

FATHER KILCULLEN'S JUBILEE.

Below are the addresses presented to Rev. Father Kilcullen on the occasion of his silver jubilee:

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE.
 Rev. James Kilcullen, Pastor of St. James Church, Adahat.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER—With unalloyed pleasure the clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto assemble to day before God's altar to greet you with priestly joy on the auspicious occasion of your twenty-fifth birth day in the sacerdotal state. For if men congratulate their fellows each time they reach another mile stone in their natural and physical life, ought not we, with greater reason to extend our felicitations to the man who has trodden successfully, honorably and without guile, the narrow paths of supernatural priestly life during a quarter of a century?

To careless observers, even to many of his own flock, the trials and dangers of a priestly life are unknown quantities; to us who know them too well, victory over them elicits unbounded admiration. It is a victory of the sort we are here to day to celebrate.

Although but a short time in your present parish, your people, we are sure, clearly appreciate your zeal, sincere piety and scrupulous fidelity to duty; but they little know, perhaps, of the vast field of self-denial and sacrifice you were tilling for twenty years before your ecclesiastical superiors placed you here.

Ordained when manhood had just dawned upon you, the allurements of the youthful heart were cast sternly aside, and you began in the lonely mission of Brock, the fight that was not against flesh and blood merely. Appointed a few years afterwards Pastor of Port Colborne and Welland, you worked steadily on among uncongenial surroundings, that might have dampened the zeal of a less devoted servant. You laid hold of your task without a residence and with but a wooden shell for a sanctuary. In time you secured a presbytery and built one substantial church and repaired others at a cost to yourself, of many a footsore journey, collecting money from the toilers in the powder-vent rock and alluvial mud of the Welland canal, and when the day was done your boots were the only companions you had to solace a weary mind.

Your love of classic studies—a love that is congenial in the Irish race, urged you to secure the best teachers available for the Separate School, and so marked was your success that many of its alumni are to day prominent in the learned professions.

The memory of these triumphs, dear brother, gives you a right to rejoice, as you survey them across the chasm of twenty five years and gives you and us an additional reason to thank God for giving such a power to man. Without God, no man could find a successful career in the priesthood. His work is hampered at every step by the three-headed enemy world, flesh and devil while to human consolation he is almost a stranger. The end and the crown of his work are equally deep in the shadowy future, where he looks steadily, with the eye of faith, while the thoughtless world pauses a moment in its onward swing, to cast a sneer or a smile. Like the light house far outside the port, he carries the torch of truth. He reeks not the blatant foam and buffeting billows at his feet, for he knows that yonder within, there is a safe harbor which he himself cannot enjoy until the measure of his works will be full.

We pray our good God, dear Father Kilcullen, that He may leave you amongst your people many years to labor and conquer, till full of merits and of days you shall be allowed to pluck the ripe fruit of undying life from the tree that grows in the midst of the supernal paradise.

Signed on behalf of the priests of the Archdiocese:

REPLY.

Father Kilcullen replied as follows:

VERY REV. AND REV. FATHERS—I know not how to express in appropriate language the feelings of gratitude that fill my mind at this solemn moment. To you, with whom I have the high honor, not through any personal merit, but by God's providential disposal of individuals, to be a joint laborer in that portion of the Lord's Vineyard composing the Archdiocese of Toronto, I extend my most sincere and cordial welcome on this, to me, momentous yet joyous occasion. I also feel a great pleasure in greeting my Rev. friends, not of the diocese—Father Connolly of London, Fathers Craven and Cronin of Hamilton and Father McGuire of Peterborough. Most of you, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, have come here a long distance and at great personal inconvenience, without taking into consideration the expense of travel, and for all this I assure you I am grateful.

Your great kindness and brotherly regard place me under an obligation so overwhelming that I can never repay it. Friendship in the ranks of the priesthood has introduced into the Archdiocese the beautiful custom of making the 25th anniversary of each priest's ordination a day of special thanksgiving not only to himself and parish, but I might say to the Diocese at large, because of the bond of union and charity binding all in one.

I am unable to thank you adequately for the kindly sentiments so beautifully expressed in the charming and flattering address with which you have honored me. Your fraternal affection has prompted me to attribute to me the virtues that should adorn the daily life and actions of the priest. I am well aware that in painting and extolling the perfections of the ideal perfect priest your charity throws the mantle of silence over the weakness, shortcomings and imperfections of the humble individual in order to show respect to the sacerdotal character which is indelibly stamped on him by reason of his ordination.

You will, please, kindly bear with me, while I make a remark in reference to your kind allusion to the success that has attended my efforts in my late parish. There, as in all the parishes of the Diocese, in as far as I know, the people nobly seconded every undertaking. Their moral support aided in overcoming at times, mental anguish and anxiety, and their pecuniary help removed what seemed to be unsurmountable financial difficulties. The same generous assistance has been cheerfully rendered in my present parish, so that a debt of \$7300 standing against this church and St. Francis' of Tottenham has been brought down to \$1,500 leaving on St. James' a debt of \$1,300 and on St. Francis' \$200. This has been accomplished in the brief period of little more than four years; and owing to general depression in trying times. A new church, that of St. Mary of Achil, has been also added to the parish at a cost of \$5,000, and its debt would be at present, in round figures, about \$2000. I would not advert to this, but that I feel assured from your alluding to the matter that you are one with me in thanking our Lord for the progress being made. Whilst thanking you from the innermost depths of my heart for your sincere sympathy, permit me to give utterance to the joy and gladness that should naturally fill the hearts of all, people, priests and Archbishops when we call to mind what has been done in the Diocese even within recent years. The Archdiocese has been served by a zealous, devoted and self-sacrificing priesthood. Evidence of this is visible and patent to all.

