

THE JUBILEE, TO-DAY. A Joyous Celebration. Music, Addresses, Costly Presents.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES Honors to the Popular Priest of Summerside. Seven Mile Bay and Kinkora.

A Grand Demonstration.

Men are tried by the process of time. He who, at the end of a quarter of a century of labor, is beloved by those for whom he has labored, and respected by men of all classes and conditions within the range of his influence, may be set down as a good man.

If this be true, then the Rev. Father Doyle is entitled to rank high among the good men of Prince Edward Island. The fact that he has been twenty-five years a priest is, in itself, nothing; the fact that he has so acted his part as to win the love and esteem of the whole community is a great deal.

His Silver Jubilee celebration, to-day, was warmly participated in by men and women of all creeds and classes. A large number of persons arrived at Summerside by special and regular trains. St. Dunstan's College Band is in attendance. The public buildings and stores of the town are to be illuminated to-night.

The celebration began last evening with a concert in St. Mary's Convent, the performers being the pupils of the institution. The concert-room was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Along the walls were hung floral wreaths of artistic design, and occupying conspicuous positions were such mottoes as "Welcome," "Silver Jubilee," etc.

Among those present were His Lordship Bishop McIntyre, Rev. P. Doyle, Rev. A. E. Burke, Rev. A. J. McIntyre, Rev. J. A. McLean, Rev. E. S. McDonald, Rev. S. Phelan, Rev. D. D. Chaisson, Rev. M. J. McMillan, Rev. A. J. McDonald, Rev. D. Walker, Hon. John LeFurgey and wife, Judge Kelly, wife and daughter, W. T. Hunt and wife, Richard Hunt, Pierce Doyle and wife, W. A. Brennan and wife, J. D. Egan and wife, W. S. Green and wife, J. A. Gourlie and wife, and many of the prominent citizens of Summerside.

The large and select audience present were more than delighted with the manner in which the following programme was rendered:

- PART I. Music... Thoughts of the Past Song... Presentation of Gifts by the Ladies and the Children of Mary... Patriotic Flower Basket... St. Patrick's Day Opera... Ordination Bell Dialogue... The Magic Wand with Pupils' Floral Offering and Address... Music Solo... A Thornless Path

- PART II. Sacred Music... Lar Orta Est... Thanksgiving, and Erin Finale... Ad Multos Annos

Shortly after eight o'clock the curtain rose, disclosing to view some seventy or eighty little misses—all dressed in white and ranging in age from four years old upwards—so grouped as to form the numerals XXV., in which position they remained during the rendition of the first two numbers, also singing after the third number to circular form. The operetta, dialogues and tableaux were exceedingly well rendered, indicating great care and skill on the part of tutors and pupils. The remainder of the programme—both vocal and instrumental—was proceeded with in a manner highly creditable to all concerned. The presentations of the ladies, the Children of Mary and the pupils were a very pleasing feature of the entertainment, the addresses accompanying them expressing in beautiful language the esteem in which the recipient was held. At the conclusion of the programme Father Doyle briefly addressed the pupils, thanking them for their handsome presents and for the splendid manner in which they had performed their different parts during the evening.

SERVICE IN ST. PAUL'S. The proceedings this morning began with solemn High Mass in St. Paul's Church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Streamers of red, white and blue were suspended from the apex of the roof to the pillars, winding round them to the base, relieved at intervals by beautiful banners bearing appropriate mottoes and emblems. His Lordship Bishop McIntyre occupied the seat on the Throne, assisted by Rev. James Eneas McDonald and Charles McDonald. Rev. Father Doyle celebrated Mass, Rev. D. McDonald acted as Deacon, Rev. E. S. McDonald as Sub-Deacon; Rev. A. E. Burke, Master of Ceremonies; and Rev. J. McDonald, Cursitor. After the First Communion, Rev. D. J. G. McDonald entered the pulpit and preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. The church choir, under the leadership of Mr. McIntyre, and assisted by Rev. F. X. Galant, Hope River; Messrs. Hernans and Bell, of St. Dunstan's choir, Charlottetown, and Mr. McDougall, of St. Dunstan's College, sang beautifully. Mr. DesBrisay's organ accompaniment was all that could be desired. The church was thronged. Outside the church three altars were erected, appropriately decorated with flowers and bearing suitable emblems. Strings of flowers were also suspended from the church pillars.

