EARLY HISTORY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KINGSTON

ice of the 100th anniversary of the the door of the French church day, it is of interest to note that the 1808, Rev. Amd. V. G. F. X. Roche late Father (afterwards Bishop) au Master Mason." Gaulin and other missionary priests It is somewhat remarkable that successor, Bishop Phelan, that the visited Kingston and celebrated what was called the "French" present edifice was begun. perty of the late Mr. Lessage, which to an Irish saint. The tablet is now who succeeded Bishop Phelan, in cupied by Kilpatrick's marble works. It was in Bishop Phelan's time that drai, was but a temporary one. By

Congregation de Notre Dame and St. earnest prelate had the supreme adornment. Under the episcopate Vincent's Academy. It was built of happiness of celebrating the first of the lamented Bishop O'Brien the Kingston limestone in 1808 and for mass in the new church, although present pews were added to take the via the Canadian National Railways, e of worship for the Catholics of tion both inside and out,

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in a frame building, the pro- church should have been dedicated upon the ground formerly oc- in possession of the convent sisters. 1858, the altar in St. Mary's cathe-The first Catholic church erected the present building was erected Kingston was known as the with the old tower and belfry. In erected but he added also those of nch" church and stood upon 1842 ground was broken and the the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph ground now occupied by the foundation was laid and the same arly forty years formed the only it was then in an unfinished condi-

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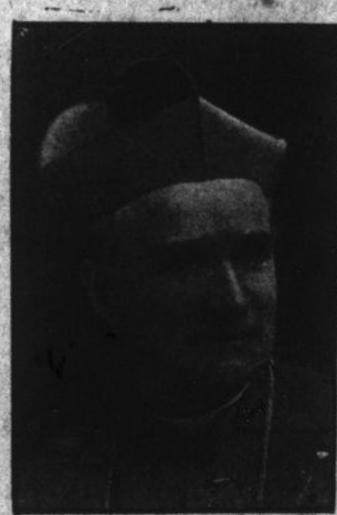
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cathedral and the other ecclesiastical buildings now stand. It was also donated. during the episcopate of Bishop Gaulin, but mainly by the earnest and untiring efforts of his coadjutor and

Up to the time of Bishop Horan, administration. and otherwise added to the interior place of the old rough and uncomfortable seats and benches which was presented with a large sum of formation degarding the tour. money by the priests of the diocese | For particulars address Mr. Mar-



ARCHBISHOP SPRATT

the cathedral, and also zealously applied himself by lectures and otherwise to procure funds for the laud able purpose of beautifying the sanc-

No alterations or additions, how of the church, which up to that time presented the same appearance had at the death of Bishop Phelan It remained for the late Archbisho Cleary to conceive and carry to grand conclusion the work whose stately proportions and beauty of design are the pride and boast not only of the Catholics, but of all the citizens of Kingston, and which affords pleasure to the eye of the artistic and comfort to the soul of the de-

Archbishop Cleary. On the arrival of Bishop Cleary in his new home, he learned the plans laid out by his predecessor, and with untiring zeal and earnest ness he set himself to carry them out, with additions and improvements. His first act was to form a committee of management, with congregation elected, and guided and assisted by the splendid and ad-ministrative ability of Bishop Cleary, symptom their success had been phenomena The congregation had increased to such an extent that the seating wa found too inadequate, especially or Sundays and leading festivals. meet this demand for space, the vestries were removed and the side altars placed further back, and new pews added, which increased seating capacity to five thousand The large windows, which had hith were adorned with magnificent and ostly stained glass. The cost was over \$5,000. The heating arrangements having been found inadequate to properly warm the immense building, a new system of steam coils and radiators was introduced.

However, the crowning work of all, and one that will bear down was the grand tower and entrance The old tower and belfry was found spire, therefore, in 1889, it was torn

While this grand work was still was erected into an archiepiscopa see, and to mark the high honor conferred upon him as the first archmorate the fact, Archbishor Cleary erected the beautiful chapel

in Canada with the Highland regi- successor to the late. Archbishop mint of which he had been the lov- Cleary. During his regime St. Mary's ed and honored chaplain, the eccles- cathedral has continued to prosper. lastical property of the Catholics of The interior of the edifice has been Kingston was small and insignificant redecorated, electric lighting has in value and it was he who obtained been installed, a fine new organ the grants of lands upon which the peels forth from the gallery, and a

was consecrated Archbishop of Kingston and since that time the Archdiocese has thrived under his able

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The above convention will be held in Charlottetown, P.E., August 2nd had hitherto occupied the nave of include a trip down the St. Lawthe church. Much more was intend- rence Rapids, the Saguenay River, ed to have been done by him and through the beautiful Bras d'Or much more would have been done Lakes and the Land of Evangeline by him toward this object so near country with stopover at Quebec his heart but he was taken away City and trip to St. Anne de Beauere the work he had planned could pre, returning by way of Boston, be more than fairly commenced. the White Mountains of New Hamp-When he left Brockville to come to shire, and Montreal. A leaflet will Kingston as bishop of the diocese he shortly be issued giving complete in-

and others. This money the single- tin Kerr (Principal of the Earl Kithearted bishop devoted towards the chener School), 4 Beulah Ave., Hamliquidation of the indebtedness upon liton, and Mr. A. E. Bryson (Principal of the Silverthorn School), 44 Silverthorn Ave., Toronto.

A MISSIONARY NIGHT.

Held by Bethel Church Christian

Endeavor Society. Monday evening was missionary night at Bethel church Christian Endeavor Society and was in charge of the missionary committee of which Miss Lauretta Veale is convener. The subject discussed was Problems of Latin America," much was told of the neglected continent South America.

William Bruce told of the vasion of South America by Spandiards and the cruelties and hardships that were indured by the natives, and also of the conditions and problems to-day in that coun-

Miss Ella Porter spoke on "How Christianity is helping to solve these problems," and cited many instances of what the missionary has

Miss Lois Fowler and Miss Bessie Kirkpatrick both spoke on "How God is Working in Latin America" and told many stories of conversions how they occured and what results were obtained from them.

H. Carson Mateer, Toronto, gen-eral field secretary for Christian En-deavor in Ontario, will pay a visit to Bethel Society on Tuesday, February 2nd, and this being the birthday of Christian Endeavor a very interesting and helpful meeting is being planned. Other societies are coming in for this event.

The new officers for 1926 will be installed into office at the morning service on Sunday, January 30th.

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