

#### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

St. Mary's Cathedral was erected in 1860. It is of gothic design and has a seating capacity of 1 000. The organ is one of the finest in Canada. The stained glass windows, representing the Rosary mysteries, are all the finest Munich manufacture. They represent an outlay of over \$12,000, and, with the exception of two, are donations from pious families of the parish. The large memorial windows to the deceased Bishops are gifts from the Bishop, clergy and religious communities of the Diocese. The high altar is particularly beautiful and devotional. Space does not permit us to give a list of the many priests who from time to time ministered at the Cathedral. The first rector was Very

Rev. E. Gordon, V. G., who died 1870. Eight years prior to the death of Vicar-General Gordon the active work of the parish fell to Father Heenan (now Mgr. Heenan, V. G., Dundas), who remained as Vicar-General and Rector until 1889, a period of 27 years, during which time he endeared himself to all by his great activity and zeal. In 1889 Father McEvay, now Bishop of London, became Rector. During his administration, in addition to many diocesan works, the Cathedral was renovated, the stained glass windows procured, and St. Mary's Presbytery, one of the finest in the country, erected. When Mgr. McEvay became Bishop of London in August, 1899, Father Mahony, who was made Rector of St. Mary's by the Bishop, acting on the recommendation of His Lordship, at once began to prepare the way for the consecration of the Cathedral and the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in May, 1906. As a church may not be consecrated while in debt steps were taken to liquidate the obligations of the Cathedral by an annual house to house collection, which proved so successful that in the six years that elapsed the debt was wiped out and extensive improvements made in the Church buildings and property. In preparation for the Jubilee a very successful Mission was held in the Cathedral by the Fathers

of the Society of Jesus, from April 21st to May 7th.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT THE JUBILEE.

His Excellency, the Most Rev. Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada, who at the special invitation of His Lordship Bishop Dowling, very graciously consented to assist at the Jubilee services, reached the city in company with his secretary, Rev. A. A. Sinnott, D. D., on Saturday, May 19th, and was the guest of His Lordship the Bishop, as was also Rt. Rev. F. P. McEvay, Bishop of London. His Grace Most Rev. Denis O'Connor, Archbishop of Toronto, the Metropolitan, was the guest of Rev. J. M. Mahony, rector of the Cathedral. Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston, was entertained by Rev. J. P. Holden, Chancellor, at St. Joseph's Rectory. Rt. Rev. D. J. Scollard, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, and Rt. Rev. R. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterboro, were entertained by Rev. R. E. M. Brady, pastor of St. Lawrence Church, and Rev. J. H. Coty, pastor of St. Patrick's, respectively.

## CANONICAL RECEPTION OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

Under auspices the most favorable, and with all the pomp and ceremony befitting the importance of such an occasion, the Jubilee services began at 8 p. m. Saturday, May 19th, with the

tendering of a Canonical reception to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate. A guard of honor composed of the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, and the three local branches of the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association, extended from the Cathedral Presbytery along Mulberry, Park and Sheaffe streets to the main entrance of the Cathedral.

The procession was a most imposing one, with the distinguished church dignitaries clad in their stately robes, preceded by acolytes, attended by priests and followed by the Catholic societies. As the march to the Cathedral began the choristers sang *Ecece Sacerdos*, and those forming the guard of honor lifted their hats in reverence while His Excellency and the other prelates passed through the ranks. The order of the procession:

Choristers.

Acolytes, headed by Cross Bearer.

Members of the Clergy.

RT. REV. BISHOP SCOLLARD, of Sault Ste. Marie,  
attended by Father Schweitzer, Superior at  
Berlin.

RT. REV. BISHOP McEVAY, of London, attended by  
Father Aylward, rector of the Cathedral at  
London.

RT. REV. BISHOP O'CONNOR, of Peterboro, assisted by  
Father McColl, Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral,  
Peterboro.

RT. REV. BISHOP DOWLING, assisted by Dr. Teefy,  
of St. Michael's College, Toronto.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE,  
assisted by Father Brady, Rector of St. Lawrence Church, and Father Coty, rector  
of St. Patrick's.  
Catholic Societies.

His Excellency was attired in Cappa Magna with mitre and crozier, while Fathers Brady and Coty wore the gold vestments. The procession entered at the eastern door on the north of the Cathedral, where the honored guest, the Apostolic Delegate, was canonically received and the holy water and incense presented by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. Father Mahony, the rector. Marching up the centre aisle the procession entered the sanctuary, where prayer was chanted by the rector, after which His Excellency ascended the altar, chanted the prayer of the patron of the Cathedral and bestowed the Papal blessing.

This was followed by benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament by the Apostolic Delegate, assisted by Fathers Coty and Brady. Father Weidner, of the Cathedral staff, was deacon of exposition, and Rev. Father Waechter, C. R., of Jerome's College, Berlin, master of ceremonies.

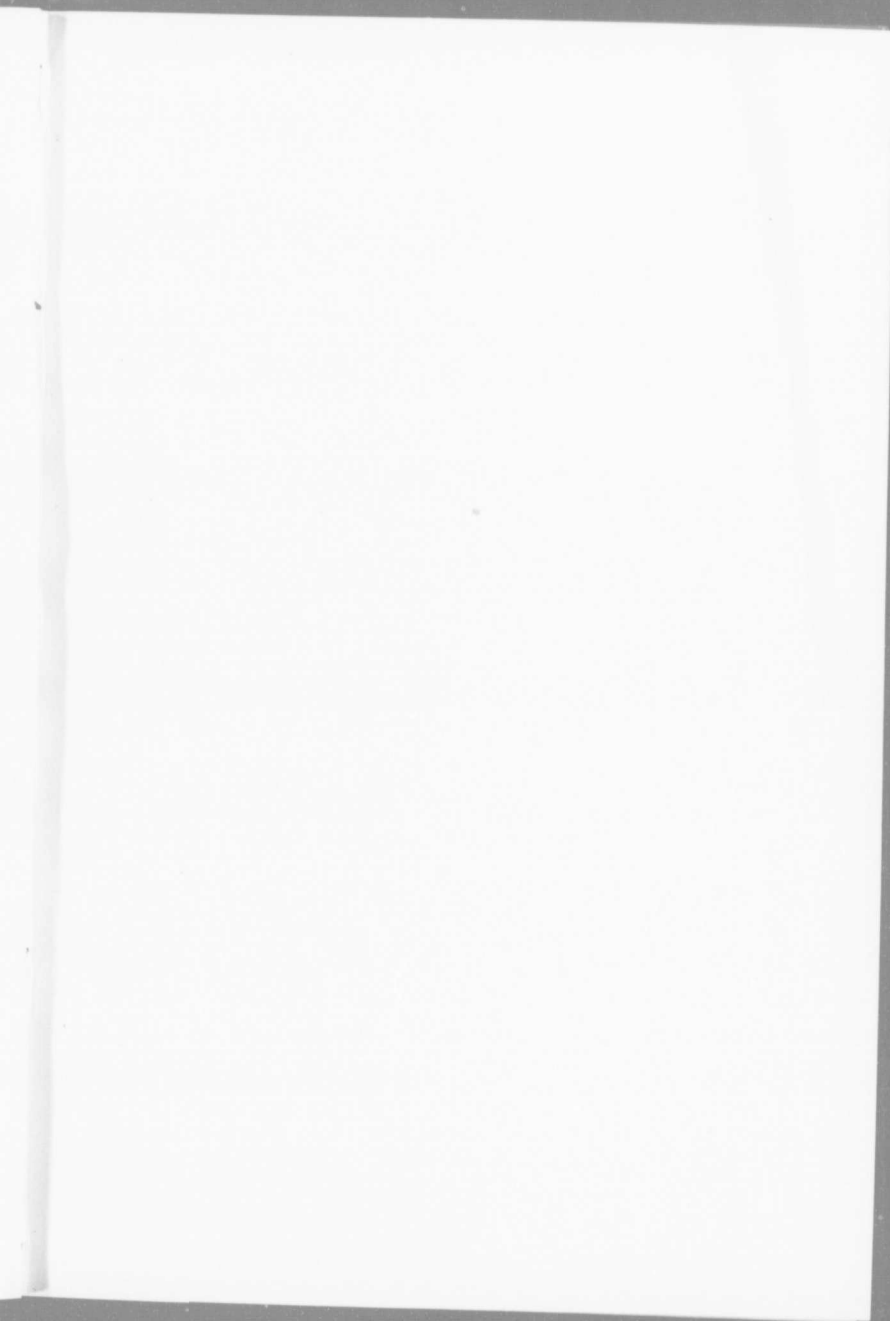
CONSECRATION OF THE CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday, May 20th, 1906, the important ceremony of consecrating the Cathedral took place. Right Rev. F. P. McEvay, Bishop of

London, a former rector of the Cathedral, was the consecrating prelate. He was assisted by Rev. J. M. Mahony, rector of the Cathedral; Rev. W. McColl, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterborough; Rev. J. H. Coty, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton; Rev. M. J. Weidner and Rev. A. Waechter, C. R., Berlin; Very Rev. Wm. Kloepfer, C. R., D. D. of St. Jerome's College, Berlin, was master of ceremonies, assisted by Mr. Geo. Smith. The impressive ceremony, including also the consecration of the new marble main altar, in which the relics of St. Victor and Valerianus were placed, began at 6 a. m. and occupied three hours. As no other service could take place in the Cathedral during the consecration the parish masses were celebrated in a large tent on the adjacent lawn of St. Joseph's Convent.

PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS.

The doors of the Cathedral were opened at 10 o'clock, and in a few minutes the spacious edifice was thronged with devout worshippers, among whom Mr. J. J. Bucke, assisted by an efficient staff of ushers, preserved perfect order. Owing to the preparations the Cathedral had been closed during the previous two weeks and Mass said in the Chapel. In the meantime the new stone stations of the cross, each a gift





HIGH ALTAR, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.



of a family of the parish, had been erected, and the entire sanctuary furnished by the Ladies' Altar Society with specially imported carpet, whose green shade made a pleasing contrast with the white and gold of the altars. The reredos of the main altar was ablaze with light and color, while on the sides were the figures in electric light, 1856 and 1906, emblematic of the Jubilee. Besides the lights that studded the altar clusters of colored lights were arranged along the sanctuary walls, the whole combining to form a brilliant canopy. Exactly at 10.30 the procession entered the sanctuary for Pontifical Mass in the following order:

The Cross Bearer.

Two Acolytes and the Sanctuary Boys, with the Clergy of the City and Visiting Priests.

RT. REV. MGR. HEENAN, V. G., Dundas.

RT. REV. D. J. SCOLLARD, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, assisted by Rev. Father Coty.

RT. REV. F. P. McEVAY, Bishop of London, assisted by Chancellor Holden, of St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton.

RT. REV. R. O'CONNOR, Bishop of Peterboro, assisted by Rev. J. M. Mahony.

MOST REV. DENIS O'CONNOR, Archbishop of Toronto, assisted by Rev. M. Supple, St. Francis de Sales Church, Boston, Mass.

RT. REV. T. J. DOWLING, Bishop of Hamilton, assisted by Very Rev. Dr. Kloepfer, and lastly

HIS EXCELLENCY, MGR. SBARETTI, celebrant of the Mass, with Very Rev. Jos. Schweitzer, C. R., Berlin, as assistant priest, and escorted by Rev. Father Connolly, S. J., Guelph, and Rev. Father McColl, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, Peterborough, as deacons of honor.

REV. FATHER AYLWARD, Rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, London, deacon of the Mass.

REV. FATHER BRADY, subdeacon.

REV. A. WAECHTER, Berlin, master of Ceremonies.

REV. A. A. SINNOT, D. D., Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation.

As a special act of courtesy the Bishop of the Diocese graciously invited His Excellency to occupy the episcopal throne, and himself occupied a dais erected opposite the Delegate on the Epistle side of the altar.

On the right of His Excellency, in the sanctuary, was placed the chair of His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, while on his left was seated His Grace the Archbishop of Kingston, upon whose left sat the Bishop of Peterborough, while on the left of the Bishop of Hamilton, on the epistle side, was placed the Bishop of London, Rt. Rev. Bishop Scollard, of Sault Ste. Marie, and Rt. Rev. Mgr. Heenan, V. G., of Dundas.

#### THE SERMON.

Following the gospel of the Mass, the rector of the Cathedral, Rev. J. M. Mahony, made the announcements and introduced the speaker of the day, Very Rev. J. R. Teefy, C. S. B., L.L.D., of St. Michael's College, Toronto, who announced as his text Leviticus xxv. 10 : " And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the

inhabitants thereof; it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family.’’

He said: “ Your Excellency, my lord, reverend fathers and dear brethren: With all respect and humility, my Lord Bishop of Hamilton, I venture to express the thought that this pulpit would upon the present occasion have been more appropriately filled by a member of your household. He would have voiced with filial piety the gratitude of the diocese. He would have sketched with personal reminiscence the coming in and the going out of these fifty golden years, whose struggles and labors have been crowned with blessing and success. He would have told the story of this Cathedral—how in 1860 he had seen it rise over the ashes of the old frame building; how it passed through several stages until at last it has assumed the present beauty and completion; how he saw the first bishop bless its foundation stone, whilst to-day we all witness its solemn consecration. Such men are not far to seek. There are those around your throne to-day, my lord, venerable in years and priestly service, whose memory must be deeply stirred this day. They could have given pathos to this edifying chapter of religious history. Indeed, you yourself were the

most fitting bard. You would have told in poetic prose and eloquent diction the story of those early days whose sowing was in tears, but whose reaping is in joy—those days in which you took so active a part, and those later years in which you in your higher position, and by your zealous administration as Bishop have laid deep and broad the foundation of God's tabernacle in this Diocese of Hamilton. Thus the task has fallen to the lot of a stranger. Yet hardly a stranger. I feel that on this day I too have returned to my own family; for here, many years ago, within these sacred walls, that grace was given to me, as to one out of season, whose links reach to the present and bind me in undying gratitude to unforgotten associations. Whilst, therefore, it is with diffidence that I attempt to do the occasion anything like justice, it is with filial feeling I join with the congregations and thanksgiving of to-day. However varied may be the sentiments of each of us, one dominant note prevails. It is thanksgiving to God—praise and blessing to His holy name—and to Mary Immaculate, the mother and queen of this cathedral, praise and thanksgiving, I say, for the sacrifice and glory of these fifty years. Fifty years are not long in the history of the immortal church. They are long in a young land, for though we are the heirs of all

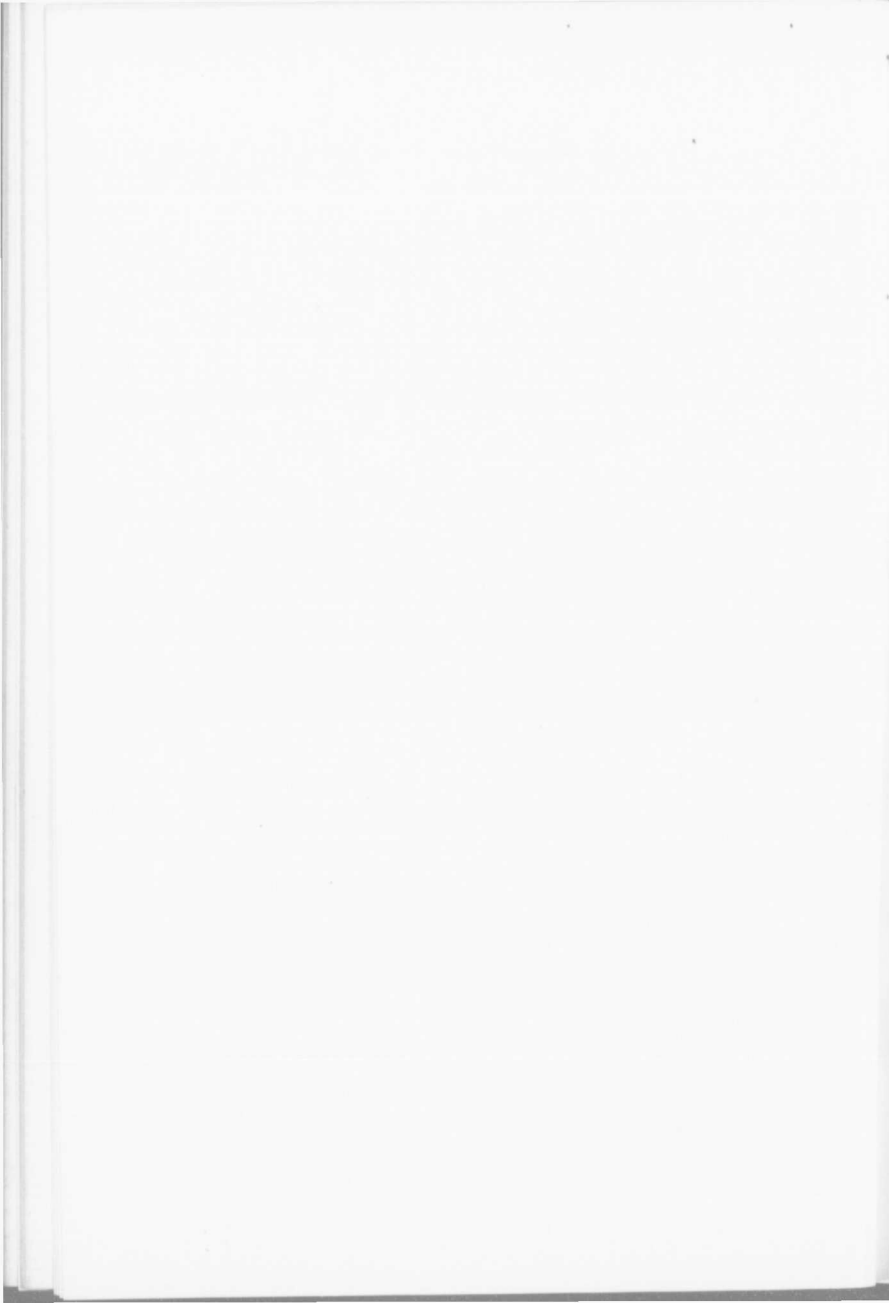
the ages still we are in the foremost files of time. There are those living who witnessed the espousals of this diocese, who saw the first episcopal candlestick placed upon this cathedral altar. Our institutions, religious or secular, must be measured not by centuries, but by individual lives. What was this city? What was this diocese fifty years ago? A city of little more than 14,000; Dundas, a town of 3,500 beyond; Brantford, nearly 4,000; a little farther north, Guelph, containing about 3,000 inhabitants. Back of these centers lay the unbroken forest with its long, severe winters and ever-green pines, its giant guardians, defying the march of men. Throughout that vast district, which includes the counties of Wellington, Waterloo, Bruce and Grey, a few settlers, like an advance guard, had pushed their way forward, and clearing a little land had started a home for themselves. By the census of 1851, four years before the erection of the Diocese, there were not 150 Catholics in Bruce, about 4,500 in Wellington, and 1,000 in the County of Grey. Two years afterwards the ecclesiastical council of Quebec, when petitioning for the erection of the See, pleaded that there was one mission contained 15,000 souls which was attended by only two priests, the Jesuits of Guelph. Hamilton city in 1851 contained 4,000 Catholics,

Dundas 1,268, Brantford 744, Guelph 200, the whole Diocese nearly 25,000 exclusive of the Indian missions on Manitoulin and the north shore of the upper lakes. These numbered about 3,000. To sketch the history of each parish would lead me far beyond my limits. The settlements were principally Irish, whose number was considerable, but whose scattered homes made ministration most trying. Missionaries were few in number, their territory unlimited, and the facilities for traveling and for serving their flock most discouraging. Not a single railway throughout the diocese—and only two or three high roads. The blazed trees and the narrow, distant clearing were the only guides for the weary missionary in his long journeys. No churches, no schools, no homes for priests.