THE SUMMERSIDE ADDRESS. His Honor Judge Kelly read the address of Father Doyle's parishioners, at Summerside, as follows:

Rev. DEAR FATHER.—The noiseless flight of time brings us face to face this morning with a notable event in your life and ministry. In the historic city of Quebec, twenty-five years ago, you were ordained to the Christian Priesthood; and from that year down to the day we celebrate you have exercised, in the Diocese of Charlottetown, the functions of your sacred office,—how zealously and with what ability those in whose midst, and for whose especial welfare you have labored, can bear ample and willing testimony.

We are told—and few can dispute it—that pride in religion is man's highest praise. Inspired by that sentiment, as well as by a sense of duty, on this, the Silver Jubilee of your ordination, your parishioners in Seven Mile Bay, Kinkora and Summerside desire, through me, to unite with our venerated Bishop and Reverend Brethren of the Clergy in commemorating and doing honor to this joyous festival. With sentiments, therefore, of profound gratitude to Almighty God that you have been spared to the Church and to us, and that we have been privileged to be present on this auspicious occasion, we tender you the full and fervent expression of our congratulations.

Under any circumstances, a period of 25 years constitutes a large portion of man's allotted span, and it may be remarked, seldom fails to leave its impress on the fairest brow, or to remove from church congregations, as if from domestic circles, companions and loved ones who can never be restored. But a quarter of a century of sacerdotal life may well be regarded as an epoch in the career of a Catholic pastor. That it is so recognized in your case, by those who know you best, is certainly made apparent by the presence within this temple of such a large concourse of devout and respectful spectators, many of them attending from remote parts of the Province, and those for professing a different religious belief from ourselves.

In the impressive ceremonies of to-day you are the central figure. The distinguished dignitaries grouped around you in the sanctuary, religious from convents—the world forgetting, by the world forgot—and the vast assemblage of the laity—all have come, prelates, priests, nuns and people, before the Altar of the living God, to offer up thanks for the blessings of health and length of years vouchsafed to you in your holy calling, to the place of continuance of these favors, to manifest their gratitude for your efforts on their behalf, and to publicly proclaim their respect and appreciation for your person and character.

Many of us remember when you first came to these missions, charged with the administration of their spiritual and temporal interests. At that time we possessed scarcely any of the parochial institutions usually existing in older settlements, and but few of the accessories or external aids to the practice and propagation of our holy faith. In this respect our condition offered little attraction, save to the man ready to obey the call of duty, and inspired by the nobler motives of zeal for the welfare of his fellows. Skillful hands and a brave heart were, therefore, required for the successful performance of the pastoral duties then assigned to you; and subsequent events assuredly justified the confidence of your Ecclesiastical Superior in committing this work to your immediate direction. In you, your parishioners found a man with "the heart to conceive, the understanding to direct, and the hands to execute" the solemn and responsible obligations of his position. Hence the difficulties which at first confronted you, gradually but surely, and in good time, disappeared, so that now we can refer with a sense of just satisfaction to the prosperous condition, religiously, and indeed, socially, at which, through your ministrations and guidance, we have arrived.

It were needless to particularize here. The results of your pastorate are visible to us all, and demonstrate more eloquently than any words of ours, the unquestioned measure of success that has rewarded your arduous labors in behalf of your flock. When those who succeed us shall be, as we now are, struggling through life's fitful fever, and long after the present generation shall have passed away, your name will remain associated with the progress of religion and education in this part of the Province.

But who shall recount the spiritual consolations imparted by your ministry from the Altar, the Pulpit, the Confessional? Only the Book of Life are these fully inscribed, and the reward which they merit awaits you in the kingdom of Him whose name and empire will endure for ever. The wide world over, as an accountable, moral being, has his true friend and benefactor in the Catholic priest. From the hour in which the infant is brought to the portals of the church to receive the waters of regeneration, to that supreme and final moment when life is about to escape from the stricken body, and the farewell commendation is pronounced—"Depart Christian soul!"—the priest is his earthly guardian angel. Literally, from the cradle to the grave, his mission is to elevate and enlighten man, to teach him the way he should live, to point out the way he should die, and so prepare him to properly realize and fulfil the duties of his allotted station. Not, indeed, for a day but for all time, and even beyond the home of time, these sacred relations exist between the pastor and his flock. With a fidelity that no influence can subvert, the devoted priest responds to the injunctions of his sublime commission, and like another seraph in Paradise Lost—"faithful found among the faithless, faithful only he." No wonder, therefore, that the emotions of the human heart, tempered by religion, find apt expression in the magnificent scene we are now witnessing, either that this *fete* and its surroundings are all self-intelligible, and in an eminent degree consistent with true Christian sentiment.

