

OBITUARY

REV. THOMAS ALBERT, D. D. Sorrow and mourning and gloom have again cast their shadows over the Catholic citizens of Grand Falls, N. B., for death has again robbed them very unexpectedly of their beloved pastor, Reverend Father Albert. Only three short years ago they greeted him in their midst trusting that he would be with us for many long years, to toil in God's vineyard, but God has decreed otherwise, and took our beloved pastor from us on November 16th, 1924, at the early age of forty-five years.

Reverend Father Albert was born at St. Hilaire, Mad. Co., N. B., on the 17th of June, 1879. He spent his early years attending school. After finishing his school course, there he attended college at St. Anne de la Poutiere, P. Q., for eleven years and was distinguished for his remarkable talent, and upon his graduation from his Alma Mater, he pursued his theological studies in Laval Seminary, Montreal, P. Q., for three years. He then continued his ecclesiastical studies in the colleges of Rome, where the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him. Upon his ordination he was appointed for the diocese of Chatham, N. B. He served as curate in several parishes, finally he was appointed parish priest of Shippegan, N. B. In the year 1921, he was named parish priest of Grand Falls, N. B., as successor to the late Reverend Father Jayner.

During Father Albert's short stay with us he has accomplished much. With the loving assistance and cooperation of his congregation he has succeeded in erecting a magnificent building, namely the beautiful convent school which shall stand as a lasting monument to his memory. His remains lay in state in the Church of the Assumption from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday, December 16th, where his faithful flock thronged to the church to pay their last respects and offer up a prayer for the repose of the soul of their beloved pastor. He had endeared himself to all by his goodness and kindness and extreme love for the poor. He loved little children and delighted to have them gathered around him. Young and old, and little children will cherish his memory.

His funeral service took place at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 18th, and was under the supervision of the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a member. His Lordship Bishop Chaisson officiated, assisted by Right Rev. Monsignor M. A. O'Keefe as high priest, Rev. A. Melanson of Campbellton, N. B., as deacon, Rev. Noel Pelletier of the college of St. Anne de la Poutiere, P. Q., as sub-deacon, Rev. J. Hart of Dalhousie, N. B., as master of ceremonies, Rev. Albert Lynch, Green River, N. B., as censor bearer. The acolytes were: Revs. E. Barry of Bartibogue, N. B., L. Patrick, Omaha, Nebraska. In the sanctuary were forty-one other clergy, representing Quebec, Maine, St. John, N. B., and Chatham, N. B., dioceses.

The choir was under the direction of Rev. Charles Bourque of St. Anne de la Poutiere, P. Q., who was also organist, assisted by Rev. Father Ferdinand, O. F. C., and Rev. A. Martin of Clair, N. B. The Miserere was sung by A. M. Chamberlain of Grand Falls, N. B. The funeral oration was delivered by Right Rev. Monsignor Dugal in French, who gave a history of the late pastor's life. His Lordship Bishop Chaisson delivered the funeral discourse in English and he touched very ably and feelingly on the virtues of our beloved pastor. Final absolution was pronounced by His Lordship Bishop Chaisson. The committal service at the grave was in charge of Rev. Ant. M. Comeau of St. Leonard's, N. B.

The pall bearers were James Burgess, M. Costigan, John R. McCloskey, Alonzo Gagne, Mayor Collins, Joseph B. Powers, A. H. Mahoney, and Dr. C. Guy.

John Albert and Honore Albert of St. Hilaire, N. B., brothers, and Mrs. Belonne Cyr, Edmundston, N. B., Mrs. J. E. Fournier of Campbellton, sisters, were among the mourners.

By the death of Father Albert the Catholic citizens of Grand Falls, N. B. have lost a good, true friend and pastor and a good citizen, and the diocese of Chatham has suffered a severe loss.

The late pastor was an author of no mean ability and wrote a book on the expulsion of the Acadians. May his soul rest in peace.

MRS. JOHN KELLY It is our sad duty to announce the sudden death on Nov. 8th of Mrs. John Kelly, one of the oldest and most respected residents of West Luther Township, Wellington Co.

Mrs. Kelly settled with her husband, the late John Kelly, in West Luther, where she spent the remainder of her life, on the farm where she passed away, in the late sixties, when West Luther was practically a solid forest.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart League, St. Joseph's Union, also Our Lady of Victory.