“No homes for priests, do I say. None, my brethren, for they were rather headquarters than homes. That venerable pioneer, whose memory is still green in this diocese, whose remains rest beneath these walls, the Very Rev. Vicar-General Gordon, was one of few resident priests. He had been appointed pastor of Hamilton in November, 1846. This zealous missionary thus describes with characteristic modesty his share of these toils, and the early state of religion, and the people whom he



HIS EXCELLENCY MGR. DONATUS SBARETTI,  
Apostolic Delegate.





served: 'Well, my dear sir,' he said to John Francis Maguire, 'no doubt I had many a hard ride through the forest, and I often had to depend on my poor horse, as my heavy eyelids closed while I sat in the saddle overpowered with fatigue and want of sleep. But no matter what labor I had to undergo, I always received my reward in the faith and love of the people—their delight at seeing their priest and hearing—why, sir, it would raise my mare's spirits. And how they kept the faith—it was surprising! For years some would not see a priest; but still the faith was there in a mother's heart, and she would teach it to her children. We have lost some,' he continued with a sigh, 'for they were sheep without shepherds; but that we did not lose more, and that we saved so many in times long gone by is only to be attributed to the mercy of God, and the tenacity with which the Irish cling to their faith. Their devotion and their affection and their gratitude cheered me many a time and made me forget fatigue and trouble of every kind, God bless them! they are good people!'

“There were others. There was that settlement of strong-willed, hard working Germans, whose thrift, whose industry and whose powers of organization have contributed so much to the building up of religion and educa-

tion in this diocese. Not so numerous as their Irish co-religionists, they concentrated themselves more, to their greater advantage. The prosperous County of Waterloo is their center, though branches reach out to the neighboring County of Bruce. Their story is the same. Long before the diocese was erected, towards the close of the thirties, St. Agatha had gone forth, and had been invoked in a little log house in a lonely clearing, where now lies a flourishing village called after the martyr's name. Preston and St. Clement's come next in order, followed quickly by the now more important church of Berlin.

“ This district was served first by that zealous missionary, Father Schneider, then by Father Sandnell, and about 1847 by a Jesuit father named Father Caveng. From 1853, when the Jesuits were installed at Guelph, until 1858, the whole of the county was served by some of the fathers. In 1858 came a saintly priest, pioneer of the zealous community of Resurrectionists who are now doing so much for religion and education in and for the diocese. I should say, in and for the country. This was Father Eugene Funcken. But like St. Andrew, he was soon to make a way for his more distinguished brother, Father Louis Funcken, a man renowned for his learning as

well as for his other priestly virtues; a teacher and educationist of the highest type. He arrived some six years after. His first work in the country was his life work. With an energy which overcame tremendous difficulties, with a varied learning which enabled him to do the work of many, with a confidence in God and his cause, which triumphed over everything, Father Funcken planted the seed of higher education, which springing up and growing from more to more, now spreads its branches over the land. The fruit is to be found in the number of priests and of professional men who owe to the venerable Dr. Funcken and St. Jerome's College, which he established, their sound Catholic education.

“ Going farther north again, my brethren, there were Scotch settlers. But why continue? Irish or German or Scotch, or whatever else they might be, they were all Catholic and Canadian. They had come to make their home here. They had come without purse or scrip—and had taken up their abode in the dark forest. All that they had brought with them was their common faith, their common hope of better conditions, their common love of freedom, their willing, strong hands. These were the elements upon which religion was to work. It was the spring time, when the sowers went forth and

sowed the seed; and, lo! in their train the flowers sprang up, the forest cleared away, and the desert blossomed as the rose. Things could not go on thus. In the celebrated neighboring cataract of Niagara is a power which when concentrated makes for a city's prosperity and a nation's material progress. So in the mountain torrent of the church there is a power which, directing, illumining and animating the spiritual energies of a people, tells for the continuity and advancement of religion. Religion may live a long time in the heart, and the embers of faith smoulder for years. But if religion is to continue from generation to generation, if its teaching is to be maintained and its power exercised, it needs that unmistakable organization and unity which can be found only in the episcopal office. Religion needs the voice of Christ to teach it, the hand of Christ to govern it, and the sacrifice of Christ to sanctify it. It needs a bishop whose teaching, governing and plentitude of priestly power are the voice, the hand and the sacrifice of Christ. The temple needs a builder with full power and authority, by whose teaching, whose government and whose sacred ministration 'the faithful may be built together into an habitation, of God in the spirit.' If, therefore, these scattered portions were to be framed together unto the church of Christ,

then must they be brought into closer union with apostolic succession. The zealous missionaries felt this want. The venerable Bishop de Charbonnel, of Toronto, had no sooner cast his eye over his vast diocese, when he arrived in 1850, than he felt it. His first idea was to have a coadjutor who would reside in Hamilton until a separation could be made. In 1853 the council of Quebec petitioned Rome for the erection of the two sees of Hamilton and London. The prayer was granted, and Father John Farrell, then pastor of Peterborough, was chosen as first Bishop of the new diocese of Hamilton. Many of you, my brethren, remember him. He was not easily forgotten. His tall, handsome form, once seen, would live in memory. And for his heart and soul—the man—he was truly episcopal. He did not think so himself; for in his first pastoral he wrote as follows: ‘Although poor, miserable and incapable of any good by ourselves, nevertheless, with a pious reliance on the hand of Him who, despising, as the apostle informs us, the resources of human wisdom and human power, makes use of the weak things to confound the strong that no flesh may glory in his sight—after mature deliberation we resolved to submit to what we considered to be the will of God.’

“ It was not thus the people of Peterborough

thought when parting with his lordship. In their address they said: ' We have only to look at the great exertions you have made in completing the presbytery and in the erection of chapels in remote parts of the mission, together with the establishment of our separate schools in the face of all kinds of prejudice raised by the enemies of religious education, to convince us of your anxiety at all times to advance both the spiritual and temporal wants of your people, frequently at great inconvenience and difficulties to yourself.'

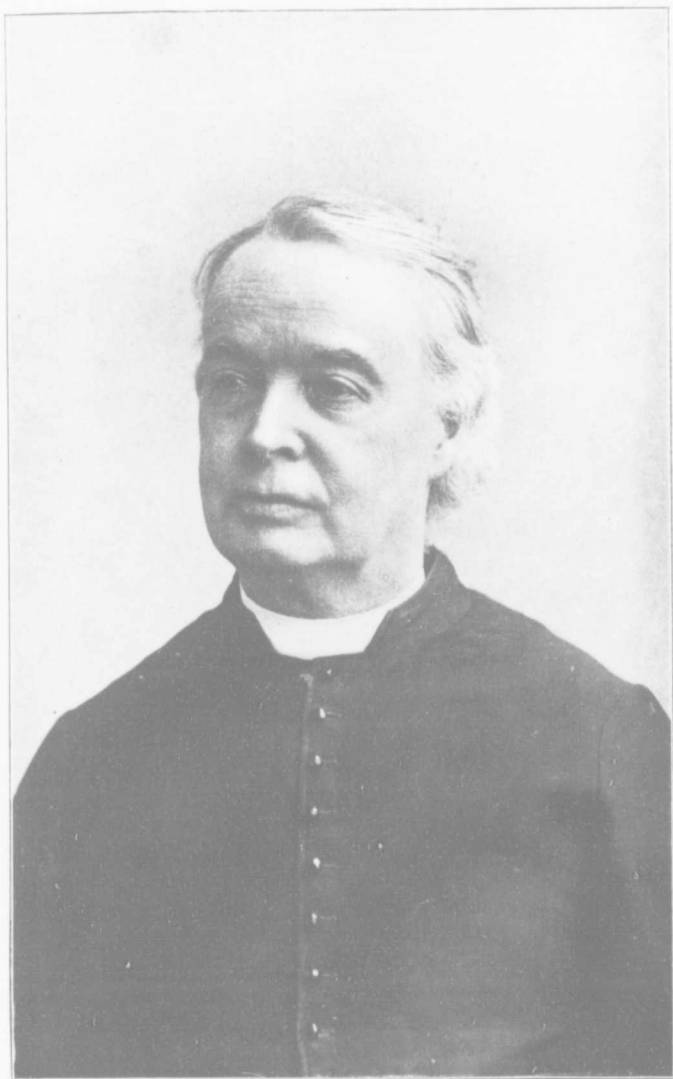
“ Full of zeal, prudent, a judge of character, he was well fitted to wear the mitre and organize the new diocese. Bishop Farrell was consecrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, 1856, at Kingston, and he entered into possession of his See on May 24. His first act was to consecrate the diocese to ' the ever glorious and blessed virgin in the mystery of the annunciation.' To help in the severe work of serving his people he had two priests in the city, Fathers Gordon and Carayon, Father John O'Reilly at Dundas, Father Ryan at Brantford, Father Meseur at St. Clement's; Father Ebner, a Jesuit, at St. Agatha, and two Jesuit fathers at Guelph. The only religious community of women was the Sisters of St. Joseph, who had charge of a small orphanage. Schools, where were they? Or

what were they? The task of organizing parishes and supplying priests, of fighting the great battle of religious education, of providing for the poor, the orphans and the sick, of establishing foundations which live and flourish to this day, this was the work of the pioneer bishop of Hamilton, the Rt. Rev. John Farrell, a man of renown, whose godly deeds have not failed and whose posterity is a holy inheritance, and whose seed hath stood in the covenants. His were days of struggle, of humble beginnings, of hidden foundations. What a contrast from the present time! To-day forty-three diocesan priests and eighteen priests of religious orders; forty churches with resident pastors and twenty-four mission chapels, two hospitals, five institutions for the needy, a well equipped college, three academies and fifty-one parochial schools. How did all this change come about? Whose work is this? Many have had a share in it—many who are not with us, whose names are written in the book of life, who would have wished to see this day, but who saw it only in hope. Many there are who, quietly fulfilling their duty, bore in lonely parish and unremitting toil the heat and burthen, and contributed to this morning's glory. I speak not of these—nor of those heroic Jesuit missionaries who, on distant Manitoulin or Superior's northern

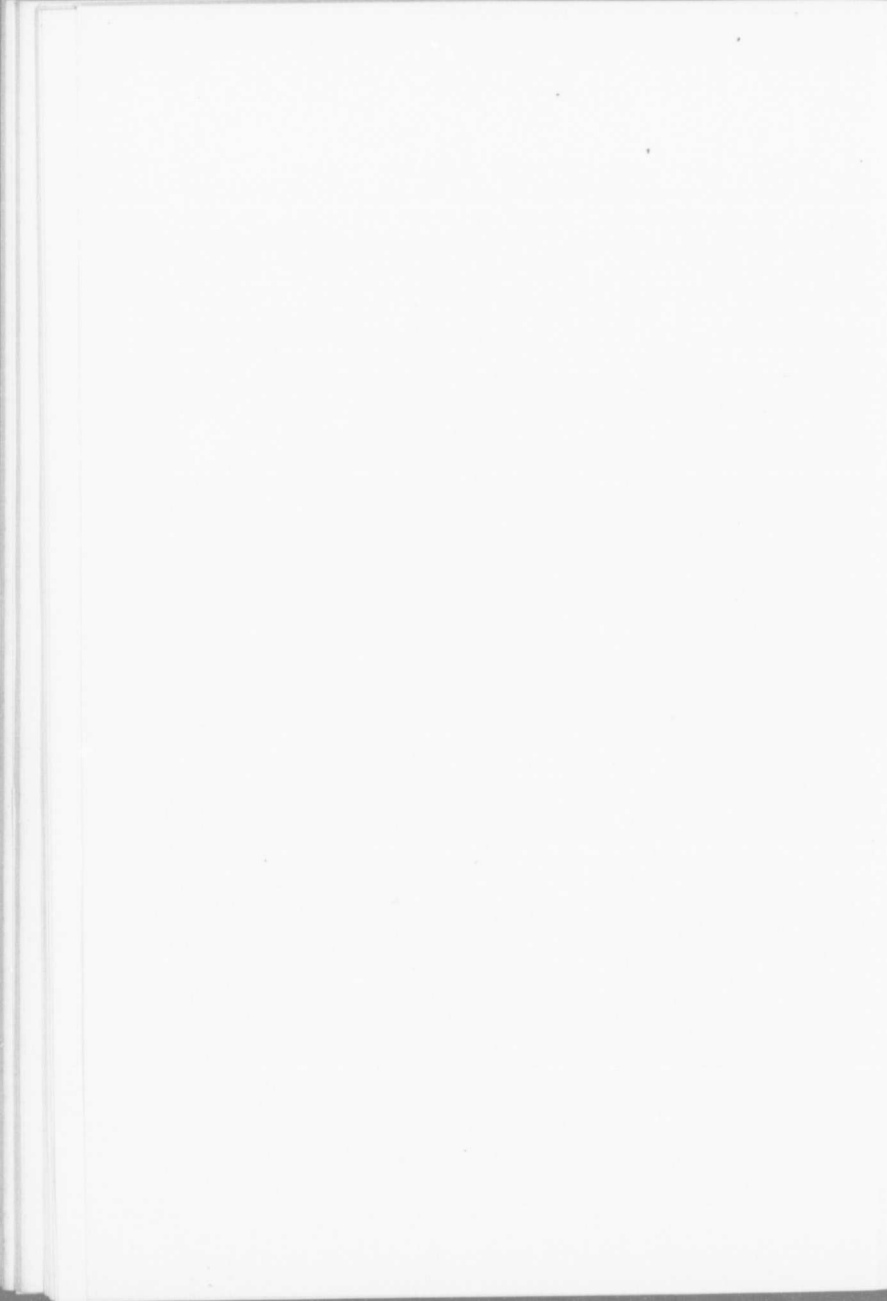
shores, taught the world the value of an immortal soul, in their services of the poor Indians. But there are those to-day whom I cannot pass unnoticed. There is the revered Vicar-General of this Diocese, the Right Rev. Mgr. Heenan, whose work, whose name and whose memory will forever be associated with these fifty golden years—with the seed time and the harvest of the diocese. There is the Venerable Archdeacon Laussier, the eldest priestly son of Hamilton, whose faithful service has told with more efficiency than *eclat* for the good of souls and the advancement of religion. And my own community, the Basilians, presents the third. Father Granottier, whose memory goes back to the time when Owen Sound mission covered the northern half of the diocese. The good which these veterans have done will live after them. And what is better for us, reverend fathers, their example is an odor of sweetness for us all.

“ In the building of the temple of Solomon we read that it was built of stones hewed and made ready, so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house when it was abuilding. So was it with the temple of Hamilton. The work went on without noise. Year succeeded year, and no change was noticeable. But the work was quietly ad-





RT. REV. MGR. HEENAN, V. G., P. A.  
Dundas, Ont.



vancing. Generosity is not noisy, nor is true zeal trumpet-tongued. Throughout these fifty years the generosity of the faithful and the zeal of a devoted priesthood toiled steadily at this work of God. The temple, fair and well proportioned, grew in perfection as the stones were elevated to their place by the willing hands of skilful workmen. Bishops passed away, leaving the walls higher up than they had found them. Then some seventeen years ago your lordship was installed Bishop of Hamilton. What a share you have had in the framing of this temple, in the organization and ministration of this diocese, will ever remain your joy, your crown and monument. Under your zeal St. Lawrence went down to the lake, and Mary the Mother away north to the distant humble Indian settlement—and twenty-five others, patrons of the churches erected under your lordship's episcopate started forth, and last of all, St. Anne, who is to be guardian of this jubilee. But this is not all. You saw the inception of this golden tide. Then afterwards, as priest, you took a noble share in the hidden sacrifices of a pastor's life. As Bishop you have to-day the happiness of placing the roof and glory upon that temple of which you have been to a large extent the high minded zealous architect. Your people rejoice with you, your devoted co-

laborers, the clergy of Hamilton, rejoice with you. Your brethren of the episcopate rejoice with you. Rome, through its delegate, rejoices with you upon this auspicious occasion. We all sincerely congratulate you, and pray God to spare you for many years to govern the diocese whose interests you have advanced so well. And as we look back to-day, gratitude and praise rise from this altar to the one Bishop who alone could give the harvest, who alone can claim the glory. Eternal praise and thanks be to Thee, O Jesus Christ, the true Bishop of every diocese, praise to Thee for the blessings of these fifty years, pardon and mercy for their shortcomings, and eternal rest to the departed faithful, bishops, priests and laity who served Thee in the erection of the temple of Hamilton."

ADDRESSES TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Mgr. Sbaretta, having divested himself of his vestments and enrobed in the Cappa Magna, was addressed by His Lordship Bishop Dowling on behalf of himself and the clergy of the diocese. The address was as follows:

"May it please Your Excellency: In my own name and in the name of the priests of the diocese, I beg leave to extend to you a most cordial welcome to Hamilton. We thank you most

sincerely for honoring, by your presence, the celebration of our golden jubilee. The consecration of our cathedral is a memorable event in the history of Hamilton. It is a day of joy and thanksgiving for all the children of the diocese, who can say in the words of the Easter anthem, 'This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice therein.' We, therefore, are here first to thank Almighty God for having spared us to see this day; secondly, to express our thanks to the distinguished prelates who came from afar to assist at the ceremonies, and thirdly, to express our gratitude for the blessing of assisting at the first offering of the holy sacrifice at our newly consecrated altar, by the august representative of the vicar of Christ, His Holiness Pope Pius X.

"We desire, through your excellency, to offer the holy father our most dutiful homage as his spiritual children and our heartfelt thanks for his gracious kindness in bestowing on us all assembled here to-day his apostolic benediction.

"The message containing the blessing which I had the pleasure of receiving yesterday from my friend, Mgr. Merry del Val, reads as follows: 'The Vatican, Rome, May 19, 1906.—To His Lordship Rt. Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, Bishop of Hamilton, Canada: Holy father

sends special blessing to you as well as to priests and people of diocese, and to all who assist at the consecration of cathedral.

‘ CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL.’ ”

ADDRESS OF THE PEOPLE.

EX-Alderman M. J. O'Reilly and EX-Alderman Wm. Kavanagh then entered the Sanctuary, and the following address, beautifully engrossed, was read by Mr. O'Reilly and presented to His Excellency by Mr. Kavanagh:

“ To His Excellency the Most Reverend Donatus Sbaretti, Apostolic Delegate to Canada:

“ May it please Your Excellency:

“ The people of the cathedral city and of the whole diocese of Hamilton hail with joy this visit of Your Excellency.

