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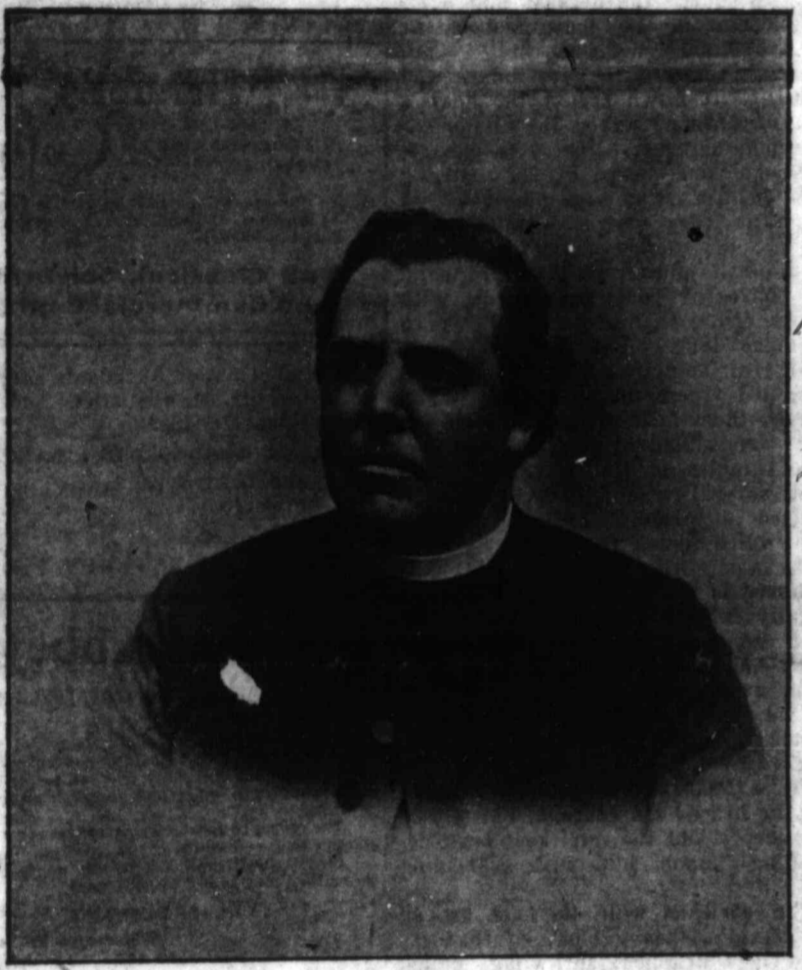
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LATE FATHER KILCULLEN

Impressive Funeral Ceremonies of the Pastor of Colgan, Tottenham and Achill.

The death of Rev. James Kilcullen, P.P., which occurred on Monday morning at 10.20 o'clock, the 14th inst., was an event which until a short time previous, was something altogether unlooked for, and to many of his confreres in the sacred ministry, the first intimation came only with the official notice of the sad occurrence. Though it was known that he had not been in the best of health for some time, yet nothing serious was anticipated, and it was only on the Thursday before that the untiring pastor of Colgan, Tottenham and Achill succumbed to the decree which laid him prostrate upon the bed from which he was never to rise again in life. During the short time that intervened he suffered greatly, but made every preparation to meet the end which he realized was near. Rev. Father Gibney, parish priest of Alliston, and a friend of many years' standing, gave to the dying priest the last sacraments and rites, and at the supreme moment Rev. Father Murray of St. Michael's Cathedral and Rev. Father Finegan of Adjala were present to do all that the Church prescribes and that charity could suggest for the consolation of the departing soul.



THE LATE FATHER KILCULLEN.

On Tuesday evening the remains were borne into the church and laid before the altar, after which the office for the dead was recited by Rev. Father Gibney, assisted by Revs. Father Treacy, Kiernan, Hayes, Canning, Ryan and Finegan, and many faithful mourners kept watch and prayed.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning on the arrival of the train bearing the priests from Toronto and other parts of the Archdiocese. Carriages and other vehicles awaited the expected guests at Tottenham, and carried them speedily along the three miles that intervene between there and the church of St. James. In the distance the beautiful edifice was seen to rise upon its gentle eminence and a nearer approach showed the many conveyances in which the people had come from all the country round. The bell was tolling its sad notes and the groups of men gathered on the steps and in front of the church awaited with subdued aspect the hour of the approaching ceremonies.

