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Celtic Cross to Tell of Sad Irish Chapter.

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posing celebration? They, too, wish the rising generation to remember the noble lesson of Christian fortitude bequeathed them by the pioneers of Ireland's exodus to this country.

Let me, therefore, in a few words, explain to you the symbolism of your monument, of this great sign you have erected ad futuram rei memoriam to perpetuate the memory of a notable event on the brow of this hill that commands a glorious view of the mighty St. Lawrence.

A BLESSED SIGN.

It is the cross, the instrument of our redemption, whose sign blessed the dying pilgrims, sanctified their senses in extremum, absolved them for the last time, and hal- lowed the graves wherein they will be laid for the eternal rest; it is the image of the cross which they will be- hold in the Heavens when, at the end of time, the Redeemer will come to call to their everlasting reward "those that have slept," as says the Holy Scripture, those who are in this cemetery.

It is the Celtic Cross, the cross of Ireland, of Patrick, of Columbkille, the cross for which your martyrs suffered, bled and died. It is a cross of granite, indestructible as the faith of which it is the emblem.

This cross is planted on the soil of French Canada, on the banks of the river discovered by the immor- tal Jacques Cartier. This fact should remind you that history re- peats itself. As, in days gone by, France, the then most Christian na- tion, befriended and honored the saints and sages of Ireland, and en- listed in her glorious armies many of the valiant sons of your Catholic nation,—some of whose descendants brought fame to Canada—likewise, when dire necessity drove your fore- fathers from the land of their birth it was on the shores of the French- speaking province that numbers of them were welcomed and harbored and treated as brothers in Christ, and members of the same household.

THE HEROIC PRIESTS.

It behoves me not to repeat here a familiar page of annals, nor to re- mind you of the heroic charity of those priests who, at the bidding of the Archbishop of Quebec, Mgr. Joseph Signay, hastened to the as- sistance of the fever-stricken im- migrants. Of that missionary band the majority were of French-Canad- ian nationality. Eagerly they joined their Irish confreres under the zealous direction of Father Fernand McGauran, of beloved memory. The archives of my house reveal the most touching proofs of their de- voteness, and of their cheerfulness in the performance of their trying duties.

"I can assure you, my Lord," writes Father McGauran, "that I never, in all my life, experienced such consolation. The blessings of the sick and dying soothe all my pains."

My venerable predecessor on the See of Quebec, Cardinal Taschereau, then a youthful priest, writes in the same strain: "My only regret," he says, "is for not having come here sooner, and my only dread is to have to leave this island."

A TOKEN OF GRATITUDE.

Are not such declarations a worthy echo of the words of the Apos- tle: Superabundo gaudis in omni tribulatione nostra. I exceedingly abound with joy in all our tribulation.

History has recorded the names of those of our priests who, in those heroic times, paid with their lives the privilege of their sacred calling, and gave to their afflicted brethren evidence of a "love greater than which no man hath."

This cross will bear their names down to posterity, graven, as Holy Writ says, "as with an instrument on flintstone." Let it, therefore, stand aloft as a token of your gra- titude towards the missionaries who at their life's peril fortified the souls of your forefathers on the threshold of eternity. Let it shine forth as the grateful tribute of those 600 orphans, most of whom were wel- comed to the homes of our French- Canadian province and treated— to the least—with the same affec- tion as those of their own blood, and who became later the flower and pride of their adoptive country.

Let the cross stand as the symbol of that union that should ever bind together those who are of one bap- tism of faith, because they are all sons of one Father, God, of one Mo-

field from Dunkirk to Fontenoy they proved their appreciation and loyalty to France, and so we can say to-day to the French people of Can- ada that the scattered and exiled Irish race has not forgotten the kindly assistance and support given by them to our dying kindred dur- ing the famine years of '47 and '48.

FROM A MOTHER'S LIPS:

I have heard the story of the fam- ine from my mother's lips, the sad- dening and maddening story, people dying by dozens on the road side, while the proselytizer traveled among them offering food and cloth- ing to all who would deny their faith, but English statistics prove that not more than one in ten thou- sand denied their faith, but on the contrary died martyrs, having refused food and clothing to be had at the expense of denying their religion. For sixty-two years this grave con- taining the remains of twelve thou- sand of our race and blood has re- mained unmarked and practically uncare for.

In the year 1900 your good Fa- ther Maguire and the other delegates from Quebec who attended the Na- tional Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Boston brought the matter to the attention of the Convention and asked to have a suitable Celtic cross erected here at this grave.

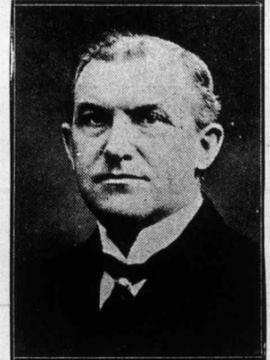
At that time our organization was not in a position to accede to their request, but at the last National Convention, be it said to the credit and honor of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America, it was vot- ed unanimously to appropriate \$5000 to be expended by the National Of- ficers for that purpose. To-day we are here assembled to unveil and dedicate this magnificent Celtic cross to the memory of those poor Irish immigrants who were hunted like wild beasts from their native land and who died victims of pestilence and fever on this bleak island, far from the land they loved, far from

ther, the Holy Catholic Church, re- deemed by the same precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

DEDICATION.