“ We have been taught to revere and love the Sovereign Pontiff, who is Christ's vicar on earth, and we know that you are his immediate representative in the Dominion of Canada. Our joy is all the greater because you come to gladden the hearts of all, bishop, priests and people, by assisting at the celebration of the golden jubilee of the diocese. Although this is the first time we have had the opportunity of greeting you personally, still Your Excellency is by no means a stranger to us, for, in addition

to your zealous work in our own country, we have heard of the distinguished services rendered to the church by you as auditor of the apostolic delegation at Washington, and later on in the still more important office of Bishop of Havana.

“ But, most of all, our hearts went out to Your Excellency when we learned from our beloved Bishop, that, at much inconvenience, you honored him by a personal visit of sympathy during his late serious illness—an illness from which God in his goodness was pleased to raise him up, in answer to the urgent prayers of his devoted priests and people.

“ Your Excellency will be glad to know that the spiritual wants of the Catholic people of the diocese are amply and efficiently supplied. The churches are numerous and well equipped. Our little ones are trained in the mind and heart in the schools blessed by the sanction of the church, and maintained, fostered and guaranteed by the state. The well known efficiency of these schools, as attested by the success of the candidates at public examinations, is due in a great measure to the wisdom and care bestowed on them by the gentlemen of the School Board, who, while elected by the people and forming a corporation in themselves, act always in conjunction and harmony with the church.

“ In addition to the parochial schools we have also in the diocese a college for the higher education of our young men, conducted by pious and learned priests, which has been singularly blessed in fostering vocations and furnishing the diocese with a native-born priesthood. Our daughters, too, are specially trained in maidenly grace and wisdom by the consecrated ladies who conduct the various academies.

“ Proud as we are, however, of our seminaries of learning, we must not forget to mention the institutions of charity with which the diocese is so abundantly supplied. The orphan, the invalid, the aged and infirm are tenderly cared for by ministering angels in the form of our good sisters. Societies of the laity for charitable and benevolent purposes also abound, having been formed with the approbation and blessing of our Right Reverend Bishop, and under the guidance of the local pastors, to whose direction they yield a ready and willing compliance.

“ Nor must we forget our devoted priests, whose untiring zeal and fidelity to duty have endeared them to our hearts to such an extent that we are ever unwilling to part with them unless at the call of duty uttered by their and our spiritual captain, the Bishop of the diocese, in which case we are always ready to submit,



knowing that his voice is in our regard the voice of God.

“ We rejoice, then, Your Excellency, at the blessings that have come to the diocese during the past fifty years. We rejoice, in particular, that God has spared our good Bishop in health to celebrate the consecration of this cathedral and the golden jubilee of the diocese at whose cradle he assisted fifty years ago.

“ We thank God for the many churches, schools and institutions which his wisdom has created, and which his prudent hand has guided. We are proud to love and reverence our ecclesiastical superiors and yield a cheerful and ready obedience to the laws of the holy church.

“ We live in peace and harmony with our fellow-citizens of other denominations, who, in turn, respect and honor our Catholic faith.

“ In conclusion, Your Excellency, may we humbly ask you to complete our joy on this day of jubilee by graciously bestowing upon ourselves and our families and upon all the people of the diocese the Papal blessing.”

MGR. SBARETTI'S REPLY.

His Excellency then replied as follows:

“ It has long been my desire to visit the city and the Catholics of Hamilton. No better oc-

occasion than the present one could have been afforded me—an occasion which marks a golden epoch in the history of the diocese, and which gladdens not only you but every Catholic throughout this Dominion who takes pride in the achievements of his co-religionists.

“ Fifty years in the history of a diocese is not a very lengthy period; but for the brevity of time the energetic activity of the Catholics has supplied. You have shown yourselves to be worthy citizens of a city progressive and ambitious, and you have shown what kind of ambition animates the citizens of Hamilton. It is not the ambition which thinks of itself and despises others, but it is that kind of ambition which impels to noble things—that ambition which prompts emulation in industry, in works of charity and education, in civil and moral progress—that ambition in fine which makes for the betterment and uplifting of mankind. I am glad, indeed, to witness the transformation in fifty years. Through the zeal of your worthy Bishop, through the energy of your clergy, and through your own faithfulness, the diocese from infancy has grown to strong and healthy manhood; the grain of mustard seed has become a mighty tree, so that the birds of the air may come and dwell in the branches thereof—*Mathew 13, 32.* The diocese is abundantly sup-



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Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton.



plied with institutions of charity. Angels of charity, your sisters, give their tender and motherly attention to all who need their care—orphans, invalids, aged and infirm. The houses of God are erected in all parts of the diocese, and to-day, as a crowning work, we have the honor and great satisfaction to assist at the consecration of this magnificent church. And assuredly it is a remarkable and uncommon achievement that in so short a space of time a cathedral church so beautiful and so costly could have been brought to such condition as to be solemnly consecrated in honor of Almighty God. This fact demonstrates the strength of your faith and the generosity of your hearts.

“ But one thing that especially makes me rejoice is the fact that your little ones are well trained in secular knowledge in a Catholic atmosphere. One of the most important questions for us is the religious formation of our children. Our holy church has constantly striven and will ever strive for that purpose. We Catholics appreciate the value of our faith more than that of any other treasure. We desire that, as all knowledge comes from God, all subjects of secular education be illuminated by the light of faith. The church will ever, and Catholics will ever insist upon the union of secular and religious training, because they value

above all else the revealed truth of Jesus Christ, necessary not only for the individuals, but also for the civil and moral progress of mankind, and because they are convinced that the principal object of our present life is the salvation of our souls. 'What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?'—Matthew 16, 26. But, if Catholics are unflinching adherents of this principle, they at the same time recognize and respect the rights of others, but they do intend to protect their own rights. I am glad to see that here, as in other parts of Canada Catholics live in peace and harmony with their fellow-citizens of other denominations. I do not wonder at it; for with Catholics it is the natural consequence of the principles of their faith. The true Catholic is the man of peace. The message of the gospel is 'peace on earth to men of good-will. He must respect and love his fellow-citizens, without distinction of creed or race, because he sees in every man the image of God. He recognizes that the soul of everyone is of infinite value because redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. He considers that all men are destined to be heirs of the kingdom of heaven, and every true Catholic must be disposed to sacrifice even his life, not only for the good of his country, but the moral welfare of each individual.

“ Accept my sincere thanks for the sentiments you kindly express towards me. As to my visit to your worthy Bishop when he was ill, I did nothing more than a work of mercy. I did it much more readily, to show him, as a brother, and you, Catholic people of this diocese, my sympathy and appreciation.

“ I congratulate Your Lordship that Almighty God has spared you to give you the ineffable consolation of seeing the crowning of one of the principal acts of your administration. I congratulate the clergy upon this result, due in a large measure to their zeal. From the bottom of my heart I congratulate the faithful of this diocese to whose faith and liberality is due the accomplishment and the consecration of this beautiful temple.

“ I am glad to see the unity and harmony which exist here among all; where the Bishop, priests and people are united in the pursuit of a lofty aim, as they are here, you can depend upon the result being what you desire.

“ May Almighty God bless you and all the diocese, that future generations, stimulated by your example, may, with the grace of God, always strive with ever increasing energy for their own salvation and for the triumph of our mother church.”

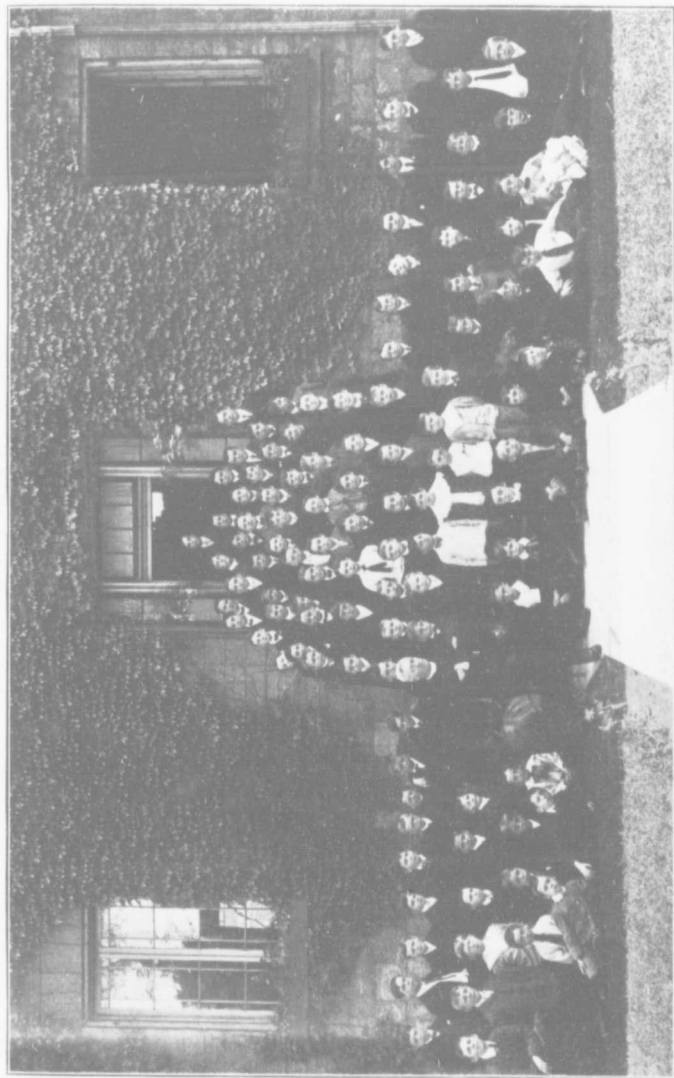
## THE JUBILEE MUSIC.

A choir of 125 city Separate School boys, under the direction of Rev. P. J. Donovan, Superintendent of Schools, rendered the music for the Jubilee services, which was in keeping with the Motu Proprio, and won warm praise from His Excellency and the clergy. Mr. J. L. Cherrier was the organist.

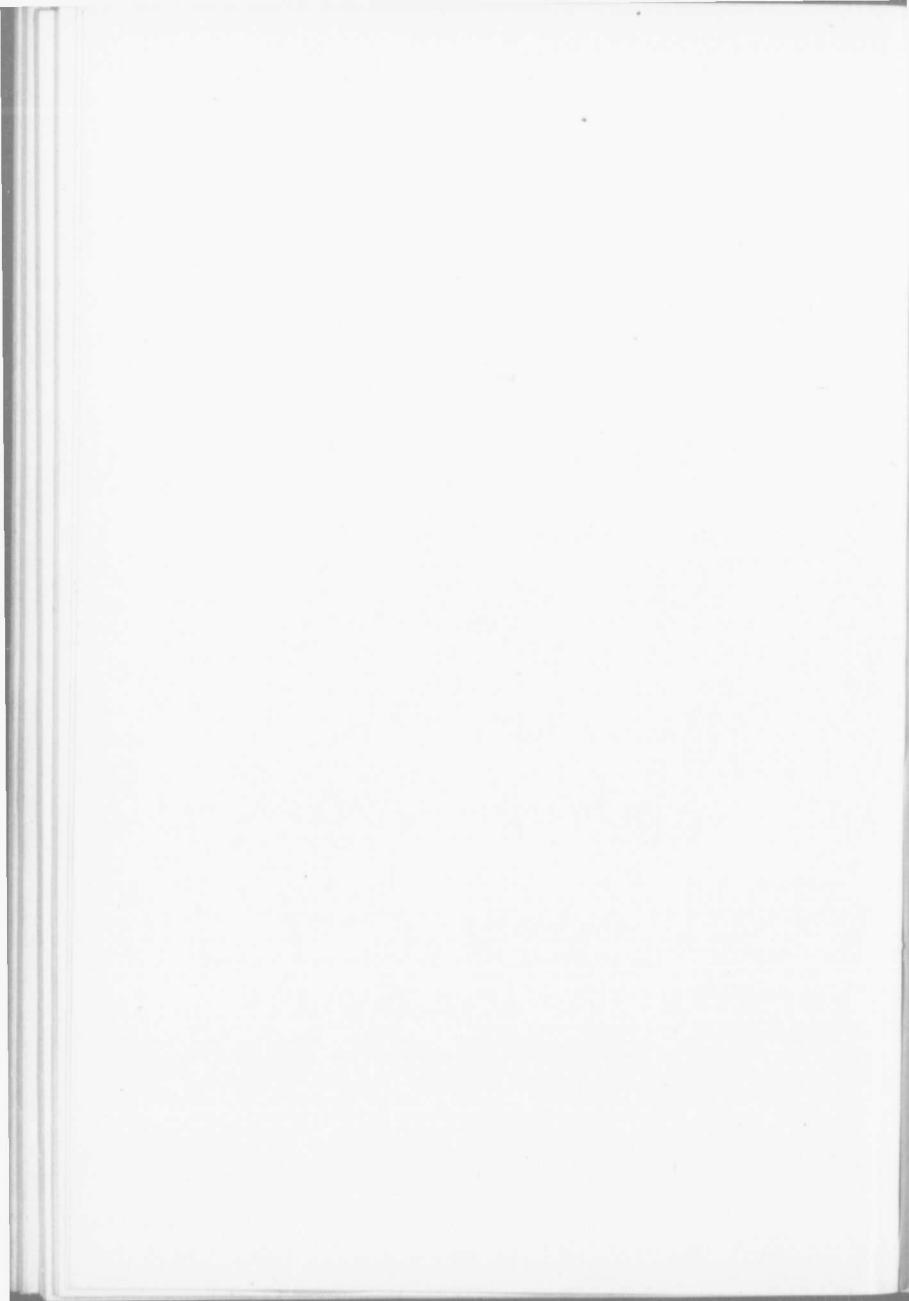
## PONTIFICAL VESPERS.

In the evening at 7 o'clock Rt. Rev. R. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, sang Pontifical Vespers. The sermon by Rev. J. Connolly, S. J., of Guelph, on "The Reason why Catholics Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary," was a masterly effort, and was listened to with rapt attention by a crowded congregation.





JUBILEE CHOIR, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL. Rev. P. J. Donovan, Director.



## SECOND DAY.

## PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS.

Amid the joy of the jubilee, the faithful who had gone before were not forgotten. On Monday, at 10.30 Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass was sung by Rt. Rev. R. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterboro, for the repose of the souls of the departed bishops, priests and people of the diocese. The sanctuary was heavily draped for the occasion. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Dr. Teefy, C. S. B., and Rev. J. H. Coty and Rev. J. Lenhart were deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The Bishop of the diocese and the visiting prelates were all present at the Mass, as were also the priests of the diocese and many from outside places. Rt. Rev. D. J. Scollard, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, preached a powerful sermon on "Purgatory." After the clergy had dined at St. Joseph's Convent they were taken on a trolley trip to Grimsby, through the "Garden of Canada," on a private car supplied by the H., G. & B. Company. In the evening at 7.30 a reception for His Excellency and the visiting prelates was held in St. Mary's Hall, which was beautifully decorated in white and gold for the occasion by the ladies of St. Mary's Benevolent Society.

The reception took place under a large canopy, in the rear of which were placed pictures of His Holiness Pius X., His Lordship Bishop Dowling and His Excellency Mgr. Sbaretti. Besides His Excellency, His Lordship Bishop Dowling, Bishop McEvay and Bishops O'Connor and Scollard also took part in the reception. The music for the reception was furnished by a select orchestra in a marquee on the adjoining lawn. Thousands of the faithful anxious to congratulate the Bishop and pay their respect to the Apostolic Delegate and the visiting Bishops attended and were presented by Father Mahony, the rector of the cathedral. Souvenir cards bearing on one side a beautiful picture of the Immaculate Conception, and on the reverse side the inscription, "Souvenir, Golden Jubilee, St. Mary's Cathedral, May, 1905," were distributed to all who attended the reception.



RT. REV. D. SCOLLARD, D. D.  
Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie.



THIRD DAY.

PONTIFICAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING.

Tuesday at 10.30 the Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by His Grace Most Rev. C. H. Gauthier, Archbishop of Kingston, with Rev. J. J. Connolly, S. J., Guelph, as assistant priest; Ven. Archdeacon Laussier, of Cayuga, and Rev. D. F. Kehoe, Drayton, deacons of honor, and Rev. J. P. Holden, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton, and Rev. T. Ferguson, Brantford, deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass.

CHILDREN'S GREETING.

One of the prettiest and most touching events of the Jubilee was the children's greeting to the Bishop and Mgr. Sbaretta, which took place Tuesday afternoon. The children, in charge of the teachers, marched in a body from the various schools, reaching the cathedral shortly before 3 p. m. Although, with the exception of the teachers and the members of the School Board, no adults were admitted, the cathedral was scarcely large enough to accommodate the children.

Hymns especially appropriate to the occasion were sung by the combined classes, numbering nearly 1,000 voices, under the leadership of

Rev. P. J. Donovan, superintendent of schools, with a pathos and harmony which reflected the greatest credit on the sister teachers and won expressions of admiration from the Apostolic Delegate and visiting prelates. Seven little girls from St. Ann's School, Irene Duffy, G. Dore, Reta Ryan, B. Nelson, Marietta Case, Kathleen Hayes and Ethel Mooney, presented the prelates each with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

The following address, beautifully illuminated by the Loretto Academy, Guelph, was read and presented to the delegate by Joseph McGowan, of St. Mary's School:

“ May it please Your Excellency.

“ We, the children of the Separate schools of the cathedral city, on behalf of all the children of the diocese of Hamilton, beg leave to approach Your Excellency to welcome you to our midst, and tender to you our sentiments of obedience and love. We thank Your Excellency for coming to visit us on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the diocese and the consecration of this cathedral of our Immaculate Mother. We are doubly grateful to you for coming to us in this beautiful Month of May, the festal month of our beloved Bishop, who takes so much interest in the children and comes to visit our schools so often. We know that you



represent the great White Shepherd at Rome, the saintly Pius X., whose tender love for the lambs of the flock is so well known. We have heard, too, of your own zealous and successful work on behalf of the education of the little ones. We are glad to be able to tell Your Excellency that in the schools of the Province of Ontario, the banner Province of Canada, the rights of the children, not only to secular training but also to religious education, are fully respected. Your Excellency will be pleased to know that in the schools of the diocese of Hamilton more than six thousand children are being trained in mind and heart to become faithful members of the church, as well as useful and loyal citizens. We are proud of our schools and we love our devoted teachers. Did Your Excellency's time permit it we should be tempted to invite you to visit our classes and see for yourself, in order that you might be able to tell the Holy Father how happy and prosperous are the children in the Separate schools of the diocese of Hamilton.

“ In conclusion may we take the liberty of asking Your Excellency to complete the joy which thrills our hearts to-day by graciously bestowing on us and upon all the children of the diocese, together with our beloved teachers, the Papal blessing.”

The members of the Separate School Board, including Messrs. P. S. Bateman, Chairman; P. Arland, C. J. Bird, T. J. Coughlin, J. P. Dougherty, J. Flahaven, M. Foster, P. J. Galvin, J. Keating, A. O'Brien, P. Ronan, M. D. Sullivan, H. N. Thomas and J. Wall, were then presented individually to His Excellency in the sanctuary.