Pardon, Rev. Sir, this brief digression. We have assembled around you this morning, not to indulge in mere reminiscences, but to evince our appreciation of the noble work which, under God, you have performed in the interests of religion and society during the quarter of a century now completed. Coming, therefore, to the more substantial and not less most joyful acceptance of a gift representing the material tokens of your parishioners' personal esteem and affection. May its contents be an emblem of a future golden jubilee in your priesthood, to celebrate which we reverently invoke Divine Providence to prolong your life.

On behalf of your parishioners, T. KELLY, Chairman, P. T. FANNING, JAMES KELLY, D. H. McDONALD, JOHN McKEEVER, WILLIAM DEEGAN, D. MCKINNON, PATRICK McBRIDE, JOHN A. DRISCOLL.

FATHER DOYLE'S REPLY. To the Parishioners of Seven Mile Bay, Kinkora and Summerside:

MY DEAR CHILDREN,—I thank you with all my heart for the beautiful and flattering address and princely gift with which you have just presented me.

I cannot ascribe to any merit of my own the grand demonstration you have prepared to honor an event great enough, indeed, because by it I was associated forever with the priesthood of Christ, but which, on this happy anniversary, I would willingly have allowed to pass by unmarked by any other commemoration than the humble Mass of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings and graces vouchsafed during the twenty-five years I have ministered at this altar. You have, however, decided otherwise, and although deserving in no way the praise and congratulation you have so generously bestowed, my heart is deeply touched at the expression of filial love, respect, reverence and veneration which your address so eloquently breathes.

Short as may appear these years in retrospect, with their countless and many events of importance to our Diocesan Church and native Province. At my ordination, the number of priests laboring in this part of the Lord's vineyard was very small indeed, compared with that of to-day; the churches scattered at long intervals over the diocese, and unprovided with many of the requisites for the decent observance of the ceremonies prescribed by the ritual. Under the enlightened and beneficent episcopate of our beloved and venerable Bishop, whose consecration preceded my ordination by but a few years, churches, convents and presbyteries have sprung up on every side, until to-day the golden symbol of our common redemption meets the eye from every point of promonture the Island over. To these churches are attached congregations of devout Catholics, obedient to the voice of their pastors, and *doers*, not mere hearers, of His Word who called priests into His sanctuary to be the dispensers of the mysteries of God. The good pastors who, under their beloved Bishop, administer the now well-equipped missions of the diocese, have all made noble sacrifices to bring about this happy result, and with the best of their great labors before me, why should I look for praise for the little I have been able to accomplish? You have spoken with gratitude of my poor efforts to promote your spiritual welfare. Allow me to say that I have been but a feeble instrument in the hands of Providence, and that all the good effected among you is due alone to the mercy and grace of God and to your generous co-operation. With the Royal Prophet, then, we will say: "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to thy name be glory." Ps. 113.

Be assured, my dear children, that my labor among you has been a labor of love. By your docility and your fervent and practical faith, you have made my burden light, and, in a great measure, facilitated my work in the sacred ministry. I can cheerfully bear testimony that you have been at all times a source of great consolation to me, by your willingness to aid me in every good work undertaken for the promotion of God's glory and the salvation of souls—the two great objects for which I have been called to the Holy Priesthood.

True, I have always had the advancement of the spiritual and temporal interests of my people at heart; true, I have ever been desirous of securing to you all every aid to the proper discharge of your religious duties, compatible with our situation and limited means; true, I have had the great happiness of freeing from debt the ecclesiastical institutions erected here in Summerside; a good building, within whose walls a self-sacrificing sisterhood imparts to your children the inestimable blessing of a Christian education; but I could never have accomplished all, or any part of this work, had I not at every turn the generous and enthusiastic support of my parishioners. God has blessed the little mustard seed of our humble beginnings; He has planted in your hearts true Christian dispositions; He has united the straggling flock into one compact shoful flock; He has bestowed life and health and strength upon the unworthy shepherd, and to Him this day we joyfully offer the fullest measure of our thanksgiving.