When Mgr. Begin had concluded the people proceeded from the cem- etery, where the Mass had been sol- emnized. In the afternoon, the vi- sitors went to Telegraph Hill, where the monument had been erected. Here the dedication ceremonies took place. These were presided over by Mr. Charles J. Foy, National Direc- tor for Canada of the A.O.H. Mr. Foy thanked the gathering. He first thanked those who had aided in the work. He then reviewed the wonderful history of the Irish people and in conclusion said:

"And, of all other men, both as Irishmen, as Canadians, as Ameri- cans, you and I together are bound to show the whole world that Irish- men have been in ages past what they intend to be in ages to come—a Nation and a Church that has never allowed a stain of dishonor or perfidy to be placed upon her na- tional banner or on her national al- tar—a Nation and a Church that, in spite of its hard fate and her mis- fortune, can still look the world in the face and say, although



HON. CHAS. MURPHY, Secretary of State.

"We've bowed beneath the chasten- ing rod, We've had our griefs and pains, But with them all we still, thank God, The blood is in our veins. The ancient blood that knows no fear, The stamp is on us set, And so however foes may jeer, We're Irish yet—We're Irish yet."

A WORD TO IRISHMEN.

In sobriety, in industry, in every self-respect, in honest pride of manly conduct, in the kind and friendly spirit of the laws of our respective country, lies the secret of your hon- or and mine and of our national ex- istence. Let Irishmen in Canada, in the United States, in the whole world, be faithful, be Catholic, be practical, be temperate, be indus- trious, be obedient to the law, be respectful to the flags under which we live, fight for them, if needs be, die for them—be all this and the day will come, with the blessing of God, upon you and me when the ex- iles and we, the sons and daughters of the Exile of Erin, will live to see the hope and aspirations of those dear departed fulfilled, and we will see a glorious, a free and an unfet- tered Ireland.

The official unveiling of the mon- ument then took place. His Excellency Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolate De- legate, performing the ceremony. After the veil which had hidden the main inscription on the monument had been drawn aside, His Excellency delivered a brief but eloquent address, in which he extolled the virtues and the faith of the Irish race.

Mr. Matthew Cummings, National President of the A. O. H., then spoke. He told the tragic story of "Black '47, and continued:

"We of the Irish race owe a debt of gratitude to the French priests and people of Canada for the kind- ness, hospitality, and friendship shown at that trying period to those of our race who came among them. They nursed the sick and buried the dead, at the great risk of catch- ing the malignant fever themselves. They cared for the little Irish or- phans that were sometimes found playing with the bodies of their dead parents. They brought them up in the faith of their fathers, edu- cated them, and some of those or- phans afterward became leading men in business, and in professions.

KINDRED RACES.

The French and Irish are kindred races and the friendship that exists between them is historic and of long standing. When the Irish priests and schoolmasters were banished as fel- sons by English law, France received them and cared for them. When it was a crime to educate young men for the priesthood in Ireland, France established the Irish college in Paris, educated young Irishmen, or- dained them to the priesthood and sent them back to their native coun- try to keep the Catholic faith in the hearts of the people. The Irish sol- diers after the Treaty of Limerick who refused to fight under the ban- ner of William of Orange were re- ceived with open arms citizens of that country at once, and were given higher wages than the regular soldiers of France. The Irish were never ingrates and on every battle-

friends and relatives, their only comfort, their religion, and the sight of the brave and saintly Cath- olic priest bringing the last Sacra- ments of the Church to them. We are told their resignation to the will of God in their suffering and misery was remarkable, extraordinary, and most edifying.

THE BEST TRADITION.

In the erection of this monument our organization has lived up to its best traditions. It has fulfilled a duty it owed to the memory of those poor exiles who died here seeking shelter from the misery that was forced upon them. By this act we demonstrate to the world that here in America, we have not forgotten our kindred who died the victims of a Government made famine sixty- two years ago.

That terrible famine scattered the Irish people to every corner of the earth. Lady Wilde wrote at that time:

A million, a decade, what does it mean?
A nation dying of inner decay,
A churchyard silence where life hath been
The base of the pyramid crumbling away
A drift of men gone over the sea,
Adrift of the dead where men should be.

A million, a decade of human wrecks
Corpses dying in fever sheds,
Corpses huddled on floundering decks
Shrouled dead on their rocky beds
Nerve and muscle, heart and brain,
Lost to Ireland and lost in vain.

POOR OLD IRELAND.