In replying to the children's address His Excellency spoke as follows:

"Your Bishop is very fortunate in having for his festal month the month of May—the month of the revival of nature, the month of beauty, the month of flowers, the month upon which descends the realization of the hopes of those who till the soil, but, above all, the month of our Blessed Mother, the "mother of beautiful love and holy hope," the mirror by which all the earthly and heavenly beauties are reflected, the mother who, with her sweetness and with the perfume of her love for us, inspires us with confidence and draws us to taste the ineffable joy of her motherly affection.

"The month of flowers recalls to our minds the flowers of mankind, and for your Bishop and for us all the most lovable flowers are our children. So I well understand how your zealous Bishop goes to visit you so often, and to-day I share his joy and delight and consolation in seeing and visiting you.

“ We feel the greatest interest in our children. It is our ambition to give you the best secular training we know, combined with the fullest religious education that is possible. And we are glad that in this Province of Ontario the right to give this education is respected. And it seems to me that the results of this system of liberty are not second to those of any other system. The children educated in our schools are not inferior in secular knowledge to other children, and they are superior in the knowledge of truths still more necessary for their welfare—the truths of religion.

“ Peace and harmony reign among all the citizens of this Province. They love and respect one another. They march shoulder to shoulder for the common welfare of this country, and they would be ready to stand together in her defence in the hour of danger. I think that the Province of Ontario, for the spirit of Canadianism, is the ‘ banner Province of Canada.’ I admire your love of country, but I do not wonder at it, for I see on all sides so many reasons why you should be patriotic—your great resources, your splendid progress, your beautiful and heroic history, and above all, the freedom you enjoy.

“ Our ambition is to make you, my children, worthy citizens of this great country; to in-

struct and form you, so that when you come to manhood's estate you will be prepared to discharge the duties and responsibilities of the vast and magnificent heritage which will be yours. Be faithful and attentive then in your studies; be obedient to your parents, your teachers and your superiors; be exact in the performance of your religious duties, and later in life when you are men and women you will be worthy successors to your worthy fathers and mothers; a credit to yourselves, your church and your country."

His Excellency, in the course of his remarks, also paid a tribute of praise to the members of the local Separate School Board for the interest which they take in their work and for the success which attends their efforts. He likewise congratulated the children on their proficiency in plain chant.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF  
ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT  
HAMILTON

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FIFTY years ago the Sisters of St. Joseph became a community of the Diocese of Hamilton, so that the Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's Convent was coincident with that of the Diocese. During these fifty years the Sisters have been doing a noble work. In addition to teaching many of the schools of the city and diocese, the aged, the sick and the orphan have been the object of their tender care. St. Joseph's Convent and St. Mary's Orphanage, Hamilton; St. Joseph's Hospital and House of Providence, Guelph; St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, and the House of Providence, Dundas, are monuments to the zeal and devotion of the good Sisters, and are among the brightest jewels in the Diocesan jubilee crown. Thursday, May 24th, 1906, exactly fifty years from the day of the arrival of Bishop Farrel in the Diocese, the Jubilee Mass for the Sisters was celebrated in the Convent Chapel by His Excellency Mgr. Sbaretti, with Rev. J. M. Mahony, rector of St.

Mary's Cathedral, as assistant priest; Rev. J. H. Coty, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, and Rev. P. J. Donovan, Superintendent of Schools, as deacons of honor, and Rev. J. Lenhart, pastor of St. Ann's Church, and Rev. M. Weidner, of the Cathedral, as deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass. His Lordship Right Rev. T. J. Dowling, Bishop of the Diocese, and Right Rev. F. P. McEvay, Bishop of London, were present in the sanctuary with their chaplains. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Sisters' Choir, which sang Festival Mass by Bordese.

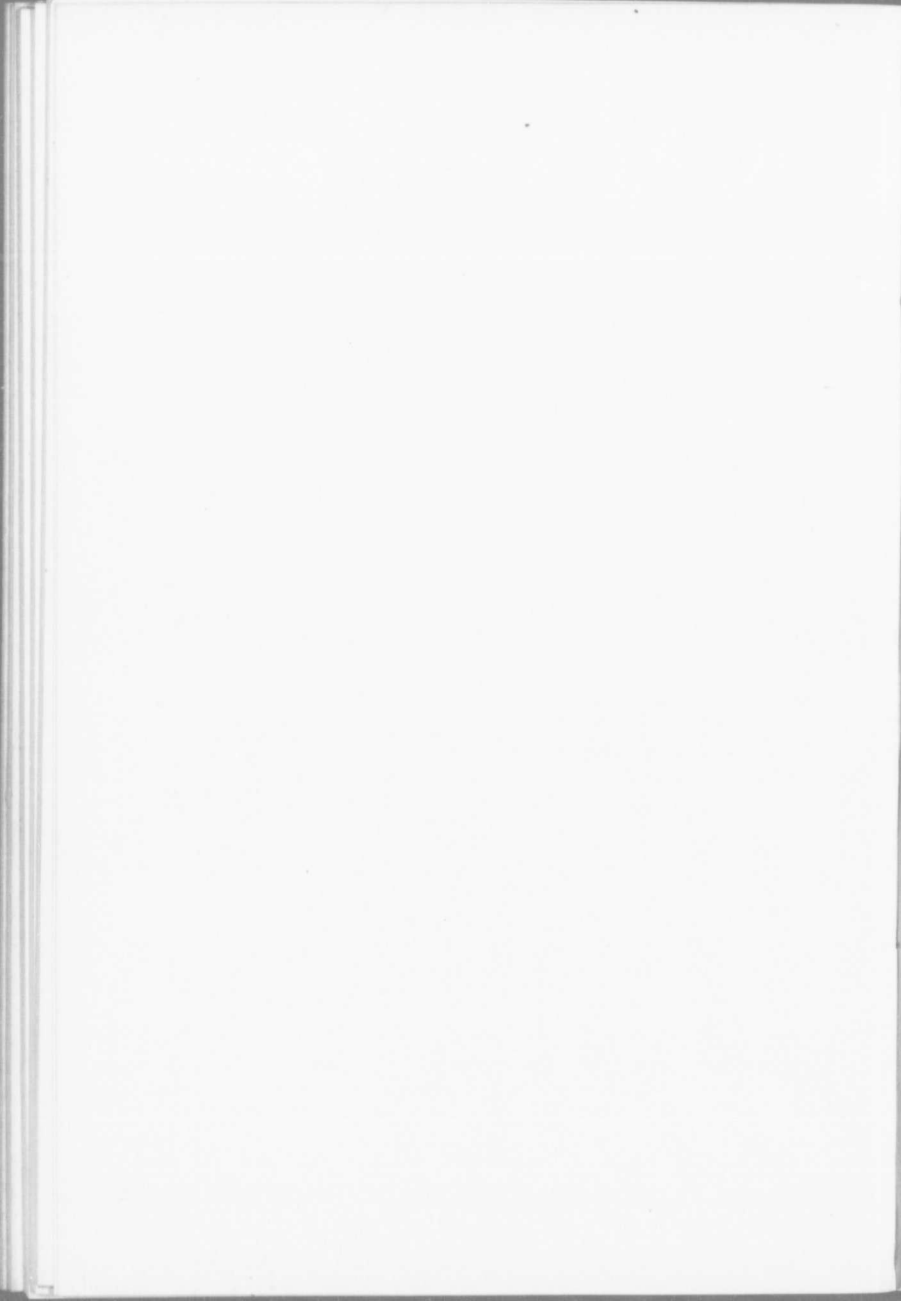
In the afternoon the visiting prelates and priests repaired to the orphanage, where songs of greeting were rendered and a charming address of welcome presented by the children, each of whom was a picture of health and happiness.

#### CONCERT AT LORETTO.

In honor of the Jubilee a grand concert was given at Loretto Academy, Hamilton, by the young ladies of the institution, on the evening of Wednesday, May 23rd. Among the honored guests besides His Lordship Bishop Dowling, were His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, His Lordship Bishop McEvay, of London, and many of the leading citizens of all denominations. An address of welcome was presented to His Excellency by Miss Bessie McSloy.



MOST REV. DENIS O'CONNOR, D. D.  
Archbishop of Toronto.





The address was as follows :

“ To His Excellency, Mgr. Sbaretti, Apostolic Delegate :

“ May it please Your Excellency, Welcome Priests of the most high God.

“ Welcome, Your Excellency, representative of our Holy Father, Pius X., Christ’s vicar on earth. Welcome, honored guest of our jubilee.

“ The fiftieth anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton—such is the event to our celebration of which Loretto’s children greet you.

“ Often in the past have the walls of our Alma Mater resounded with joyous strains, but to-day our hearts are filled with unusual gladness and thrilled with the glorious notes of the ‘ jubilantes.’

“ Fifty years since this then infant diocese took its place among those of mother church—and who can tell the varying trials of each decade of years from then till now, when it stands to-day crowned with laurels in the garden of God—a giant tree spreading its branches far and near, sheltering ’neath it a chief pastor, our right reverend and beloved Bishop, who, for 17 years has ruled so wisely and so well the flock committed to his care—a beloved clergy and a faithful people.

“ Fittingly to celebrate this anniversary we

are honored by the presence of Your Excellency; would that we could express in words the gratitude that fills our hearts, but the scene around you must speak for us—the presence of so many most reverend, right reverend and reverend clergy, loved parents and friends uniting to honor the occasion, and to offer to Your Excellency a tribute which our lips would fain express.

“ Accept, then, Loretto’s greetings—may the remembrance of it be to Your Excellency a memory which time cannot efface until the dawn of the eternal jubilee, when not alone the golden glory of five decades or years will encircle the brow of this fair diocese, but that never ending glory wherein angel choirs will forever join the ‘jubilantes of Aeternum.’ ”

His Excellency replied to the address in a very happy manner, reminding the young ladies of the great advantages they enjoyed in having the pious and accomplished ladies of Loretto for their guardians and teachers.

At the close of the entertainment an informal reception was held and many leading citizens availed themselves of the opportunity to congratulate Bishop Dowling on the Jubilee and present their respects to His Excellency and also to His Lordship the Bishop of London.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF  
LORETTO ACADEMY, GUELPH

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THE Institute of the Blessed Virgin at Guelph was founded for the higher education of young ladies during the first year of the administration of Right Rev. John Farrell, first Bishop of Hamilton. The mother house of the institute is Loretto Abbey, Toronto. The academy, which is a large and substantial stone structure, has a beautiful site near the Church of Our Lady, and in addition to conducting the academy, which has been blessed by singular success, the ladies of Loretto teach the various classes in the Separate Schools.

The Golden Jubilee was fittingly celebrated on June 20th by a solemn Pontifical Mass in the morning and a grand concert of rare merit in the evening. The celebrant of the Mass was Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese, Rev. J. Conolly, S. J., was assistant priest; Very Rev. Dean Magee, of Stratford, and Rev. J. Brennan, of Corunna, were deacons of honor, with Very Rev. Dean O'Connell, of Mount Forest, and Rev.

J. H. Coty, deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass. Rev. Father Donovan, S.J., was master of ceremonies. Among those in the sanctuary were Rev. J. M. Mahony, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton; Ven. Archdeacon Casey, Lindsay; Rev. E. Doyle, Freelon, and Rev. Wm. Benninger, C. R., Berlin.

The Jubilee sermon was preached by Rev. J. Coffee, S. J., Guelph, who in a masterly manner sketched the foundation and early history of the Academy, and its growth and success during the past fifty years.

## DEDICATION OF ST. ANN'S

ST. ANN'S Jubilee Church, situated at the corner of Sherman avenue and Barton street, Hamilton, was solemnly blessed and opened for public worship on Sunday, May 13th, 1906. The ceremony of blessing the church was performed by the Bishop of the Diocese, Right Rev. Mgr. Dowling, D. D. After the ceremony His Lordship celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass, with Rev. J. M. Mahony, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, assistant priest ; Rev. R. T. Burke, C. S. B., of Toronto, and Rev. P. J. Donovan, Hamilton, deacons of honor ; Rev. J. Lenhart, pastor of the church, and Rev. A. J. Savage, deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The sermon on "The Church, the Pillar and Ground of Truth," was delivered by Rev. W. J. Stanton, S. J., New York.

## JUBILEE OFFERINGS.

Jubilee offerings to the Bishop from his priests and people are an established and worthy custom on the occasion of a Golden Jubilee of the Diocese. His Lordship, how-

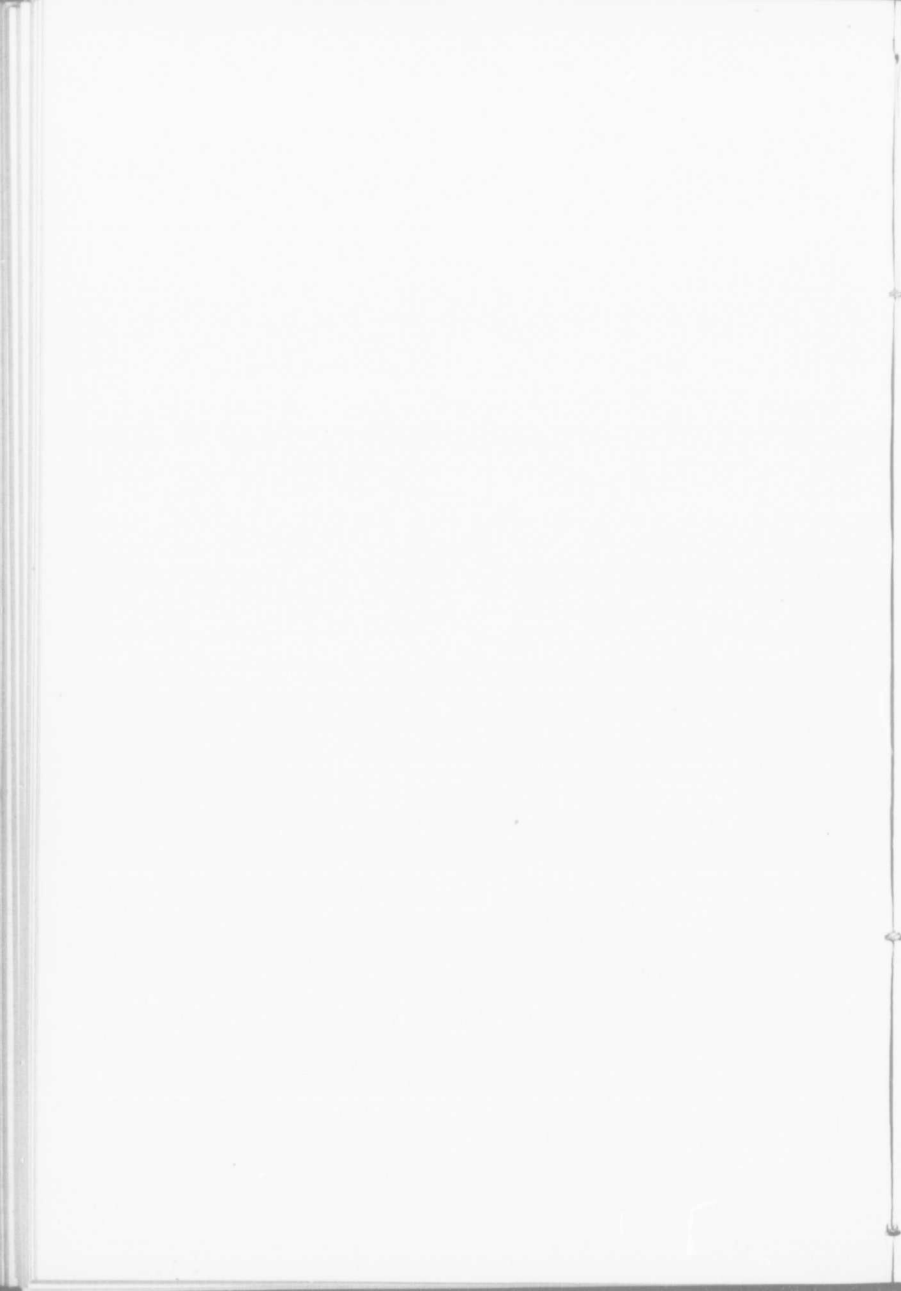
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ever, with characteristic generosity, refused to accept anything for himself, but directed that all offerings should be turned over to St. Ann's Jubilee Church, and himself headed the list by presenting to Rev. J. Lenhart, pastor of the church, a cheque for two thousand dollars on the day of dedication. The reverend pastors of the Diocese, without exception, on behalf of themselves and their people, followed the example of the Bishop and contributed as follows:

Rt. Rev. T. J. Dowling, D.D., Bishop of Hamilton.	\$2000 00
Rev. J. M. Mahony, St. Mary's Cathedral . . . . .	1500 00
Rev. J. H. Coty, St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton..	1000 00
Jesuit Fathers, Guelph, per J. J. Connolly, S.J. . .	500 00
Resurrection Fathers, per	
Very Rev. Wm. Kloepfer, Berlin . .	\$250 00
Rev. Theo. Spetz, Waterloo. . . . .	100 00
Rev. H. Aeyman, St. Agatha. . . . .	100 00
Rev. A. Waechter, New Hamburg. . . . .	50 00
	500 00
Rev. R. E. M. Brady, St. Lawrence Church, Hamilton . . . . .	400 00
Rev. J. P. Doherty, Arthur. . . . .	400 00
Ven. Archdeacon Laussie, Cayuga . . . . .	300 00
Rev. S. Foester, New Germany . . . . .	200 00
Rev. J. J. Gehl, Formosa . . . . .	200 00
Rev. M. Halm, St. Clements . . . . .	200 00
Basilinan Fathers, per Rev. J. Collins, C. S. B., Owen Sound . . . . .	150 00
Rev. D. F. Kehoe, Kenilworth . . . . .	150 00
Rev. G. P. Murphy, Dundalk . . . . .	150 00
Very Rev. Dean O'Connell, Mount Forest. . . . .	150 00
Rt. Rev. Mgr. Heenan, V. G., Dundas . . . . .	100 00
Rev. Geo. Cleary, Caledonia . . . . .	100 00
Rev. E. J. Crinion, Paris . . . . .	100 00
Rev. J. P. Holden, St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton	100 00



ST. ANNE'S JUBILEE CHURCH, HAMILTON.