You speak with appreciation of the treasure of true faith which you possess, and with gratitude to God for the consolations of religion imparted by my ministry. Guard intact that Holy Faith; vindicate at all times these moral principles which underlie the whole structure of Christian society; participate in the fruits of the ministry which Christ has committed to His Church; and by these religious influences alone will you be enabled to escape the world's goods, the world, the devil and the flesh. Be assured, my sympathy shall always go out to you. As your pastor, your joys are my joys; your sorrows are my sorrows. I earnestly hope to labor on in the holy priesthood for your welfare, so that you and your children may ever remain faithful members of God's Holy Church, by the practice to the end of your earthly career, of all the sacred duties required of you by our holy religion. In this consists your earthly and eternal happiness. Even those who revile the Christian religion are forced to acknowledge its beneficent influence upon society. "Marvelous thing," says a great philosopher, "the Christian religion which appears to have no other object than our happiness in the other life, assures us also happiness on earth." May you participate at all times in the joys of Christianity. May you ever remain a consolation to Holy Church, an honor to your Island home, and an example to all faithful and law-abiding citizens of this great Dominion. May you always remain steadfast in the glorious faith we possess, the same faith for which the Apostles died, our forefathers bled and suffered, and which has come down to us pure and unaltered by any stain or error. I have always endeavored to increase your proper appreciation of this glorious birthright; if I have succeeded, my ministry has not been in vain. To-day, as your pastor, I address to you the words of the great Apostle of the Gentiles to the Philippians: "Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and most desired, my joy and my crown, so stand fast in the Lord."

But the spiritual interests of the diocese have not been neglected during the years that this day fill up the measure of a quarter of a century. Great strides have been made for the material advancement of the people. Twenty-five years ago and we were far behind in the race with the world. We had no railway, we were under landlord rule; we had no decimal currency, and an isolated Province without any interest in common with our neighbors; we had no national aspirations nor any national future before us. Our towns were towns in name only; this busy Summerside was still almost in the green sward. Then came Confederation making us part of the promising young Dominion we love to designate, "This Canada of Ours," and the beneficial results of that union I need not here detail. We are citizens to-day of a country which we may well feel proud to possess, all the elements requisite for the formation of a great nation, and what my eyes have seen since I began active work in the ministry over twenty summers ago, gives me undoubted confidence in our future. The extraordinary progress we have made is but an earnest of that greater progress which, blessed by God, under a constitution better than which no country on the face of the earth can boast, we must necessarily look forward to, in that happy future when Canada will have outgrown her girlhood and proudly taken her place amongst the nations, the compeer, if not the mistress of them all. To accomplish this end should all true Canadians bend their energies, full of faith in their country's destiny: "Let other nations sing the past, And ancient glories dead, Their sons their glance must backward cast, While ours shall look ahead; Republics rot and kingdoms fall, Time other states devours, But thou shalt spread time's funeral pall, Sweet Canada of ours."

The reader of this too flattering address has made allusion to the happy days when we were students together within the classic walls of old St. Dunstan's. I deem it, indeed, a rare privilege to have someone here to-day not only one but many of these school companions, all of whom, together with our venerated Bishop and my other brother priests, have thought fit to honor this humble feast with their presence. All of these beloved class-mates are filling high and honorable callings to life, and it is the joy of my jubilee to see them at my side this morning united with me in thanking God for all His favors. It is to me also a source of great happiness to behold gathered together in this church my parishioners from all my missions, many of whom I have baptized, prepared for first communion, and married, and for whom I hope to be spared to labor in the future with greater zeal and perseverance than I have been enabled to do in the past. I recognize, here, too, many of our separated brethren whose good will and friendship I am proud to possess. I have always striven conformably with the spirit of the Gospel, for brotherly relations among all creeds and classes, and I am, in deed, grateful to those good friends who have come to unite with my parishioners this morning in honoring my silver jubilee. Next I add that I am quite sensible of the unworthiness that I bring to the reception of all the honors you are imposing upon me. That is a demonstration of your love and veneration for God's Holy Priesthood. In this spirit, then, do I receive your kind words of praise and generous offering, while from my heart I pray Almighty God to bless you all, my dear friends and people, and bestow upon you and your families his choicest blessings.

(Signed) PATRICK DOYLE. Summerside, January 24th, 1889.

ADDRESS FROM EMERALD BRANCH B. I. SOCIETY.