All within bespoke the occasion. The altar with its sable background, the tall candles burning with a soft-

ened light, the darkly draped pulpit, the repressed bearing of the people and above all the silent figure which vested in priestly vestments and with hands clasping the chain, lay mute and motionless in its narrow limits before the altar. The congregation was not confined to members of the flock, for from the surrounding country far and near they had come to show their charity and respect towards the remains of the dead priest, and chrysmen of different religious denominations helped to make up the large congregation present.

A few minutes after the arrival of the visiting priests, they filed into the sanctuary and took up position, the overflow being accommodated in the front pews in the body of the church. Mass was at once begun, his Grace the Archbishop presiding and the celebrant being Rev. Father Gibney of Alliston with Rev. Father Connolly of London diocese as deacon and Rev. Father T. Sullivan of Thorold as sub-deacon; Rev. Dr. Treacy of Dixie was master of ceremonies; Rev. James Hayes of Fios Thuirifer; Rev. W. Ryan of Toronto, and Rev. J. Kidd of Penetanguishene, acolytes. Very Rev. J. J. McCann, Vicar-General, was in attendance on his Grace. Others present were Very Rev. Dean Egan, Barrie; Rev. W. McCann, Toronto; Rev. P. Kiernan, Toronto Gore; Rev. T. Smyth, Merriton; Rev. H. Canning, Toronto; Rev. Jas. C. Carberry, Schomberg; Rev. J. Minehan, Caledon; Rev. H. Sweeney, Orangeville; Rev. Father Corcoran, Seaforth; Rev. L. Minehan, Toronto;

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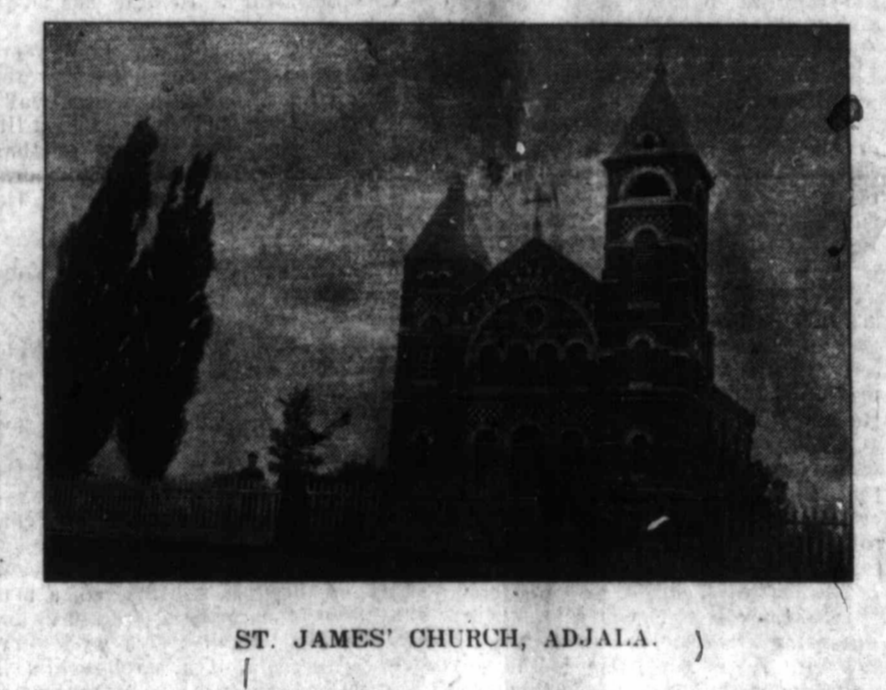
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mightily, blessed are the great and powerful, but blessed are they who die in the Lord. What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?

In this world the life of man is a warfare; the affair of the Christian is to contend against the flesh, the world and the devil. He must ask grace of Almighty God that he may gain the crown of victory; he must look up to the Cross. If this be true of every Christian how much more is it true of every priest? He must struggle and always defend the right—he must move onward and upward always, whether through good or evil report. Such is the life of the good and holy priest. Such was the life of your pastor. For years he was at your call night and day. Like the watchman on the tower he was on the lookout to see that no ill befell you. He grieved with you in your grief and rejoiced with you in your joy. Day by day he ascended this altar to ask God to send his blessings upon you. He poured the waters of baptism upon your children and broke the Bread of Life to the little ones of the flock, and he stood by the bedside of your friends and relatives to help them through the valley of death. And now to-day he addresses you for the last time, and it is in the eloquent silence of death, and he asks you to prepare to stand with him before the great tribunal of the Son of Man. Yes, well may we say of him, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they shall rest from their labors and their works shall follow them. May