Rev. J. Kelly, Walkerton . . . . .	100 00
Rev. R. C. Lehmann, Mildmay . . . . .	100 00
Rev. P. Owens, Ayton . . . . .	100 00
Rev. A. C. Walter, Markdale . . . . .	100 00
Rev. J. E. Wey, Carlsruhe . . . . .	100 00
Rev. F. Zettler, Chepstow . . . . .	100 00
Rev. C. Brohman, Macton . . . . .	75 00
Rev. S. Wadel, St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph . . . . .	75 00
Rev. A. Montag, New Germany . . . . .	70 00
Rev. J. J. Craven, Galt . . . . .	53 68
Rev. J. Corcoran, Teeswater . . . . .	50 00
Rev. J. Englert, Dunnville . . . . .	50 00
Rev. J. J. Feeney, Acton . . . . .	50 00
Rev. P. Lennon, St. Basil's Church, Brantford . . . . .	50 00
Rev. J. F. Wey, Deemerton . . . . .	50 00
Rev. J. P. Cummings, St. Mary's Church, Brantford . . . . .	50 00
Rev. W. Gehl, Preston . . . . .	50 00
Rev. P. Cosgrove, Elora . . . . .	25 00
Rev. E. Doyle, Freelon, Ont. . . . .	25 00
Rev. J. Heydon, C. S. B., Drayton . . . . .	25 00
Rev. F. O'Reilly, Oakville . . . . .	25 00
Rev. J. Crofton, Hespeler . . . . .	12 50

## VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Mrs. Broderick and D. Sullivan, Hamilton . . . . .	400 00
Mr. and Mrs. J. McInnis, Hamilton . . . . .	230 00
Mrs. D. Egan, Philadelphia, Penn. . . . .	200 00
The Misses Pauley, Hamilton . . . . .	200 00
St. Mary's Benevolent Society of the Cathedral . . . . .	100 00
St. Mary's Cathedral Altar Society . . . . .	100 00
Mr. J. M. White, Hamilton . . . . .	56 00
A Friend, Hamilton . . . . .	50 00
A Friend, Hamilton . . . . .	55 00
Mr. E. J. Mahony, Saltfleet . . . . .	50 00
Mr. James O'Brien, Saltfleet . . . . .	50 00
The Misses Harris, Hamilton . . . . .	50 00
Mr. John F. Shea, Hamilton . . . . .	25 00
Mr. M. P. Shine, Hamilton . . . . .	25 00
Anonymous, Hamilton . . . . .	25 00
Mr. Geo. Rosenblatt, St. Clements . . . . .	10 00
Mr. John Kelliher, Ponsonby . . . . .	5 00

## CHURCHES FREED FROM DEBT IN 1906 :

Hamilton—	Kenilworth.
Cathedral.	Chepstow.
St. Patrick's.	Arthur.
St. Lawrence.	St. Agatha.
Walkerton.	Rockwood.
Mount Forest.	

## NEW CHURCHES BUILT DURING JUBILEE YEAR :

St. Ann's, Hamilton.	Hepworth.
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## NEW PRESBYTERIES :

St. Patrick's, Hamilton.	St. Ann's, Hamilton.
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## NEW SCHOOLS.

Mount Forest.	Linwood.
Kenilworth.	St. Clements.
Chepstow.	New Germany (Convent).
Proton.	St. Patrick's (in preparation).

## JUBILEE GIFTS.

Thanksgiving offerings from the Bishop to churches, schools and charitable institutions, etc. :

Markdale Parish, in payment of mortgage on	
Irish Lake property . . . . .	\$ 800 00
Brantford, donation to St. Mary's Church . . . . .	300 00
Dundas, House of Providence . . . . .	250 00
Kenilworth, new school . . . . .	200 00
Hamilton, St. Patrick's building fund . . . . .	100 00
Cathedral furnishing fund . . . . .	100 00
St. Joseph's Hospital . . . . .	100 00
St. Mary's Orphan Asylum . . . . .	100 00
Guelph, St. Joseph's Hospital (Isolation Ward) . . . . .	100 00
St. Agatha, Orphan Asylum . . . . .	100 00
Ottawa, University building fund . . . . .	100 00
Paris, organ fund . . . . .	50 00
Dunnville, church building fund . . . . .	50 00

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Hepworth, church building fund . . . . .	50 00
Glenelg, church building fund . . . . .	25 00
Freelton, church building fund . . . . .	25 00
Preston, building fund. . . . .	25 00
Mildmay, church building fund . . . . .	20 00
Hespeler, building fund . . . . .	10 00
Chepstow, new school . . . . .	25 00
Cardinal Gotti, Vesuvius sufferers . . . . .	50 00
Cape Croker, Indian Mission . . . . .	50 00

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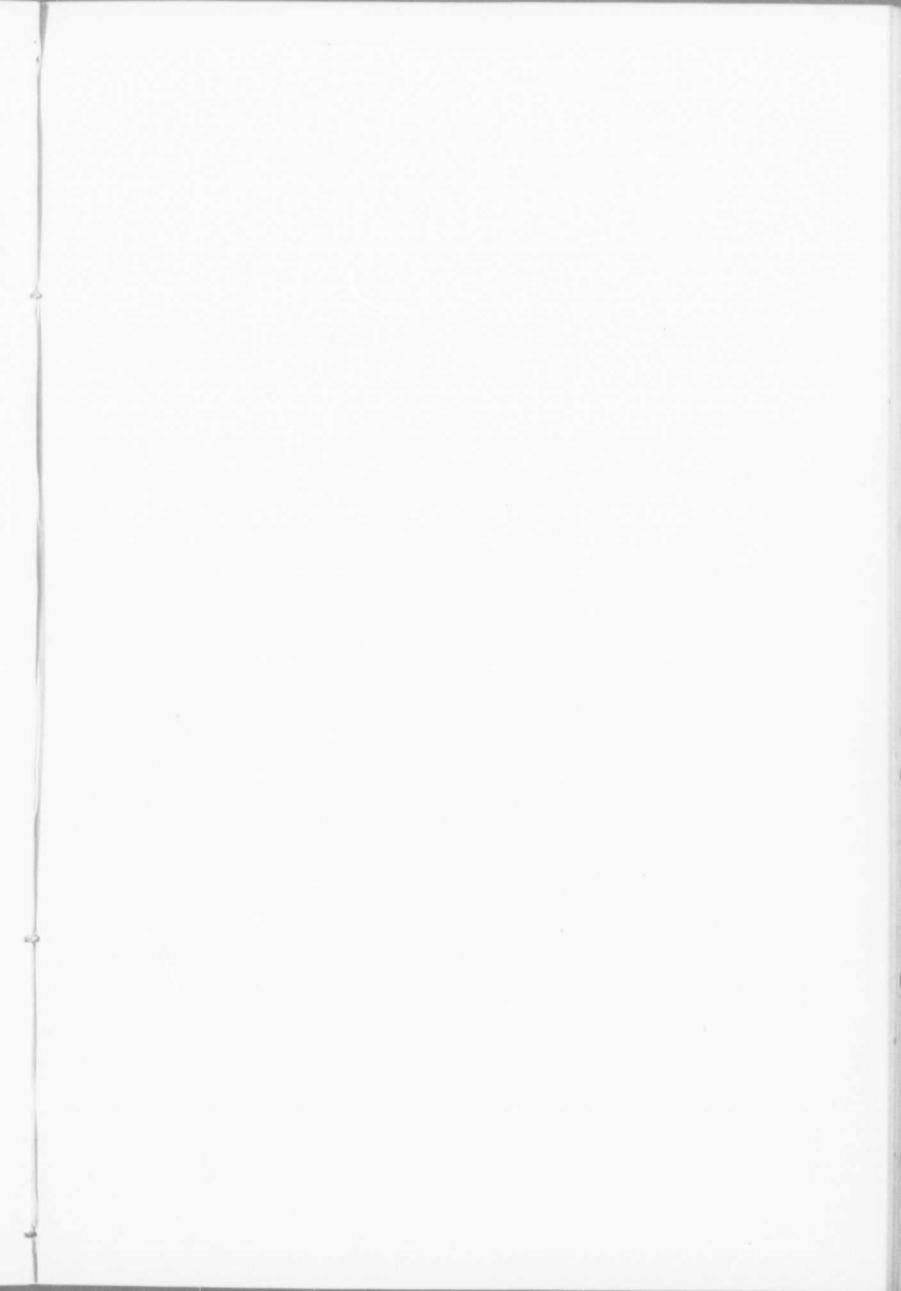
## CONGRATULATORY PRESS NOTICES

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,  
HAMILTON.

(Catholic Register, Toronto.)

The Golden Jubilee of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, will be celebrated by a festival of several days, beginning on Saturday evening next, when a reception will be tendered the Apostolic Delegate, and closing on the Tuesday following. The ceremonies promise to be impressive and elaborate, nearly all the dignitaries of the neighboring dioceses being expected, and the presence of the Apostolic Delegate giving unusual eclat to the occasion. Prelates from the neighboring Sees will officiate at the various functions, while Toronto will lend its eloquent Dr. Teefy, and the Jesuits of Guelph their learned Father Conolly, as preachers at the solemn services on Sunday.

A jubilee signifies much or little, according to results. For the diocese of Hamilton the results are many and the showing great. The Jubilee marks a half century of progress for the church. It marks five decades during which

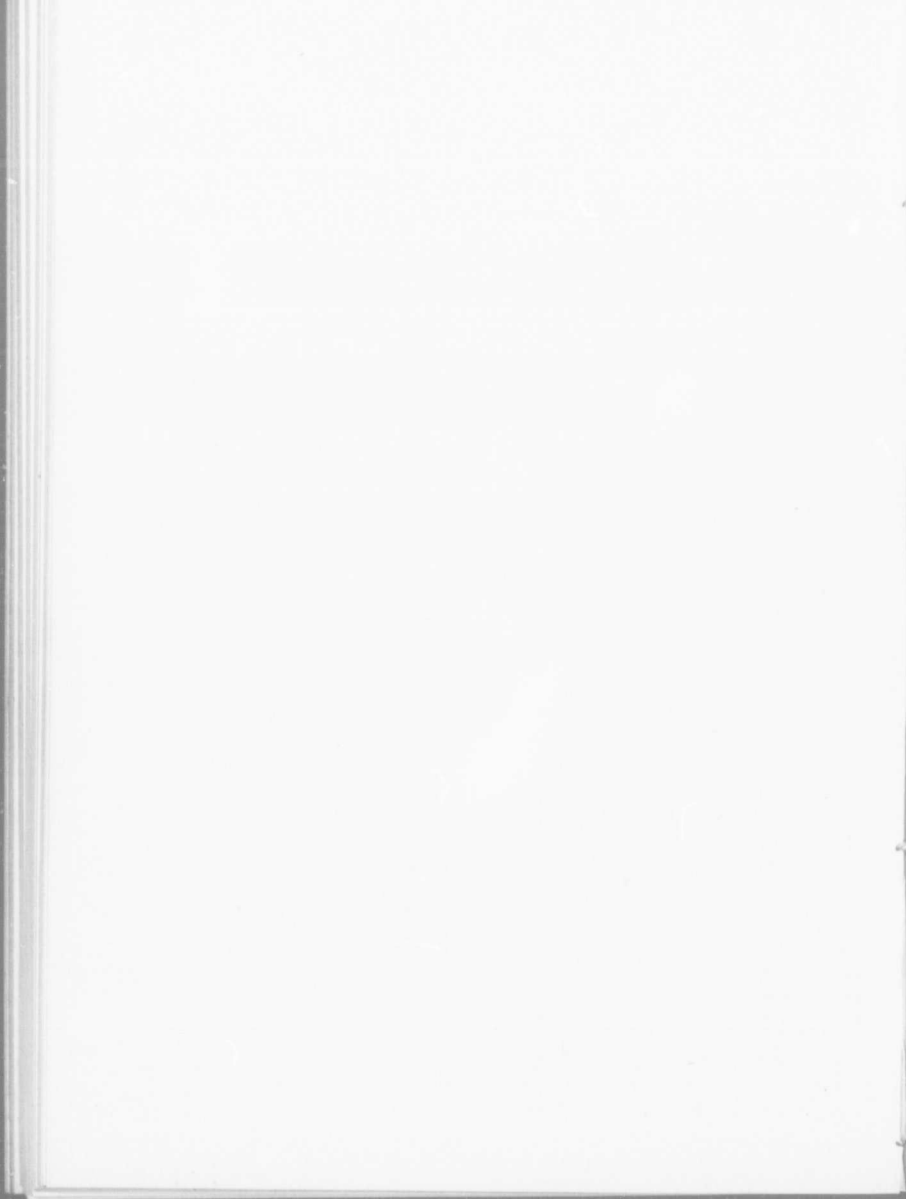




PRIESTS OF HAMILTON DIOCESE ON RETREAT AT ST. JEROME'S COLLEGE, BERLIN, 1905.



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from village-like proportions the territory has expanded into a city whose educational standing, as amongst the best, is altogether unquestioned. The primary Catholic schools of Hamilton are the peers of the best in Canada, and the advancement of the Diocese, as witnessed by the growth in the number of its churches and charitable institutions, is matter for that elation which without vanity may be justly entertained by the venerated head and his earnest co-workers in the building up of the Hamilton Diocese. When the Cathedral of St. Mary's was opened on May 27th fifty years ago, who would have anticipated the substantial presentation which the diocese can now make? To Hamilton Diocese and its zealous and devoted Bishop, Toronto sends greetings, wishing to each multos Annos of continuance in their good work.

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AN IMPORTANT EVENT.

(Catholic Record, London.)

We congratulate the Bishop of Hamilton and the priests and people of that city on the magnificent celebration which took place last week in honor of the Golden Jubilee of St. Mary's Cathedral. It was a splendid outpouring of Catholic faith and Catholic devotion, which must have been particularly pleasing to His Ex-

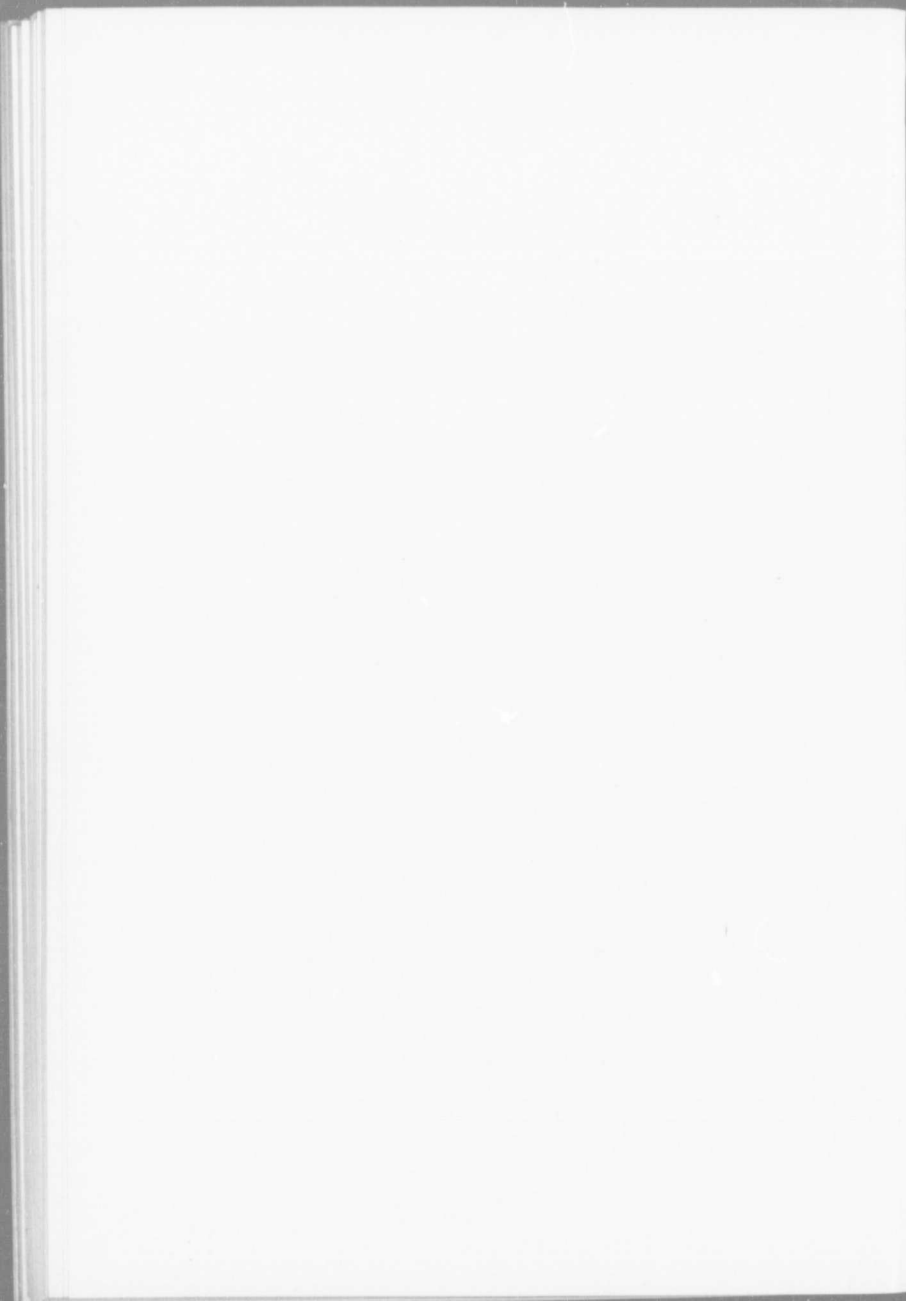
celleney Mgr. Sbaretti, the Papal Delegate, who honored the occasion by his distinguished presence. In no other country in the world may be seen more fervent and more loyal Catholics than in the Dominion of Canada, and in no other diocese of Canada may be seen more anxiety to forward the interests of the church than in the Diocese of Hamilton.

Few are now living who saw the beginning of St. Mary's Cathedral and were acquainted with its first Bishop. Hamilton has had a line of illustrious prelates, Bishops Farrell, Crinon, Carbery and Dowling. The present prosperity of everything pertaining to the church within the city and the diocese at large is proof abundant that all these Bishops were in their day faithful to the great trust reposed in them by the Sovereign Pontiff.

To the administrative capacity of the present incumbent of the office of chief pastor of souls in the Diocese of Hamilton, Right Rev. Dr. Dowling, may be attributed the prosperous condition of every parish in these later days. In season and out of season has he been found faithful and energetic in the performance of even the slightest details connected with the Episcopate. Into this high office he brought the same energy, the same capacity, the same noble ambition to spread the divine faith, which



RT. REV. F. P. McEVAY, D. D.  
Bishop of London.



was a feature of his character when parish priest of Paris. The parish of Paris became a model under his administration ; and, in his larger field, the whole diocese partook of the same character. In the cathedral city the results of his careful administration are to be seen on every hand. And in this connection the energetic and painstaking work of Rev. Father Mahony, rector of the cathedral, has been, we feel assured, fully recognized and appreciated by his Bishop and the people of the Episcopal city. A Bishop can do much good for God's holy church, but with a loyal, industrious and exemplary clergy, such as is found in the diocese of Hamilton, the work of promoting the interests of the church of Christ will proceed in a manner consoling to all who desire to see its beneficent influence permeate every avenue of life.

We offer our hearty congratulations to the good Bishop and clergy of the neighboring diocese.