She was of bright and above all of a charitable disposition. She is survived by six sons and five daughters, one daughter, Mrs. D. McNamara, having died some twelve years ago. Those living are Rev. Brother Albion of San Francisco, Cal., to whom our heartfelt sympathy is extended upon receipt of this sad news. The other members of the family were present at the funeral, namely, Michael of West Luther, Mrs. D. Gallagher, West Luther, Thomas, she spent the remainder of her life, on the farm where she passed away, in the late sixties, when West Luther was practically a solid forest.

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DEVER.—At her residence Mount Forest, on Wednesday, Nov. 12th, Dorothy Maria Noctor, relict of the late James P. Dever, in her seventysixth year. May her soul rest in peace.

KELLY.—At Owen Sound, on Oct. 14, 1924, Stephen Kelly, aged seventy-nine years. He is survived by his wife and six children, four sons and two daughters. May his soul rest in peace.

SHEEHAN.—At his home in Nakina, Ont., on November 19, 1924, after a very short illness, Patrick Joseph Sheehan, C. N. R. Conductor, leaving a wife, father, three sisters and four brothers. May his soul rest in peace.

BOYLE.—At St. Catharines, Ont., on November 9, 1924, Mrs. Boyle, widow of the late Captain Thos. Boyle. Funeral November 12 from St. Catharine's church to Victoria Lawn cemetery. May her soul rest in peace.

EMINENT MEMBERS OF ENGLISH COMMONS

CATHOLICS ONCE MINE BOYS OBTAIN SEATS By George Burnard (London Correspondent, N. C. W. G.)

London, Eng.—Three of the Catholic members of the new House of Commons started life in the mines; one was a dock laborer, another a builders' laborer, and still another is a ship's riveter. These six are all Labor members.

The most eminent of them is the Right Hon. John Wheatley, who was Minister of Health in the last cabinet. He began work in a coal-pit at the age of eleven. He is now a J. Tinker, the Labor member for Leigh, began work at the pit head when he was ten; H. Murnin, who represents a Scottish constituency, is the other erstwhile miner.

J. Sexton, who is secretary of the National Union of Dock Laborers, had an adventurous career at sea when he was a boy. Martin Connolly is a working ship riveter who has now got a place in Parliament after contesting a seat at two previous elections.

There are only 18 Catholics in the new House of Commons—five fewer than last session. Six represent Labor, ten are Conservatives, one a Liberal, and T. P. O'Connor who is labelled a Nationalist. He is the "Father of the House of Commons," having had a seat in Parliament for forty-four years.

The Conservative Catholic members have some distinguished names among them. Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart is the brother of the Marquis of Bute. He acted as private secretary to Lord Kitchener in Egypt and was in the diplomatic service ten years. Sir Gerald Strickland is also Count Della Catena in the Island of Malta. He has been Governor of the Leeward Islands, Tasmania, Western Australia, Norfolk Island and New South Wales.

Sir N. Grattan Doyle, who was knighted this year, is a director of the Northern Newspaper Company.

F. N. Blundell is the son of "M. E. Francis," the eminent Catholic novelist. He has been one of the strongest upholders of Catholic interests in Parliament, and his return has pleased the Catholic body in England. He presented a Catholic Relief Bill last session and took up strenuously the local authorities' interference with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at Carlin, Scotland.

R. Mitchell Banks is a King's Counsel, son of the late Sir William Banks. P. J. H. Hannon was assistant secretary of the Irish Agricultural Organization Society for a number of years and for seven years was secretary of the Navy League.

Major G. R. J. Hennessy has been High Sheriff of Hampshire. He served in the South African War, besides the Great War, and was Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Labor, 1921-22.

The Right Hon. J. F. Hope and his son are both in the House. Mr. Hope is a nephew of the late Duke of Norfolk and of Lord Fitzalan of Derwent. He was Deputy Speaker in the last Parliament. His son, Captain A. O. J. Hope, goes to Parliament for the first time. He won the Military Cross during the Great War.

Major P. B. Malone is an accountant. He has taken a part in local politics for thirty years and has been in Parliament before, but was defeated last year.

The only Catholic Liberal in the new House is E. A. St. A. Harney, King's Counsel. He was called to the Irish Bar in 1892, went to Australia and was one of the first six senators sent by Western Australia to the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901. Resigning, he returned to England and was called to the Bar in 1916.

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