time of his death. At an early age he was sent to begin his classical studies in the seminary of Ballaghaderreen, in the County Mayo. Having finished the preparatory course for entrance into Maynooth College, he came to Canada in 1864, and was received the same year by Archbishop Lynch as a subject for the priesthood. He was then sent to the Grand Seminary at Montreal to make his philosophy and theology, and on May 30th, 1869, he was ordained priest in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Lynch, Brock, in Ontario County, to serve as assistant to the late Father Brailre, was his first appointment. After a period of two and a half years he was moved to take charge of Port Colborne and Welland and here he remained for over eighteen years. In Port Colborne he built a presbytery and both here and at Welland he built a church. It is said that despite many difficulties in the way of labor, scattered and not too wealthy congregations, that the sum of \$18,000 was expended on churches and church property during these eighteen years of Father Kilcullen's incumbency. At the time of his leaving the debt had been reduced to something below a thousand dollars. In 1890 he received his last appointment, when he took charge of St. James' church, Adjala, and St. Francis', Tottenham. At his coming Father Kilcullen found both churches much encumbered, but at the time of his death, it is said, they are almost altogether cleared. He also built the new church of St.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, ADJALA.

perpetual light shine upon him. Ames.

At the close of the sermon the absolution was given by the Archbishop after which a procession of priests and acolytes was formed and preceded by the Cross it moved slowly down the aisle, bearing in its midst the remains of the late pastor. The lay pall-bearers were G. K. Hoogh, F. Downs, D. F. O'Leary, E. J. Rossiter, D. Gavin, G. F. Morrow, J. McKenna, J. Cane, J. Sheehan and T. Connell. As the long line emerged from the Church the congregation closed upon it and followed to the corner of the cemetery chosen as the place of the sepulchre. There was no order of precedence in the going; in the moment of grief all were equal and men, women and children of all ages and ranks followed in mournful silence and stood around the grave while the last prayers were said by the Archbishop. Many tears accompanied the first falling of the cold clay and the keenness of the clear November wind seemed to add to the desolation of the moment. The people gradually dispersed, yet even as we left the place a kneeling circle of faithful souls still knelt around the freshly formed mound which marked the last earthly resting place of Adjala's late, loved pastor. May he rest in peace.

Mary at Achill, at a cost of \$5,000, the old one having been burnt during the giving of a mission. From this account it is easy to gather that wherever Father Kilcullen went he had the hearty co-operation of his people, for without this his successful history along the lines indicated would have been impossible. Testimony of this co-operation was given in a particular manner in June, 1894, when Father Kilcullen celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. The address on this occasion reveal something of the estimate placed upon the pastor by his brother priests and his parishioners. They tell of his love for classical studies, of his efforts in behalf of the schools, of his triumphs in educating matters, of difficulties overcome, and the building up of his parishes, and of his ardent zeal for religion and in all things conducive to the welfare of his people. From all of which it seems evident that it is no empty praise to say that Father Kilcullen is a great loss both to his people and the diocese.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The first appearance of St. James' church, Adjala, comes to one in somewhat the nature of a surprise. It stands on a site of gently raised land and a clear open space faces it and permits its view to the whole country. Architectural beauty of a kind one does not expect in outside district is at once before you. The facade and entire front are most attractive. Built of red and white brick out of which a studied pattern

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is evolved, the front is in three parts, a narrow rectangular tower-like part to the left, flanking the broader dome-like centre and this in turn supported by a taller tower and belfry. Crosses on the centre and right-hand tower proclaim the Catholicity of the edifice. Broad steps lead up to the triple doors, which give a very generous appearance to the whole. The interior is comfortable and complete in its furnishings. The walls are in imitation of cut grey stone with the dome ceiling and Gothic sidings of smooth, white plaster finished in fresco; the groined supports of the roof, the wainscoting and pews are all of hardwood in semi-shades of brown. The altars are plain, but in good taste and an artistic touch is found in the stained glass windows and a beautiful picture of the Agony in the Garden, which hanging over the blessed Virgin's altar, attracts your notice on the moment of entering. Two windows, one of St. Patrick and the other of St. James, are erected on each side of the high altar, while on the right-hand side of the sanctuary is a window to the memory of Timothy Grimes, the subject of which is the Annunciation. On the left-hand side of the body of the church is a window of the Nativity of Our Lord, placed there by Mrs. Kearns to the memory of her husband. Both windows are worthy of admiration. The painting before alluded to is from the hand of Mr. Joseph Kidd, the artist whom the district calls its own, and whose fame is spread far beyond the limits of his native place. The Stations of the Cross in colors make up the mural adornment. A large gallery accommodates the choir, and a large number of the congregation. It would seem to be a seat between five and six hundred. The people of St. James' have every reason to be proud of their church. On the way out we were told by one of the parishioners that "there was nothing like it north of Toronto," and on seeing it we found no grounds upon which we might contradict him.