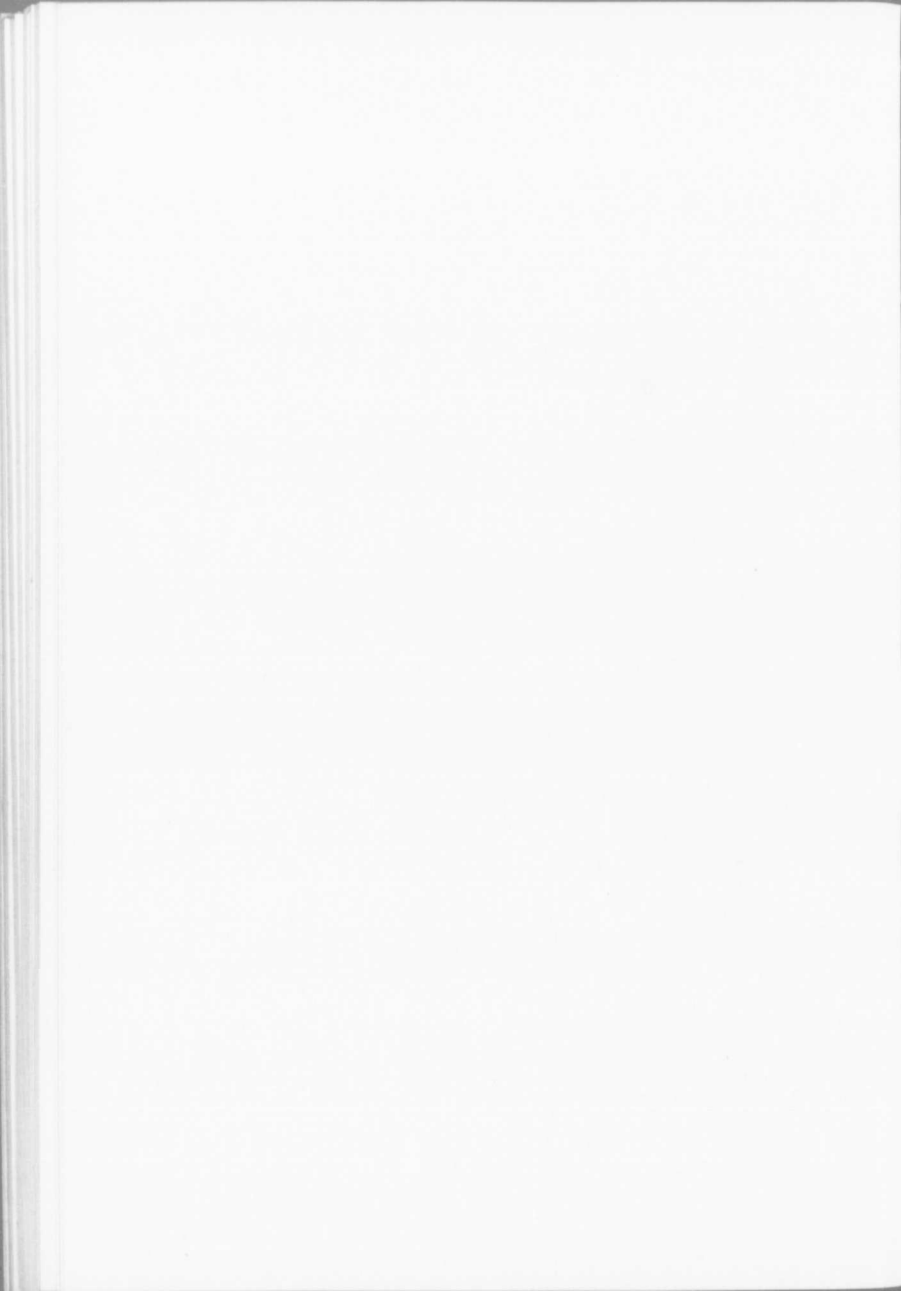
BISHOP DOWLING.

We published in last week's issue a circular letter of thanks addressed to the priests of the diocese of Hamilton and to others outside the diocese by His Lordship Bishop Dowling for their prayers in his behalf during his protracted illness. For a lengthened period the good

Bishop hovered between life and death, and many a time it was feared that he would be called away in the midst of his usefulness. Such, however, was not to be the case, for an all-wise Providence has decreed that he shall be left to still fight the good fight for Holy Church in the Diocese of Hamilton. It is indeed meet that he should have ascribed his recovery to the constant and fervent prayers of the priests, members of the religious communities, and the faithful laity not only of the diocese of Hamilton but throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion, for Bishop Dowling's reputation as a churchman and as a citizen of Canada has never been confined to narrow limits. He brought with him from his native Ireland a goodly share of those characteristics which have brought fame to Irishmen during the centuries that have passed as well as in the present day. Such men cannot well be spared, and we sincerely pray that a very ripe old age will be vouchsafed to the good Bishop of Hamilton before he is called home by the Master Whom he has served so well.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL AND ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT LAWN.





LETTER TO THE BISHOP FROM HIS EXCEL-  
LENCY THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

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APOSTOLIC DELEGATION,

OTTAWA, MAY 26, 1906.

RIGHT REV. T. J. DOWLING, D. D.,

Bishop of Hamilton.

RIGHT REV. BISHOP:

On my return to Ottawa I take the first opportunity to tender Your Lordship the expression of my most sincere thanks for all the courteous acts of kindness which I received during my recent visit to your episcopal city. I was pleased and edified by the very many evidences of the faith and piety of your people, and I was deeply touched by the manifestations of loyalty and attachment to the Holy See.

I must congratulate all concerned, the priests, the people, and especially the Bishop, on the success of the Jubilee celebration, as well as on the present flourishing condition of the church in the Diocese of Hamilton.

I trust that, under Your Lordship's careful and wise guidance for many years to come, the

diocese will continue to make progress as in the fifty years that have passed.

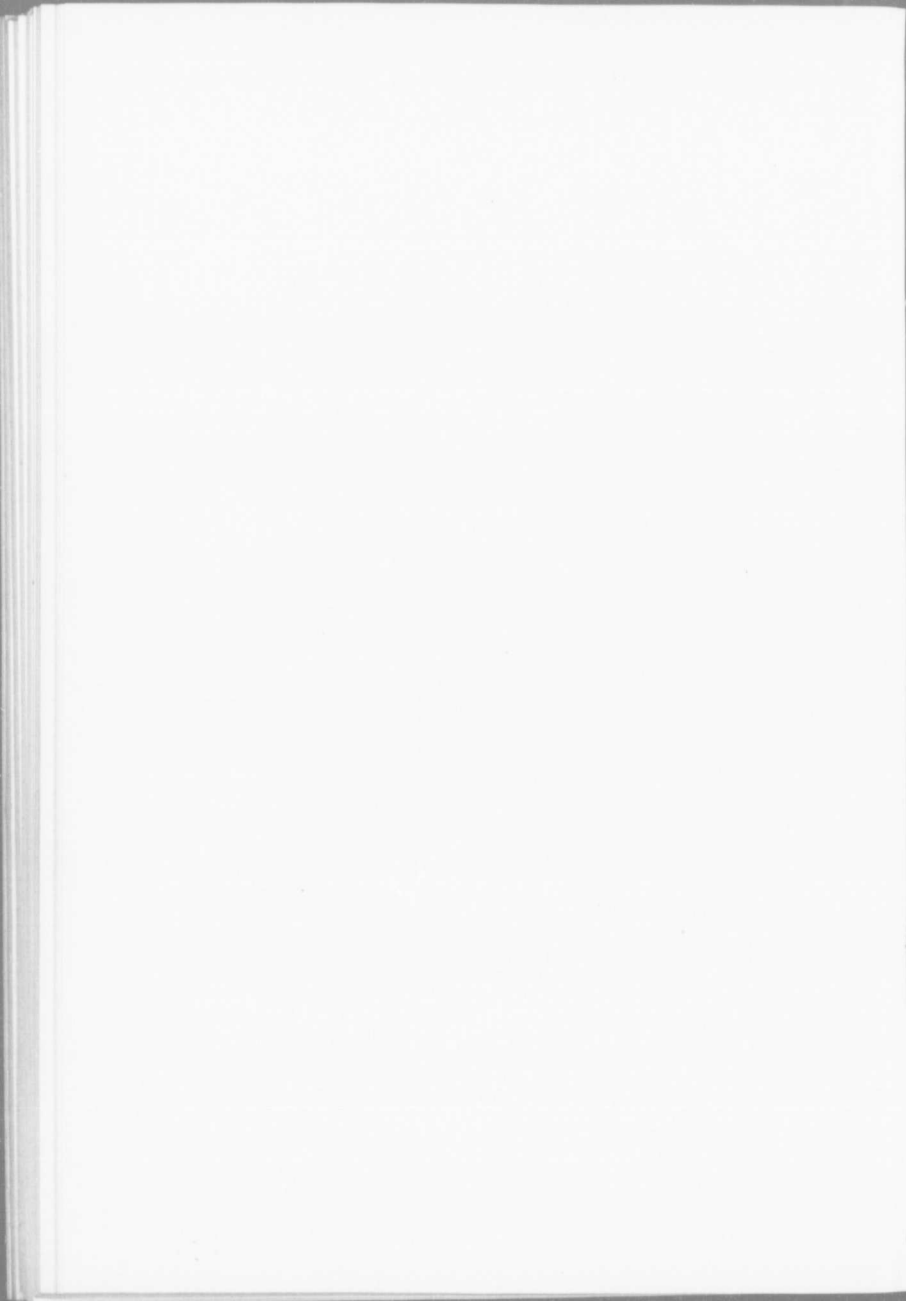
Blessing your good priests and people and wishing you a continuance of the divine favors, I am, Your Lordship,

Yours very sincerely in Xto,

DOXATUS, Archbishop of Ephesus,  
Apostolic Delegate to Canada.



RT. REV. MGR. DOWLING, D. D.  
Fourth Bishop of Hamilton.



RT. REV. T. J. DOWLING, D. D.

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Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling, D. D., Bishop of Hamilton Diocese, was born in the County of Limerick, Ireland, on February 28th, 1840, and is therefore in his 67th year. His years have been crowned with good works, and he has had a most distinguished career.

When he was 11 years old he came to Canada with his father, the late Martin Dowling, and attended a select school until he entered St. Michael's College, Toronto, in 1855. Here he spent seven years, and won distinction as a scholar. It was while at this institution that he first won honors as an orator, and he was one of the founders of St. Michael's Literary Association, a society of advanced students, formed for the purpose of studying the art of public speaking and the cultivation of English literature. For the encouragement of this society he still contributes annually a prize known as the Dowling silver medal. In 1861 he was placed on the staff of the professors, and, as classical teacher, took charge of a class for one year. In the following year he entered

the grand seminary of Montreal, where he finished his theological studies.

He was ordained priest on August 7th, 1864, by the Right Rev. Bishop Farrel, the first Bishop of Hamilton Diocese, in St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, and on the 5th of October following he was appointed pastor of Paris, and Galt, including the missions of Burford and North and South Dumfries, the villages of Ayr, Glenmorris and Harrisburg, and, for a time, the villages of Hespeler and Preston. As the church at Paris was unfinished, and in serious financial difficulties, he traveled to Chicago and to the oil districts of Pennsylvania on a lecturing and collecting tour, and in two years succeeded, by the aid of his congregation and friends, in paying off the debt. Some years after he renovated, enlarged and decorated the church at an outlay of about \$20,000. It was dedicated under the name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, by Right Rev. Bishop Crimmon, on February 6th, 1881, on which occasion His Lordship Bishop Crimmon appointed Father Dowling vicar-general of the diocese. On September 6th, 1883, Vicar-General Dowling purchased the property on which is situated the Paris Separate School and residence for the Sisters of St. Joseph, which cost about \$4,000.

In 1877 Father Dowling accompanied the

Canadian pilgrims to Rome, assisted at the golden jubilee of Pope Pius IX., and presented an offering to the Pope on behalf of the clergy and the laity of the diocese of Hamilton. In 1880 he built St. Patrick's Church, Galt, and then resigned the charge of that parish. On January 17, 1883, after the death of Bishop Crinnon, he was elected by the clergy of Hamilton vicar-capitular, which office he retained until the arrival of His Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Carberry, who reappointed him vicar-general. So singularly zealous for his church, and so able an exponent of her doctrines, it is no wonder that the vicar-general was beloved by his people and respected by his ecclesiastical superiors.

In 1887 Vicar-General Dowling was chosen as Bishop of the diocese of Peterboro, and was consecrated in St. Mary's Cathedral on May 1. Two years later, in May, 1889, he was transferred to the diocese of Hamilton as Bishop. His record since then may be read in the marvelous progress of the diocese.

In 1903, accompanied by his secretary, Mgr. McEvay, now Bishop of London, he visited Rome, and participated in the Golden Jubilee of Leo XIII., with whom he had a special audience and to whom he presented the dicennial report of the diocese. On this occasion he obtained from the Holy Father distinguished

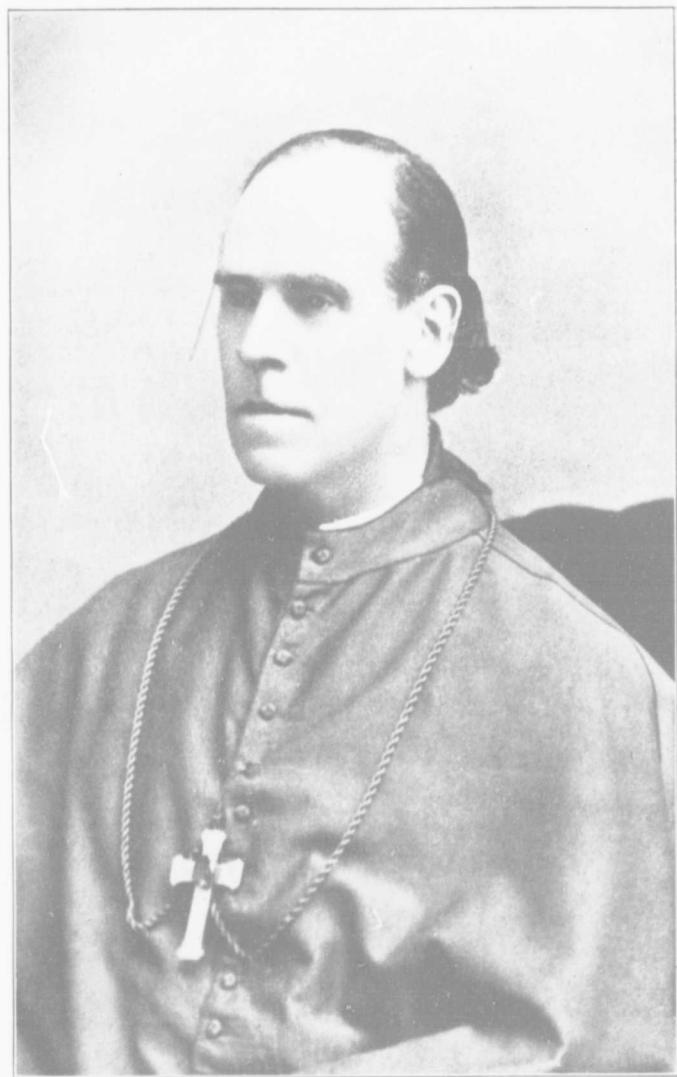
honors for three priests of the diocese, viz. : Rev. Father Bardow was appointed Doctor of Divinity; Mgr. McEvay, a Roman Prelate, and Vicar-General Heenan a Monsignor of the first grade, with the title and privileges of Prothonotary Apostolic. Subsequently the Bishop, accompanied by Mgr. McEvay and Father Kloepfer, C. R., of St. Jerome's College, Berlin, visited the Holy Land and officiated at the important ceremonies of Holy Week in Jerusalem. He afterwards visited Greece and Egypt.

Some idea of the influence wielded and the work done in the diocese of Hamilton by the Roman Catholic Church may be gained from the following table :

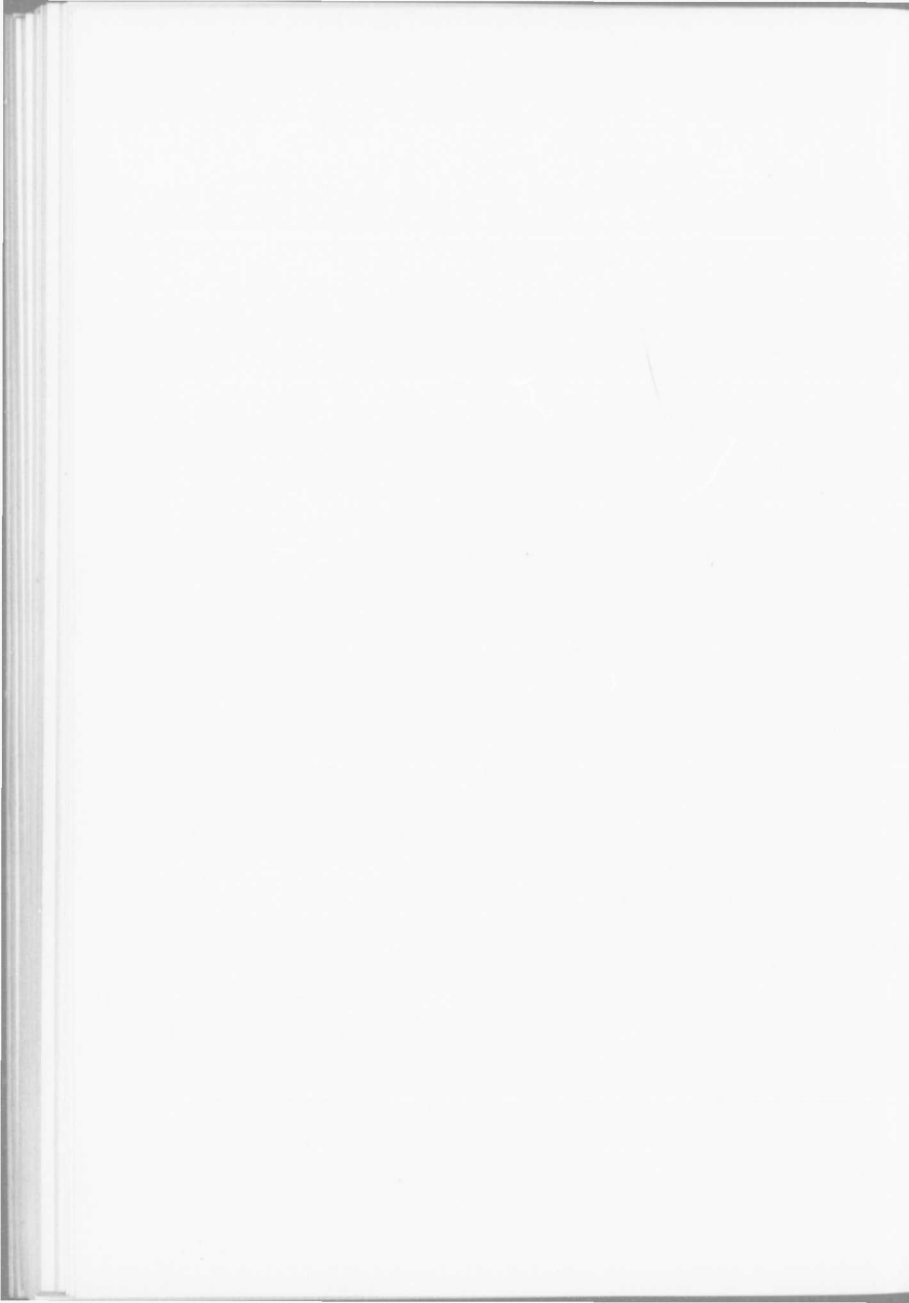
Bishop . . . . .	1
Diocesan priests . . . . .	43
Priests of religious orders . . . . .	18
Total . . . . .	62
Churches with resident priests . . . . .	40
Missions with churches . . . . .	23
Total . . . . .	63
Stations . . . . .	20
Theological colleges . . . . .	11
Students . . . . .	100
Academies . . . . .	3
Pupils . . . . .	495
Parochial schools . . . . .	51
Pupils . . . . .	5700
Convents . . . . .	18
Hospitals . . . . .	2
Orphan asylums . . . . .	3
Orphans . . . . .	197
House of Providence . . . . .	2
Catholic population of diocese about	51,000.