Here are the fever sheds where those poor people died and you are now looking at the rocks that the gifted poet mentioned in her sad verses. The flower of Irish man- hood and womanhood were forced to leave their native land to seek a living on foreign shores, and from 1860 up to the present day a half million a decade have sailed from Ireland. The first five months of the present year nearly twenty thou- sand young men and women emi- grated from the old land. Poor old Ireland is sad and lonely, almost every family is scattered and sepa- rated, but wherever the people go they carry with them the faith of their ancestors, and respect amount- ing to veneration for the Catholic priesthood. Whenever you find a dozen Irish families you will find a Catholic Church with its cross point- ing heavenward symbolic of man's redemption.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Hon. Charles Murphy was given an ovation upon rising to speak. He said he wished to premise his re-

marks by reading a message which he had received, and which was as follows: "Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 13, 1909.—Hon. Charles Murphy, Secretary of State, Ottawa.—Our grandmother, Mrs. Graham, county of Louth or Antrim, was one of the Grosse Isle victims. Ten dollars for flowers to place on the monu- ment to victims. James Harrison Brownlee, Arthur Graham Brownlee, Mrs. Stanton." While those people were, like many others who found death at this place, not of our re- ligious, yet like Robert Emmett, Charles Stewart Parnell and others, they yielded not one jot in their admiration and love for the Irish home land. The present occasion was one of pathetic and historic in- terest—pathetic in that it recalls a terrible incident, and historic in that it not only bridges the past with the present, but also marks a new era in Irish history. Hon. Mr. Murphy made a brief but eloquent reference to the famine which result- ed in the starving people crowding into ships rank with malignant germs. He pictured with striking phrase the horrors of the plague-smitten ships and the sufferings of the emigrants, those who survived the ocean voy- age only to die on the shores of Grosse Isle by the thousands.

FRENCH-CANADIAN SYMPATHY.

The sympathies of the French-Can- adians, who out of their great charity adopted the greater part of the orphans of Grosse Isle, created a bond of friendship which can never cease. Mr. Murphy then refer- red to the work of the clergy and said that while no special monu- ment or tablet told the world of their brave deeds, their memory is enshrined in the hearts of the Irish throughout the world. The A.O.H. had earned the gratitude of the Irish race for the erection of this Celtic cross. He had the pleasure of being associated with the Canadian Government in the erection of this monument, and he wished to be as- sociated in another movement. Clergy of all denominations had laid down their lives in ministering to the wants of the fever victims. Was not another duty laid upon the Irish race? He suggested that the A.O. H. take charge of the erection of another monument to the Catholic and Protestant clergy, who had laid down their lives. He said that if such a movement was inaugurated, he would like to be allowed to be associated with it by a gift of \$100. The present monument would im- press in many ways, one of the greatest of which would be the stranger who sailed up the St. Law- rence would realize that this is a land of liberty and a land of brother- hood.

CHIEF JUSTICE PAYS TRIBUTE.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, Chief Jus- tice of the Supreme Court of Can- ada, said he had come to express his testimony of honor to the mem- ory of those who had died within a few feet of where they stood. Sec- ondly, to show forth his faith in the communion of souls, and thirdly to testify his recognition of the great work of the A.O.H., who had saved the Irish race from a lasting disgrace. He paid a high tribute to the Catholic and Protestant clergy who labored among the fever vic- tims, names which will ever receive all honor, and which include the names of so many French-Canadian martyrs. An Irishman never for- gets and their names are engraved on something more durable than a granite shaft or a marble tablet. He would like to add to those already mentioned, the names of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal, who died by the score. He thanked the Apos- tolic Delegate and the Lieutenant- Governor for their presence. It was the duty of Irishmen to remain true to that faith that helped those un- fortunate to die and cheered the survivors to live—to that faith which had come down through the centuries and which to-day shone as bright from the top of Vatican Hill as it did from the Hill of Golgotha. Ireland had not been persecut- ed in vain and its people, though scattered throughout the world have ever pointed to the steeple which points to heaven.

Mr. Joseph Turcotte, M.P. for Que- bec County, made an eloquent speech in French. He spoke of the remem- brance of the Irish race in deciding that the present celebration would not be complete without a French speaker. In appropriate terms he referred to the relations between the two races.

AT THE MONUMENT.

A number of handsome wreaths were placed on the monument during the course of the ceremony, includ- ing one from the A.O.H., one from the Provincial Government, one from St. Jean Baptiste Society of Quebec, one from the St. Jean Bap- tiste Society of Montreal and one from the Brownlee family of Vancou- ver.

The proceedings at the monument closed with the singing of "God Save Ireland," led by Mr. Lawrence Fitzhenry and accompanied by the band. The Hibernian Knights and Cadets again acted as a guard of honor around the monument.

THE MONUMENT.

The monument stands on Telegraph Hill, the highest point on Grosse Isle. It is constructed of grey gra- nite and is 48 feet high, surmounted by a Celtic cross. The cross faces the St. Lawrence, and can be seen from a great distance from the decks of all steamers proceeding up and down the river. It is a most imposing and impressive structure, and, while a fitting commemoration of the sad and terrible events of which the island was at one time a witness, it reflects the greatest credit upon the Ancient Order of Hibernians, through whose patriot-

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God Bless Them.

This stone was erected to their memory and in honor of them by the Gaels of America.

God Save Ireland.

French Inscription.—"A la pieuse mémoire de milliers d'Irlandais qui, pour garder la foi, souffrirent la faim et l'exil, et victimes de typhus, finirent ici leur douloureux pèlerin- age, consolés et fortifiés par le prêtre Canadien.

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