ADJALA A STRONGHOLD OF CATHOLICITY.

In all probability there is not in all Upper Canada a greater stronghold of Catholicity than Adjala and the surrounding country. Its modern history dates back at least seventy years, and the principal elements in its make-up are things Irish and things Catholic. In the cemetery attached to the church are many fine tombstones, and there is probably none but bears a Celtic name telling easily of the nationality of the early pioneers. "There is perhaps no county in Ireland but is represented here," said Mr. Ryan, Principal of the separate school of the place, who kindly accompanied us on our rounds. Amongst the monuments pointed out were those of Father Synnot and Father Shelly, the two priests whose remains were interred in St. James' prior to those of the late pastor, Father Kilcullen. Father Synnot was killed by being thrown from a horse while out driving in 1866. Father Shelly was of-ficiating in Fios when he died from consumption in 1885, and was brought home to find a grave midst his own people. It would seem from this that Father Kilcullen is the first priest to die in the natural order at the presbytery of Adjala. If the people of our city will but give the subject a moment's thought they will call to mind that the name Adjala has long been associated in their minds with a high standard of enterprise and education. For a number of years Toronto has received students and professional men of many ranks from the members of Adjala families. Catholic doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, business-men, artists, members of religious communities, priests, have all come to us from this district. Even at the late funeral the visitors included several who are now prominent in outside circles, who on entering St. James' were simply putting foot on the familiar ground of childhood days. Amongst those was Rev. Father Kelly, Superior of St. Michael's College, whose position speaks for his merits. Mr. Kelly—a brother of the well-known firm of Foy and Kelly—Rev. Doctor Treacy whose brilliant talents are known throughout the diocese, and who though not a native of this place, yet spent some years of his boyhood within a stone's throw of St. James'; Rev. Father Kidd, with the simple manner and elegant mien of a Merry del Val, who is now in Penetanguishene, but lately from Rome; Rev. Father Fergus of Hamilton, whom the people in their first affection spoke of as "Tommy," but correcting themselves the next moment, pointed him out proudly as "our Father Fergus." These at least were there and there were probably others who have helped to show the world that the place of their childhood was no "Sleepy Hollow," but alert and in every way enterprising.

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Pope Pius X. Does Not Mince Matters with Aristocratic Meddlers.

(Vox Urbis' in the Freeman's Journal.)

One of the most remarkable acts of the reign of Pius X. was the appointment a couple of weeks ago of a comparatively unknown priest as Archbishop of the great Archdiocese Palermo. Hitherto the priests and people of Palermo have been invariably governed spiritually by a prelate belonging to the ranks of the aristocracy—of both priests and people have always considered this a perfectly natural disposition of things. But they were not only pleased but delighted when the Holy Father chose for their new pastor Mgr. Laudi, who was only known so far for his humility of birth and character.

The people of Lucca, however, have a different way of looking at things. Their archdiocese has recently become vacant. Like Palermo, it has generally been ruled by a noble ecclesiastic, and the upper ten of the district, after putting their heads together, came to the conclusion that they would send a deputation to Rome to ask the Holy Father to continue the good old custom. So they came along to Rome the other day, applied for an audience, were received by His Holiness and proceeded to state their business. Pius X. listened very quietly, but when the spokesman had finished speaking, he made a few observations which the deputation is not likely to forget.

"You have come here," His Holiness said, "to tell me that a Bishop born from the ranks of the people is not fitted for you. Have you considered that your petition is a mark of insult and contumely toward me? Do you mean that if I were sent as Archbishop of Lucca that you would not accept me because I am sprung from the people? And do you consider that the See of Lucca can demand to have an aristocrat for a pastor, when the Universal Church is content to have the son of a peasant? Your mission here is a misguided one—return home and accept obediently the Bishop whom the Vicar of Christ will select for you."

Unlike so many of the anecdotes related about the Pope, this one is perfectly authentic, and it is especially interesting as showing that the Holy Father, though gentleness and humility itself, can on occasion administer a severe rebuke to snobbishness.

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Parliament Called

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Parliament has been summoned to meet on Wednesday, January 11th.

A separate school with an attendance of forty, whose graduates pass to the high class in Tottenham of outside places, is one of the results of the Catholic atmosphere which here surrounds everything. At present the parish is in charge of Rev. Father Finegan, assistant to the late pastor. Though not a great while with the people of Adjala, they have already learned to love this big, kindly priest, whose executive ability was well displayed during the rush and worry of the past week, and should the mantle of jurisdiction fall upon Father Finegan there is no doubt but that it would be loyally upheld by the people of Adjala, Tottenham and Achill.

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