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Second Bishop of Hamilton.



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Sermon preached at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, at the Month's Mind of Bishop Crinnon, January 17th, 1883, by the Very Rev. T. J. Dowling, Administrator of the Diocese of Hamilton:

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. From henceforth now, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow them.—Rev. xiv. 13.

DEAR FRIENDS:

The joyful feasts and octaves we have been keeping are now over and the Cathedral is once more in mourning. The day fixed for the Month's Mind, in memory of our dear departed Bishop, has arrived, and we are all here to celebrate it. It is a melancholy occasion for all who knew him; for the prelates who have lost in him a counsellor and a companion; for the diocese at large, which has lost in him a faithful administrator, but most of all to the priests of the diocese, who are here to-day, like orphans without a father, knowing well the value of him they have lost and wondering if in the future they shall ever find his like again. Yes, dear friends, we are all undoubtedly filled with sor-

row, but that sorrow falls most heavily on his priests, and hence it is that His Grace, the Archbishop, kindly considering their distress, has been pleased to call on a priest of the diocese to give expression to that sorrow and to comfort priests and people by a brief review of the edifying life and labors of Bishop Crinnon. Of our sorrow I can only say it is something to be felt in the heart and not spoken, something to be pitied and not paraded before the world. Our good Lord, who for His own wise ends inflicted on us this loss, alone knows how deeply it is felt. But in the words of St. Paul, read at mass to-day, "He wills not that we be sorrowful even as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them who have slept through Jesus, will God bring with him." And the Apostle adds: "wherefore comfort ye one another with these words." Sorrowful then as death is, even the death of a bishop, there is comfort connected with it, that for those who "die in the Lord," as he did, death is really a blessing. For "From henceforth now, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow them." Of those labors, from which he is now, please God, at rest, and of those words which follow him even to eternity, I am directed to speak to-day. It is not for me

to touch on his interior life, nor am I expected to pronounce his panegyric. On the occasion of his funeral obsequies that has been already done, and ably and eloquently and affectionately done by the learned prelate, who of all the bishops knew him best, for he was his classmate in the college, his confrere in the ministry, and his colleague in the hierarchy. It remains for me simply to speak of his labors as I have known them for the last twenty years or more, during ten years of which I enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance and friendship as pastor of a neighboring parish, and during eight years of which it was my privilege to serve under his administration as my ecclesiastical superior. The early friendship and affection which I formed for him in the ministry did not cease, but were rather strengthened and cemented when he became bishop, for it was then, as is well known, he was pleased to bestow on me many marks of his kindness, which I certainly did not deserve, but which I am sure I will never forget. The history of his life, as far as it is of interest to us to-day, naturally divides itself into two parts, his labors as a priest and his work as a bishop. Born in the year 1818, of pious and respectable parents, in an island noted for its faith, and in a province of that island famous of all others for its firm at-

tachment to that faith amid the most constant persecution, he passed his boyhood in the north amid the stirring scenes of the struggle for Catholic emancipation. He saw the triumph of the cause he loved, and as he grew to manhood he resolved to make his first sacrifice to God by bidding farewell forever to his native land, consecrating himself to the cause of Christ and the salvation of his fellow countrymen in the then far off province of Canada. Here he came, after finishing his classical course at home, and entered the grand seminary of Montreal to study theology under the fathers of St. Sulpice, where in due course he took holy orders and was ordained priest, in the year 1854, for the extensive diocese of Toronto, then under the episcopal charge of Bishop Charbonell. That his coming to the diocese of Toronto then, as his advent in after years to Hamilton, was something providential, will at once be seen by considering, on the one hand, the special work to be done and his special fitness to perform it. When you are reminded that at this date, 1854, as many amongst you remember, the diocese of Toronto covered territory now subdivided into three or four important dioceses, and that there are now more priests in one of those subdivisions than were then in the undivided diocese—that most of those priests were far apart from

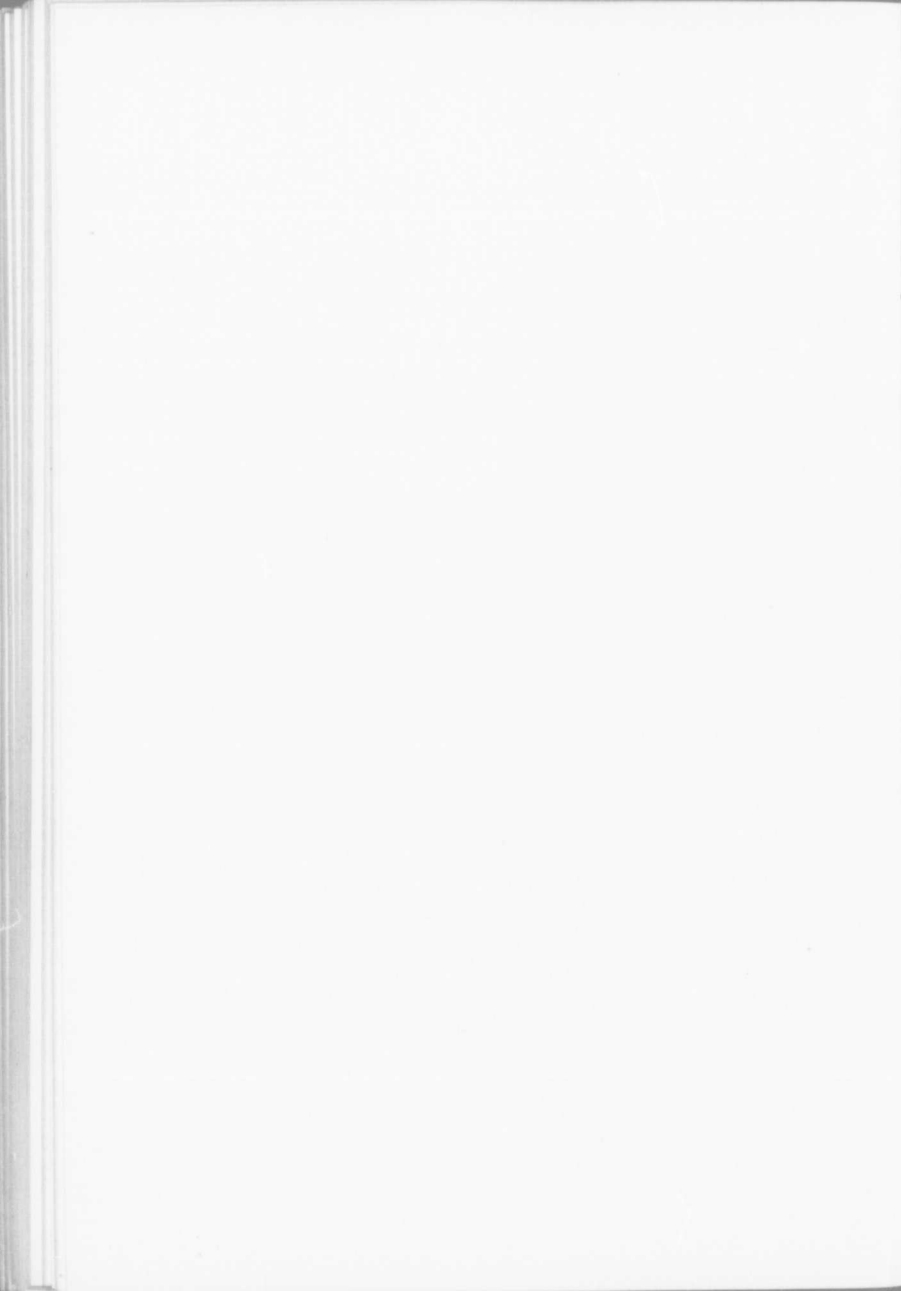
each other and had no railroad intercommunication—that the only means of travel was the cold rough stage-coach on the wretched roads, or riding alone on horseback on doubtful and dreary pathways through the woods—that there were settlements in the forests, some of which had seldom or never seen a priest since the first tree was felled or the first child born in the family, and that as a consequence it is to be feared many lived and died without the sacraments, and that the children born in such settlements were in imminent peril of their faith—when you consider all this you cannot but be convinced that “the harvest was indeed great, but that the laborers were few.” The brave men who entered the harvest fields in those days were the true pioneers of Canada, the true founders of her civilization, and the young assistant priest of the then small town of London, whose lot was cast among the sixteen scattered missions that surrounded the Forest City, was certainly one of them. And now mark his special fitness for the field of labor God was pleased to assign him. Most newly ordained priests leave college young, delicate, and without experience of the world. Here is a priest who is exceptional in all these respects, already arrived at the mature age of twenty-six, robust, manly, and full of knowledge of the ways of

men. While others lingered through ill health, he labored and with success. Whilst some young priests, brought from France, zealous and devoted as they undoubtedly were (and a more zealous band of missionaries never set foot in Canada), lacked a knowledge of the language and habits of the Irish people they came to evangelize, imagine if you can the joy of those poor settlers as they saw coming amongst them a man who not only was a Messenger of God, but who spoke that language in accents which touched the tenderest cords of their affections—who shared with them the memories and the manners of the old land, and whose heart kindled with emotion as he saw them gathering to hear mass at early morn, or receive from his hands the bread of eternal life. Many a priest has doubtless been often touched by such manifestations of devotion on the part of our people to their pastors, but only an Irishman like Bishop Crinnon in those days could fully realize the significance of the hearty “*Caed mille a failthe*” invariably given by those poor people to their own “*Soggarth Aroon*.” Trials and hardships he undoubtedly had, but his virtues were equal to the emergency. Like St. Paul he was all things to all men, he shared the table of the poor, he slept in the cold rude chapel, he guided the erring, he absolved the guilty, he in-





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structed the children and he edified all. Humility, zeal and charity were his chief characteristics, and the fruits of these virtues were soon visible in the influence which he exerted over his people, in the reformation of their manners, in the building of chapels and schools, and in the moulding and forming of what are now important congregations. At last he came to Stratford and found a home, a poor and plain one it is true, but withal a welcome one to the missionary who could now for the first time concentrate his energies in the formation of a parish. It is easy enough for young men, entering parishes where churches and schools are erected, and revenues created to sustain them, to point with complacency to the progress of parochial work. But give me the man who at the outset begins parochial labor without a dollar in his pocket or a bed whereon to lay his head, without a church or school or funds to erect either, who has to seek out his flock among strangers and to organize and direct and stimulate their zeal—give me such a missionary who can in after years survey the same scene and point to the faithful flock worshipping in the majestic church, and the children gathered together for instruction in the school house raised under the shadow of the sanctuary, who has built up spiritual temples first, and after-

wards material ones, for the honor and glory of God. Give me such a one and we have found a true shepherd indeed, a pastor after God's own heart.

Such was Bishop Crinnon's record in Stratford and elsewhere. He found a poor neglected and scattered people, without organization, without zeal, without influence, and he left them after sixteen years of labor a prosperous, united, devout and influential congregation. He not only attended to their religious and moral wants, but he elevated them in the social scale. He made them realize their claims and their right to a fair proportion of those offices of public honor and trust to which their numbers and their services entitled them, and he remained long enough to see several of them occupying prominent positions in the city and county, who only for his powerful influence would have still remained as their fathers before them hewers of wood and drawers of water. And here it was, at the age of fifty-six, when he apparently needed rest and might well claim the privilege of remaining to enjoy the fruits of his labors, among a people he loved and who loved him in return, that he was called on unexpectedly to make his second sacrifice in the cause of religion. That sacrifice was the acceptance of the burden of the Episcopate. He received the

call, and had he considered simply his own comfort and the promptings of his own heart, which ever sought retirement, sure I am he would never have left his humble but happy home now endeared to him more than ever by a thousand tender recollections. But for him duty was before desire, and painful as the parting was he only consented to it because persuaded it was the Divine Will. He made the sacrifice, and God blessed him for so doing. Stratford parted with her fond pastor, London lost a light and a pillar, but Hamilton gained a Bishop. And right royally did Hamilton receive him. No sooner was his appointment published than priests and people began to rejoice that the mantle of their late prelate had fallen on the shoulders of one so worthy to wear the purple. Who can forget the day of his coming, when with gladdened hearts the citizens of Hamilton set out with bands and banners to receive him at the depot and escort him in triumph to this cathedral—how the bells rang forth their joyous peals, and clergy and laity arose and hastened to the foot of that throne to tender their respectful homage and hearty greeting to him who came to rule them in the name of the Lord? The current of sympathy ran swiftly and many hearts swelled with thankfulness that day, but amid all that gathering I feel sure that no heart

beat with such deep humility as the heart which throbbed beneath the pectoral cross placed now for the first time on the breast of the new bishop. Though God had greatly exalted him there he was in all things, save the majesty of the Episcopal office, the same humble soul still, the living picture of his Divine Master. And as he sat there with bent brow listening to the words of welcome from the lips of his new subjects one could not help applying to him the words of the gospel, "Well done, good and faithful servant, because thou hast been faithful over a few things I will place thee over many" (St. Mat. XXV. 21). He came amongst us not only as a bishop but as a providential bishop. For surely it must be admitted that that bishop is a providential one who comes into a diocese suffering special wants endowed by God with capacity to discern these wants and with energy to supply them. That the diocese of Hamilton then had special needs and that Bishop Crimmon was just the man to realize and to remedy them are facts which it is not difficult to prove. His predecessor, it is true, ruled over a happy diocese, happy in as much as it was free from debt and other troubles. By strict economy he had even succeeded in setting aside a large sum for the erection in a prominent place of a new cathedral. But the new Bishop, convinced as

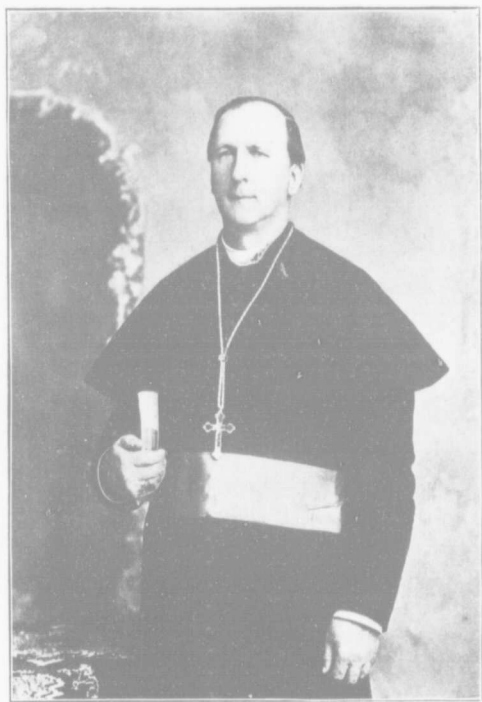
he was that the salvation of one soul was of more importance than the building of grand temples, and finding that in the eight counties confided to his care thousands of souls were starving for the bread of life because there were no priests to minister to them, concluded that something more urgent was required at his hands. Accordingly, like Cardinal Manning, who, when urged to commence building at Westminster, replied that "not a stone would be placed upon a stone whilst the children of his flock were without schools in the city of London," so Bishop Crinnon determined that not a dollar of the diocesan funds should be expended on cathedrals until every important town and district of his diocese should be supplied with pastors, churches, and parochial schools. "Then," said he, "and not till then, will it be time to think of cathedrals." And that there were important towns and populous districts in the country which had no resident pastors, and some of which enjoyed but seldom the visit of a passing priest, he soon learned to be true. What was the consequence? That many became indifferent about their religious duties, and some even were in peril of losing the Faith. The Bishop, realizing this peril and his responsibility, not only to save souls but to supply the means of salvation, at once resolved that his

first duty was to supply priests who should become for them "the dispensers of the mysteries of God" (I. Cor., iv. 1).

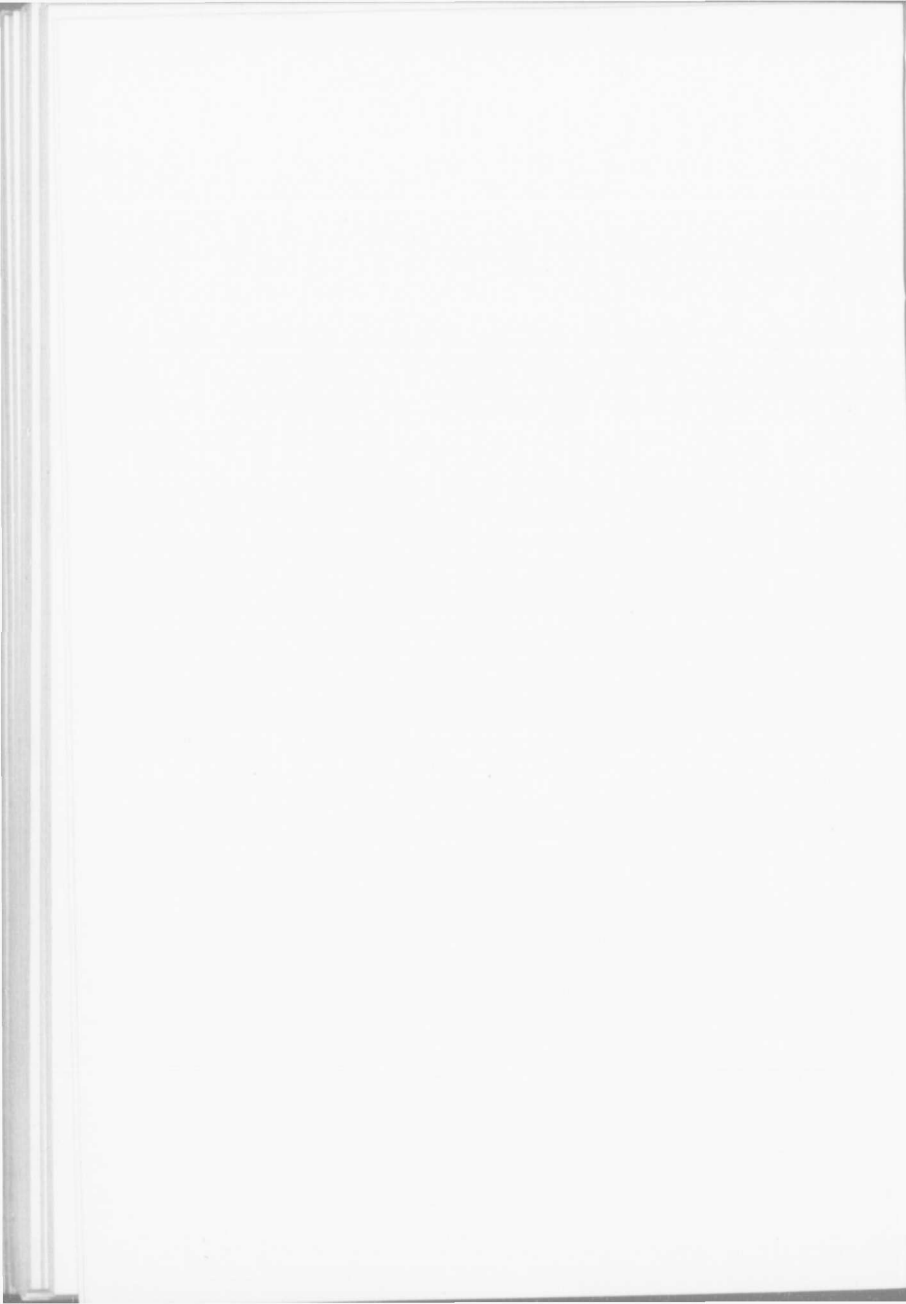
A modern English historian has said that at the time of the so-called reformation many in England fell away from the old faith, not through formal apostasy but because they had no priests to minister to their wants. And lest a like fate might happen to any committed to his care, our good bishop at once took measures to avert the danger.