This address was occupied by a purse containing \$80. It was read by Mr. George McMahon:

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—On behalf of the Emerald branch of the Benevolent Irish Society, the undersigned hasten to convey to you their warmest congratulations, on this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your elevation to the priesthood.

We need scarcely remind you, Rev. Sir, of our deep obligations to you, for the warm interest always manifested by you in the welfare of our Society. The cordial manner in which, on all occasions, you responded to the calls made on your services, as patron of our society, entitled you to our warmest gratitude.

With almost parental care, since the establishment of our Society, you watched over us, you gave us wise counsel, you spoke eloquent words of encouragement to us from the pulpit. Often at the sacrifice of much comfort and convenience to yourself, have you travelled to reside at many of our meetings; and, as a proof of the intellectual progress of our society under your distinguished patronage, extending but a little over a period of two years, we are only too glad to refer to the fact that already our society has been favored with lectures and addresses by some of the ablest and most eloquent speakers in the land.

Further, Rev. Sir, permit us to assure you, and we do so, profoundly impressed with the conviction that no more pleasing information could be conveyed to you than the fundamental object of our society—charity to the poor of all denominations—has never for a moment been overlooked; for, although not overburdened with much of the world's goods, our society has done no little in relieving the poor and destitute, in visiting the sick, the aged, and the infirm within our reach, and endeavoring to lessen the load of their affliction.

And, now, Rev. Sir, we beg of you to accept this small purse as an humble offering of our gratitude and affection, as well as our admiration and esteem, and pray that you may live long enough to celebrate your golden jubilee and continue to be an ornament to your religion and your country.

MICHAEL WALL, M. D. J. H. HASLAM. TERENCE GOODWIN. G. R. McMAHON. F. P. MURPHY. P. DUFFY.

ADDRESS FROM FORMER PARISHIONERS OF DESABLE.

This address was read by John Bradley, as follows: REV. AND DEAR SIR.—We, the Parishioners of St. Joseph's, Desable, among whom you labored so zealously in the early years of your Ministry, cannot allow the Twenty-fifth anniversary of your elevation to the Priesthood to pass without conveying to you a feeble expression of our affection and esteem, and tendering you our sincere and hearty congratulations.

The happy event which we unite in celebrating to-day, vividly recalls to the minds of many of us the tender form, bright and cheerful countenance of the young zealous Priest, who twenty-two years ago, came amongst us to minister to our spiritual wants. In an address of this kind it would be almost impossible to even briefly outline the good work performed by you during the seven years in which you were our Consolator, Friend, and Spiritual Father. We will merely say, that your fervent and eloquent discourses from the Altar; your wise and timely counsels; your incessant labor and untiring efforts for our spiritual and temporal advancement, together with your cheerful and instructive conversations, extending with

and well-told anecdotes, all went to make you the ideal "Soggarth Aroon" of your devoted parishioners. We need scarcely remind you, Rev. and Dear Sir, that since the time that united us as Pastor and flock were broken, many changes have taken place in the Parish. Many of the older members of the congregation whom you intimately knew are now sleeping their last long sleep in the little Churchyard of St. Joseph's, and younger men have taken their places—but yet you are not forgotten.

At every fireside throughout the parish your name is fondly remembered, and the older members of the family still love to recount to younger ears the good works, friendly counsels and humorous anecdotes of the "Good Father Doyle," their former well-loved Pastor. Thus your name is fondly cherished and indelibly stamped on the memories of both old and young in the parish. And to-day, among the many warm tributes of respect and esteem with which you are honored, let us assure you, Rev. and Dear Sir, that though feebly conveyed, there is no sincerer expression of affection and esteem than that which comes from your old parishioners of Desable. We humbly pray that the "Giver of all Good" may continue to bless you with good health and great length of years to labor in His Vineyard, and may the year of grace, nine-hundred and fourteen, find you hale and hearty to celebrate your Golden Jubilee. Ere we conclude permit us to request that you will be pleased to remember us in your administrations at the Altar, and let us assure you, Rev. and Dear Sir, that you will ever be lovingly remembered in the prayers of your old parishioners of Desable.

