

Nicholson, (Msgr) J. F

Clergy of Diocese Honor Parish Priest of St. Michael's

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**Monsignor J. F. Nicholson Presented With Beautiful
Watch—Clergy at Banquet Extol Kindness and Vir-
tues of Pastor Honored—Brilliant War Record
Referred to in Fitting Manner**

Rt. Rev. J. F. Nicholson, D.P., V.G., was honored at a banquet held in St. Michael's Academy at noon yesterday when he celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. The function was given by the Catholic Women's League for Monsignor and his guests, the clergy present on this occasion. Among those attending were His Grace, Most Rev. M. J. O'Brien, co-adjutor Archbishop of Kingston, Mr. Thomas Nicholson and Mrs. A. E. Harbeson of Kingston, father and sister of the guest of honor, Dr. A. E. Harbeson, Kingston, priests of Kingston and the neighbouring dioceses of Pembroke, Alexandria, Peterborough and Toronto and representatives of various religious orders.

A decorative scheme of purple and gold was carried out in flowers and tapers on the artistically arranged tables and a delicious dinner was served by the members of the League.

Dean Hanley Chairman

At its conclusion, Very Rev. A. J. Hanley acted as chairman for the brief addresses of congratulation which were given by a number of

the guests. Those associated with Monsignor throughout his career as a priest from seminary days, through war years, during his offices of educationist, administrator and pastor were happy to be with him on his anniversary and to give expression to their affection and admiration. The speakers recalled many incidents grave and gay which had served to strengthen the bonds of friendship. Reference was made to the priestly qualities of the jubilarian, to his intellectual achievements, to his hospitality, geniality and savoir faire, a gift with which few are blessed. Associate-chaplains dwelt on the subject to which the Monsignor himself makes little reference, his service overseas, when the highest military authorities recognized his outstanding merits as priest and soldier. General Currie, speaking of "Father Nicholson", said that in thinking of him these words of Shakespeare invariably came to mind: "The elements are so mixed in him that Nature might stand up, and say to all the world, 'this was a man!'"

Monsignor Nicholson, as chaplain, was the Father Duffy of the Canadian Corps in France.

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