But where were the priests or students to be found? The children of the diocese were too young. His zeal would admit no delay. And so in his distress, like St. Columbkille in exile, he turned his eyes and fixed his hopes on Ireland. Yes, to Ireland he would go—to Ireland, fallen among the nations, yet on her knees, still clinging to the cross of Christ—to Ireland, where, in his boyhood, a fond mother first taught him to love his God, and where fond mothers are still found who glory in giving their boys, yea, their best boys, to the altar; who buckle on those boys the breast-plate of faith and sending them forth to foreign lands as soldiers of Christ; tell them, like the Spartan mothers of old, never "to come back but with their shields or on their shields." Yes, to Ireland he went, over the waters, on his blessed mission, and wherever he





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met a band of college students and addressed them his presence, his manner, his pious pleadings so touched the hearts and enkindled the enthusiasm of the young men that no less than twenty-five volunteers enlisted under his banner and adopted him as their Bishop. Twenty-three new priests were added to the diocese and not one left him. Well might he say to our Lord, "Of them whom thou hast given me I have not lost any one." (St. John xviii. 9.)

Thus the first and chief want was supplied. Overworked pastors received assistants, important towns hitherto attended as missions rose to the rank of parishes, and multitudes in back townships were gathered together under the care of resident pastors. Eight new parishes were created.

The second want was soon remedied. The zeal of the young pastors quickly shone forth in good works; the Bishop was soon seen hastening from mission to mission laying the foundations of new and splendid structures; church after church arose, until twenty-four new cross-crowned spires might be seen glistening in the horizon of the now flourishing and progressive diocese of Hamilton.

Then like St. Paul he had the "solicitude omnium ecclesiarum" the solicitude of all the churches, and each one he visited at an average

once in two years, making in all no less than two hundred and fifty pastoral visits for the purpose of Confirmation. Neither were the institutions of learning overlooked. Everywhere pastors were encouraged to build schools and make them efficient, St. Mary's model school in this city was established, convent and school examinations were regularly held at which he presided, Berlin college was enlarged and beautified, and a House of Providence purchased for the protection of the orphans and the poor, which stands to-day amongst the first and finest institutions of the province. And all this accomplished in the short space of eight years. Well might Hamiltonians say that the advent of such a bishop was providential. With such a bright and beautiful record before us we may well ask what were the virtues and characteristics of the bishop. Chiefly three. He was vigilant, he was prudent, and he was most paternal.

"Blessed are those servants," says our divine Saviour, "whom the Lord, when He cometh shall find watching. Amen I say to you, that he will gird himself and make them sit down to meat, and passing will minister unto them." (St. Luke xii. 37). Our late bishop was apparently always on the watch. He spoke seldom, he read little, and he wrote less, but he prayed often and he thought much. He often

pondered on the Apostolic admonition, "take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock, wherein the Holy Ghost hath placed you bishops to rule the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts xx. 28.) And so his thoughts were constantly on the welfare of the entire diocese. Wherever assistance was needed, abuses were to be corrected or good works promoted, there he was, aiding or guiding or sustaining the pastor as the case required, ever ready to assist and encourage him in the discharge of his parochial duties.

To this vigilance over clergy and people he added a prudence that was admirable. Those who are called to govern have often certain difficulties to encounter, certain matters to correct and certain changes to effect that are found to be indispensable for the general good. To act hastily in such instances is to run the risk of making mistakes that may be grave and sometimes even irreparable. Our good bishop carefully avoided this. In matters of importance he never acted in haste. He waited, he delayed, he deliberated, and as the Holy Ghost directs, he took counsel. But when he did act he did so with firmness and moderation. If he had to correct he did so in all patience, and if called on to make changes that were sometimes not agreeable he did so at least after due delibera-

tion and with the conviction that in doing so he was promoting the good of all concerned.

And as he was vigilant and prudent he was also most charitable and paternal. His charity took many forms. He loved and cared for God's poor. He delighted to make the widow and orphan happy, he was specially fond of boys and students preparing for the ministry, he loved to aid and elevate in the social scale young men of talents and of virtue, but his most tender love was for the unfortunate. But what shall I say for his fondness for his own priests? It is here perhaps that we find his most remarkable characteristic. No Bishop could be more paternal. Though invested with the plenitude of authority he never sought "to lord it over us," but moved amongst us with all the tenderness and affection of a father. He wished that we should often come to him, be at home with him, and make known to him all our wants. And if, as the Apostle directs, he had sometimes to admonish or reprove he never did so through anger, but always "in omni patientia" in all sweetness and patience. Accordingly he had a priesthood that always acted in harmony with his wishes. Faults and imperfections there may have been, and it would have been strange indeed if there were not, but this much at least must be said to the credit of the clergy of this

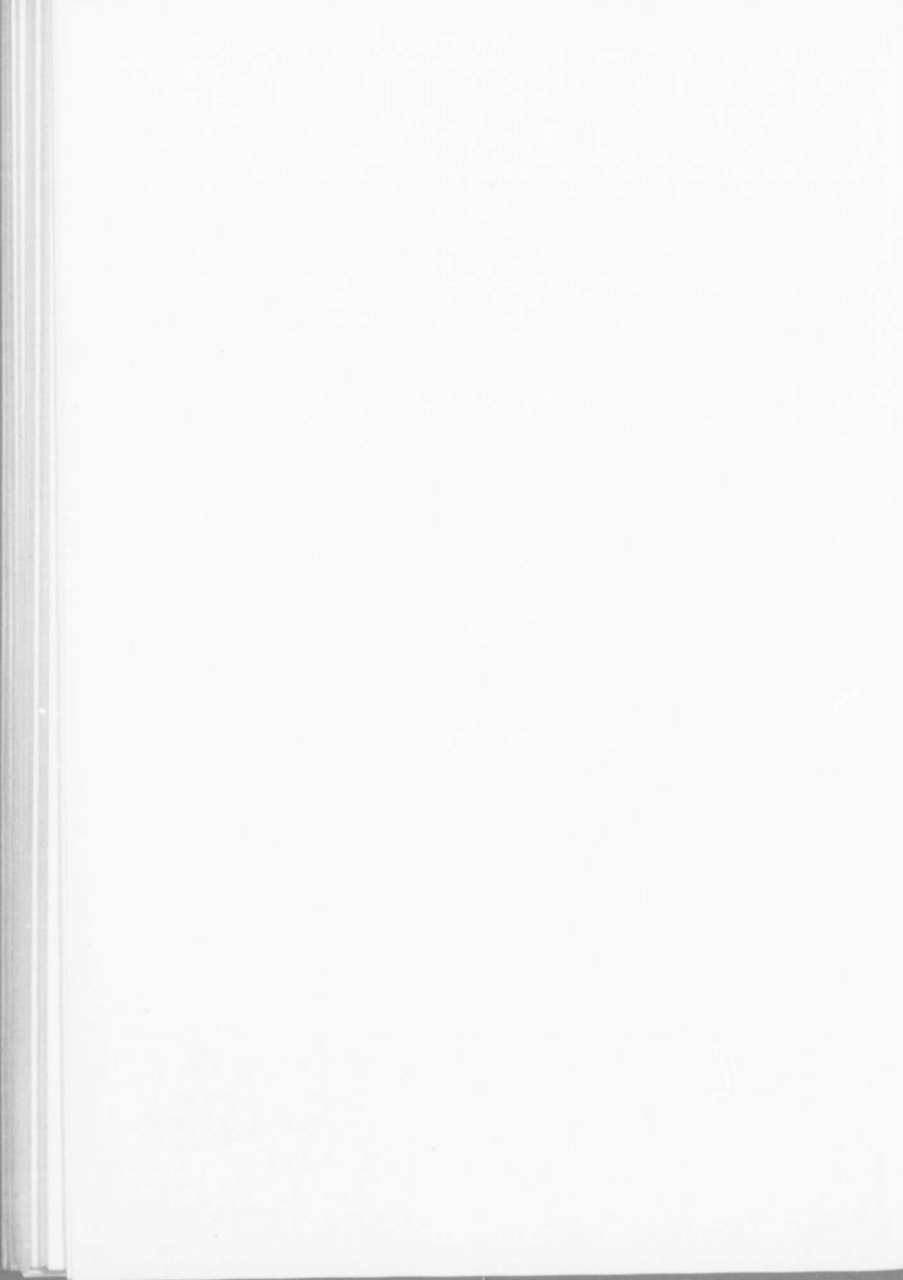
diocese (and I speak not only for the priests he formed but for the priests he found here), that not one of them ever disobeyed or scandalized their bishop. You may search the annals of the diocese in vain to find one single instance of insubordination. But if on the one hand the clergy claim to have done their duty it is a grand thing to say that we had a bishop who knew how to appreciate it; who, on his part, was ever tender and compassionate towards us, and who, during the eight years that he ruled over us never inflicted on one of his priests a single note of censure. He left the diocese as he found it, in peace, and going to render his account, he left after him to continue the work a priesthood without reproach and without dishonor. Two duties now remain for us, and for love of him who is gone let us not forget them. The first is to be mindful of his counsels and to strive to imitate his virtues, and the second is always to pray for him and especially to "remember him at the Altar." Could he have spoken to us some farewell words before he left us forever, these are perhaps among the admonitions he would have given us. And, while we pray for him who is gone and who will not forget us in the court of Heaven, let us also, dear friends, as we are directed by the Archbishop, also pray

and pray fervently that God in his mercy may soon send us another bishop, who with all the gifts pertaining to his high and holy office may not be wanting in the qualities which endear to us the memory of our late prelate. May the mantle of his humility and zeal as a priest fall on him and encompass him and protect him ; and may the bright examples of his vigilance, prudence and paternal love as a bishop ever guide him on his course and serve as so many shining lamps to shed new lustre on the diocese he comes to govern in the name of God.





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Third Bishop of Hamilton.



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At the Month's Mind Mass, celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral for the repose of the soul of Bishop Carbery, a multitude of the laity and the following clergy were present: Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, attended by Father Doherty, superior of the Jesuits of Guelph, and Father Smits, of Niagara Falls; Bishop Dowling, of Peterboro, attended by Rev. Dr. Kilroy, of Stratford, and Chancellor Keough, of Hamilton; Vicar-General Heenan, Fathers Bardou (Cayuga), Spetz (Berlin), Cushing (Toronto), Doherty (Guelph), Owens (Ayton), O'Donohoe (Owen Sound), P. Lennon (Brantford), J. Lennon (Galt), Brohman (Deemerton), Cosgrove (Elora), Crinnon (Arthur), O'Leary (Freeton), O'Connor (Paris), Feeny (Priceville), Corcoran (Teeswater), Slaven (Oakville), Carre, Halm, Murphy and Craven (Hamilton).

Vicar-General Heenan celebrated the mass, assisted by Father Bardou, of Cayuga, and Father Spetz, of Berlin, after which Bishop Dowling preached a memorial sermon on the death of the late bishop, taking as his text the

words, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." He said:

May it please Your Grace, Rev. Fathers and  
Dear Friends:

On a sad occasion of this kind it seems to me that our sorrowful silence is far more significant than speech. But it has been deemed proper that some words should be spoken, and I know of no words more suitable or more consoling than these: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." We have met to-day to mourn the loss of a great and good prelate, to pray for his soul and to do honor to his memory. The diocese of Hamilton is again in mourning, and as a former priest of the diocese I am here to express my sympathy with clergy and people and to share as I might in the general sorrow. For it is well known that your late Bishop was a very dear friend of mine and that between him and me there existed from the first the most friendly and intimate relations. It fell to my happy lot to be the first priest of his diocese to welcome him to the shores of America and to be the last priest and bishop on the occasion of his departure to bid him an affectionate farewell. Little did I think that that farewell would be a final one, and that I should never again have the privilege of look-

ing on his genial, friendly face until, please God, we shall all meet in a better and brighter world. Happily for me his panegyric has already been pronounced by His Grace. That eminent dignitary, with his accustomed charity, no sooner heard of the sad tidings than he hastened here to this cathedral to celebrate a requiem for the repose of the soul of his dear friend. For that act of charity and piety the Archbishop well deserves, and I am now happy to tender, our best thanks as well as the grateful acknowledgments of the clergy of the diocese. For though we are assured by the Holy Ghost that a saintly death is precious in the sight of the Lord, yet it has ever been the pious custom of the church, except in the case of infants and of martyrs, to offer prayers and sacrifices for her children on their departure from this world, no matter how holy their lives may have been here or sure we may be of their happiness hereafter.

Hence it is that we are here to-day around the altar to offer prayers and incense and sacrifice for the eternal repose of our late dear Bishop—as St. Augustine prayed for years for his saintly mother—even though we may justly hope and believe that he has already entered into the joy of his Lord.

As the edifying story of his life, as related

by the Archbishop, and the public press, is still fresh in your memories, it only remains for me to direct attention to some of the lessons which it seems to me to be the will of God that we should all learn from the review of the life of so holy a man and so eminent a bishop. The first and most important lesson of course is this, that sooner or later, and perhaps sooner than most of us suspect, we shall all certainly follow him. The Apostle says that "it is appointed for men once to die." To other rules there may be exceptions. There is none to this. Yes, people and priests, bishops and Popes all must die. Thence the necessity and the wisdom of being, as he was, always prepared to give an account of our stewardship. "Blessed is the man whom when his Lord comes He shall find watching." Who would have thought when we first looked upon him less than four years ago that in so short a time he should have passed away? Who would have expected as we looked upon him on the day of his installation, seated on that throne, in all the majesty and dignity of his sacred office, the very type apparently of health, freshness and vigor, that the angel of death was already so near, and that in so short an interval his mortal remains should be consigned, as they are to-day, to the cold and silent grave? Looking into that grave in far off Ireland, where he

sleeps the sweet sleep of the just, in the pure white habit he loved, waiting for the dawn of a happy resurrection, let us pray, as I fervently do, that when the same angel serves us with a like summons we may all be found equally worthy to enter into the joys of the blest.

And now, turning from the tomb to review the life of the living man, what special lessons does that life convey? Many and beautiful lessons indeed; for was not his entire life, from youth to age, one of instruction and of edification? But God is pleased to give each of His servants special characteristics, and amongst those which distinguished the late bishop I will state a few, such as his spirit of self sacrifice, his zeal for souls, his devotion to duty, his obedience and reverence for and devotion to the Holy See. Twice in his life he gave striking and admirable instances of self-sacrifice. First when a mere boy, by a supernatural impulse he left home, kindred and country to consecrate himself to God by the three solemn vows of charity, poverty and obedience. And secondly, when in his old age, at the call of the Holy Father, he severed the ties that bound him to the order he loved, and with all the disadvantages of age, climate and want of experience with the customs of this country, through a spirit of obedience, assumed all the cares, anxie-

ties and responsibilities of the Bishopric. Who is there that does not admire the heroic action of the holy youth, in the very morning of life, in all the loveliness of his boyhood, at an age when the world has charms so tender and so attractive, forsaking all that was so dear to him on earth and hastening across the continent to the holy city among strangers, to devote himself henceforth and forever to the service of God and His church in the illustrious order of St. Dominic? And who would have surmised that the humble novice from Ireland who sought only the obscurity of the cloister, would one day rapidly rise to the highest honors in the order, become in succession prior, provincial and associate general in Italy, and afterwards a brilliant Bishop of the church of God in our own far off Canada. But it is written that God gives His grace to the humble, and no doubt it was because God saw in the heart of the novice the virtue of true humility that he determined to exalt him. There, in his novitiate, for seven years, devoted to study, to piety, and to discipline, he advanced in years and grace and wisdom before God and men, and there it was that by his devotion to duty he merited therein graces that sanctified and beautified his youth and afterwards adorned his priestly character. Two motives led him to make this sacrifice.



First, the love of God and His church, which he inherited from an Irish Catholic mother, a love which continued to burn in his soul brightly to the last. That love he longed to communicate to others. He came to cast fire on the earth, and what willed he but that it should be enkindled. Hence his secret motive, his burning zeal for souls, a zeal first manifested in the Irish missions and afterwards exercised to our edification throughout the length and breadth of the diocese of Hamilton. The first mission was in his native land, where, for nearly thirty years, he went around like his divine Lord, doing good, and where his goodly deeds are still remembered. Here, in the vigor of his manhood, with the zeal of an apostle, he went around preaching divine truths, reconciling sinners to God, visiting the poor and friendless and afflicted, establishing confraternities for the young men and conducting retreats for communities and for clergy. Who can tell but God alone, Who is now his reward exceeding great, how much good effected, how many souls he enlightened, how many sinners he reconciled, how many young men he saved from shipwreck, how many vocations he found, how many abuses he corrected, how many graces he was instrumental in distributing for the honor and glory of God! And when he came amongst us we all re-

member how earnestly he longed to go out on his pastoral visitations? We recall the activity and alacrity with which he hastened to the several parishes, however distant and difficult of access, until in a short time he had visited every mission and parish in his extensive diocese? And where is the pastor amongst us that cannot recall some pleasing and profitable reminiscence of those visits? Some happy thought suggested, some good work inaugurated, some sound instruction imparted, some holy zeal enkindled? Yes, the labors he sustained, the good works he accomplished, the good example he imparted, the students he adopted, the clergy he ordained, the conferences and confraternities he established and the wise and beneficial laws he enacted—these and many other good works will remain as so many proofs of his zeal and devotion to duty and of his successful and happy administration of the diocese of Hamilton. The Holy Father greatly honored us in sending us such a Bishop, so wise, so gentle and so good. And in return no bishop was ever more devoted to the Chair of Peter—to Rome he went in his early youth to make his first sacrifice, in Rome he was educated under the shadow of the successor of St. Peter, to Rome he went for his Episcopal consecration, and to Rome he was hastening with his gifts for the Golden Jubilee

when the angel of death met him on the way and summoned him to a more glorious jubilee above. He died in his native land in holy Ireland, in the monastery that he loved, attended by his confreres, consoled and comforted by his early friends, sustained and strengthened by the sacraments and blessed with the special benediction of the Vicar of Jesus Christ. Honored in life, honored in death, who shall say that he is not even now greatly honored and exalted in the heavens? May we all learn to profit from the lessons of so holy a life and be found worthy to merit so happy and edifying a death. Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine on him.

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Laus Deo et Beatae  
Mariae Immaculatae.

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