At the request of his friends, Father Doyle held an informal reception in the parlors of the Presbytery between the hours of one and two o'clock this afternoon. On the grand centre table were displayed the beautiful Jubilee gifts, which for number and richness far exceeded anything ever seen on the Island. Prominent among them was the joint gift of Archbishop O'Brien and his Secretary, Father Murphy, a magnificent set of silver wrought carvers' ivory handles, bearing the inscription: "Rev. P. Doyle; Silver Jubilee; From Archbishop O'Brien and E. F. Murphy, 1889." This elegant and costly gift was very much admired. The following were some of the other gifts:

A costly Silver Ice Pitcher, from R. T. Holman, Esq.; Silver-mounted Ruby Glass Claret Jug, from Julia and Mrs. Kelly; Silver and Gold (precious) Fruit Bowl, the gift of His Lordship Bishop McIntyre; Silver Gutter Dish, from Rev. Father Poirer; Silver Fruit Server, from Rev. D. Walker and Rev. Stephen Phelan; Liqueur Glass, from Miss O'Leary; Silver Epergne, from Rev. A. E. Burke; silver Humeral Veil, and Silver Tankard, from the children of the Convent; Silver and Crystal Breakfast Set, from Wright & Strong; Silver Tea Set in five pieces, from Peter Doyle, Esq., Lot 7, (Father Doyle's brother); Crystal and Silver Lemonade Service, from Mr. Leonard Morris; Elaborate Hall Lamps, from Miss Shields; Silver Cake Basket, from David Rogers, Esq.; Three Silver Salt Cellars, from Very Rev. Canon Cumony, Halifax; magnificent Briar-root and Silver-mounted Pipe and Cigar Holder, from Rev. S. M. Bigge, Halifax; Silver and Gold Napkin Ring Combination Service, from Neil McQuarrie, Esq., S. M. Silver and Gold Egg Cups, Stand and Spoon, from Mrs. T. P. Fanning; Silver and Crystal Claret Jug, and massive Silver Table Bell; Silver Fruit Knife and Case, from S. M. Graves, Summerside; Silver Teapot, from C. E. Strong, Esq.; Silver Pickler, from C. B. McNeill; Beautiful Mosaic, suitably inscribed, from Rev. P. Brodyrick, Baltimore; Massive Silver-headed Cane, with inscription, from J. W. Hughes, Ottawa; Silver Pickle Jar, from Dr. McIntyre, Summerside; Silver Eggcup Barrel, from Mr. T. B. Henderson; Silver Fruit Set and Nut Crackers, from Young Friends; Silver Pickle Jar, from C. B. McNeill; Silver and Gold Cake Basket, from Mrs. Dr. Gillis; Ice Pitcher, gold-lined, from P. F. Brodyrick, and P. Hogan, Halifax; Beautiful Massive Crucifix, from Rev. Sisters, Tighuich Convent; Silver Fish Knife and Fork, from Mrs. R. Hunt; Silver Tea Service, the gift of *Confessors* of Class, from Revs. D. McDonald, Jas. A. McDonald and D. E. McDonald; Silver-headed Cane, from the Boys of Catechism Class; Wax Work Cross, from S'Side Convent.

CONGRATULATORY. The following were among the congratulatory telegrams received: BRIGHTON, Col., Jan. 22. Rev. Patrick Doyle,—The cordial congratulations of your sincere friend. Ad Multos Annos. R. P. McPHEE.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23. Rev. Patrick Doyle,—Before leaving for Montreal the Hon. Mr. Costigan desired me to convey to you his hearty congratulations on your Silver Jubilee. Allow me to add my own also. MATTHEW F. WELSH, Private Secretary.

Departure of Rev. E. Whitman. The Rev. Edward Whitman crossed in the Stanley to-day, en route for the West, in which he has a pastorate. His wife and children remain here until the spring. Mr. Whitman gained the respect and esteem of all denominations in this community, and his departure is regretted by many persons. The following—which speaks for itself—was presented to him yesterday afternoon: "As the Rev. E. Whitman is about leaving Prince Edward Island to take charge of a Baptist congregation in one of the Western cities, we, the undersigned Protestant clergymen of Charlottetown, have pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellence of his character as a Christian minister, to his broad catholicity of spirit, and the fraternal intercourse we have enjoyed with him; and would cordially commend him to the kind regards and Christian fellowship of the Church wherever, in the Providence of God, his residence may be directed. JOHN M. MACLEOD, Pastor Zion Church. JAMES CARUTHERS, Pastor St. James' Church. S. WESTON JONES, Rector St. Paul's Church. JOHN READ, Pastor First Methodist Church. WILLIAM HARRISON, Pastor Second Methodist Church.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. International Problems.

PARIS, Jan. 23. In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Bishop Freppel asked what measures the Government was taking to protect the position of France in the Pacific, especially in regard to Easter Island and the Cook group. Easter Island, he said, was needed as a port for ships plying between Panama and Australia, yet it was reported the Government had ceded the Island to Chili. Further, although the Tongway group belonged to Hayti, England had annexed two of these islands.

Admiral Krantz, Minister of Marine, replied that the admirals of the navy had been consulted on the subject, and all had agreed that it was useless to retain Easter Island. As for the Cook Islands, they had never belonged to France. English missionaries who had settled there had urged the natives to assert their independence. Regarding the Tongways the Government held that England had no right to retain the two islands which she had annexed, although the Islands really possessed no importance.

Bishop Freppel said that Admiral Krantz's reply had caused as much surprise as pain. It was clear that the Ministry of Marine was only half informed. The British had neglected no opportunity to deal a blow to French influence in Oceania. The British had annexed the Cook Islands because the excellent harbor there enabled them to avoid calling at French ports. France had abandoned Egypt and the New Hebrides, and the colonial administration was again showing negligence and incapacity.

The Minister of Marine, responding, maintained his ground, adding that France must claim the whole Tahiti group, but that if they were not surrendered there would be no reason for declaring war against Great Britain, as the national honor was in no wise concerned.

Montreal News. MONTREAL, Jan. 23.

There was a splendid demonstration this afternoon, the occasion being the handing over of the Montreal Drill Hall to the Government. Leading citizens presented Sir Hector's statue in bronze. Sir John, Sir Hector, Sir Adolphe, Hon. Mr. Foster, and Hon. Mr. Costigan were present and made appropriate addresses. The Premier wanted to know what they would do with the building when Wiman and Butterworth annexed us to the States.

It is believed that Mercer's whitewashing bill has been abandoned, and that a committee of the House will declare the seat in Montreal Centre vacant.

The Board of Trade meeting this evening was a magnificent success, there being 450 guests in attendance. Senator Drummond presided. Lord Stanley, Sir John, Sir Hector and Sir Adolphe made very able speeches. But the address of the evening was delivered by Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Finance, whose eloquence surprised and delighted all present who had not yet heard him.

The Parnell Commission. LONDON, Jan. 23.

Before the Parnell Commission to-day Dennis Tobin deposed that he was a member of the Kilcenny band of moonlighters. He said when the members of the band were sworn their leader told them that by order of the league, tenants who paid rent were to be raided. The moonlighters were ranged in divisions, each division receiving orders from the captain, who also furnished the men with arms. The moonlighters were paid for committing outrages. The witness said he received five pounds for making a raid on the cattle of an obnoxious farmer, and seven shillings and sixpence each for slaughtering cattle on Miss Thompson's farm. Tobin recounted a succession of similar misdeeds in which he took part. His evidence regarding the moonlighters differed from that of other informers, who generally described the raiders as fortuitous unrelated groups.

News from Ottawa. OTTAWA, Jan. 23.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture Lowe left for Halifax to-night on immigration business. It is stated that the Hon. Mr. Blake and Hon. Mr. Pope have paired as regards absence from the night sittings at the coming session.

Mr. Whitehead, son of the late manager of the Hochelaga Cotton Factory, is about to start a new cotton mill at Beauharnois with a view to meet the growing China trade. The mill will cost \$100,000 and have a capacity of 250 looms. The fight in Province is likely to be a keen one. Both Lavigne's and Richards' friends speak very confidently of success.

The Pope's Decision. QUEBEC, Jan. 23.

Important news has just been received here that the Pope has decided that Laval University shall receive half of the \$400,000 voted by the legislature as indemnity for the Jesuits' estates, the money to be paid over at once by the Provincial Treasurer. The Jesuits are allowed by the Pope to retain their colleges independent of Laval University, but not to give higher diplomas than Bachelor of Philosophy. The Laval authorities will at once proceed with the construction of their new university in Montreal.

The Samoa Question. BERLIN, Jan. 23.

National Zeitung, discussing the government's colonial policy, declares that the independence of neither Zanzibar nor Samoa is menaced by Germany in those regions. In Samoa, the intrigues of Americans who are violating existing treaties have to be guarded against.

Naval Reinforcements. BREMERHAVEN, Jan. 23.

Naval reinforcements for the German fleet in Samoa waters left to-day on the North German Lloyd steamer Nuremberg.