In every parish the presbytery and school have been built, the church has been erected, bearing aloft the golden angel symbol of redemption, bidding us to lift our eyes and raise our hearts to fix them on the contemplation of the imperishable joys that await the faithful servant beyond the grave.

How am I to thank you for your beautiful and appropriate gifts? They ought, and with God's grace will, I hope, remind me daily that I'm a priest, and that the priestly glory and functions are to offer up the adorable sacrifice of the Mass to honor by it even adequately the infinite Majesty of God and to sanctify the Mystic body of Christ, or His people.

These royal priestly garments will, let me hope, rivet in my mind the thought that I serve Him "who hath on His garment, and on His thigh written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." I will also accept most gratefully, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers in God, and dear conferrers in the ministry, the Chalice of Salvation, from your consecrated hands, and will invoke the name of the Lord.

Yes, I'm bound to you now by stronger links of love than united us even before this day. You will not, I know, consider it presumption on my part, on the 25th anniversary of my First Mass, to say that when offering in this chalice the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, I will invoke His name, making a special memento for the clergy of the Archdiocese of Toronto the kind donors of these rich vestments and this gold chalice.

The obligation now rests on me to pray Almighty God to illumine my pathway in life by the light of His grace, so that when we all stand before the awful white throne of the Lamb that was slain, in presence of the flocks entrusted to our care, we may be able to say each and all: "Of all those whom Thou gavest me not one has perished."

After the reply to the address of the clergy Rev. Father Walsh gave Father Kilcullen a beautiful missal, the present of his Grace Archbishop Walsh. In answer he said: I cannot find words to thank our kind hearted, noble minded and generous Archbishop who is held in benediction by his priests and people at home, and revered throughout Canada's broad Dominion and far beyond its boundaries as a learned and great prelate for this sacred mark of paternal good will, solicitude and benevolence. It will leave forever engraven on my memory the love and fealty I owe him, and renew in my mind my ordination vow of reverence and obedience to him who has been appointed by St. Peter's successor to rule the Archdiocese of Toronto.

TOTTENHAM'S ADDRESS.
 To Rev. James Kilcullen, Pastor of St. Francis Church.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER—The Catholic people of this portion of your parish in connection with St. Francis Church, Tottenham, desire to convey to you through this medium their most sincere congratulations on this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination to the Sacred office of the Priesthood, and to pray that the Giver of all good may be pleased to grant you many years yet, to labor in the Lord's Vineyard.

We cannot let this opportune moment pass without paying a tribute of gratitude

for your indefatigable efforts in affording your people in this part of the mission, frequent opportunities of approaching the Sacraments, no matter under what difficulties or personal inconveniences.

Having in the not far distant past experienced the want of a weekly opportunity of attending Divine Service in our own loved Village Church, we can the more keenly appreciate the advantage to be gained by a frequent offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and we feel confident the same ardent zeal for religion which so united our dear Pastor in procuring an assistant in order that we might have Mass offered every Sunday morning, will, also prompt him to provide his faithful flock in Tottenham with a Sunday evening service in the near future.

These evening services in the past have been noted for large attendances, and bore precious fruit, in keeping the young people of the Village and surrounding country from wandering away to places of worship other than their own.

Assuring you of our sincere love and affection and asking dear Father to accept the accompanying token and to be remembered in your prayers at the Altar, we beg to subscribe ourselves, on behalf of the Congregation.

Geo. P. Hughes, J. D. Kelly, M. J. Casserly, H. McMahon, J. E. Morrow, Jas. McLaughlin, Frank McGarrity, J. Connolly, L. C. Hughes, Jas. Finn, Thos. Q. McGoey, Ed. Donald, James Felchly, Chas. P. Kelly, James Scanlon, Jas. Egan, P. B. Kelly, Thos. Keona.

ADDRESS FROM THE LADIES.

Rev. and Dear Father Kilcullen.

This being the 25th anniversary of your ordination to the holy priesthood, it is but fitting that we, the ladies of St. Francis parish Tottenham, should extend to you our sincerest congratulations upon this so joyful an occasion, in gratitude for your devotedness and self sacrifice in the administration of our parish.

Though you have not administered the sacred rites of Holy Church at our altars during this whole period, yet knowing well your fidelity to duty during the years you have been with us, we may infer what fervor has characterized your whole priestly career.

The financial condition of church calls for our highest commendation. Who is there among us that can offer the slightest reproach to you for unfaithfulness to your ministerial duties. How often have you not consoled our dying friends and relations; how often have not your instructions recalled us to the path of duty! In a word you have been to us a kind father, friend and guide, through the difficulties of the past few years.

We earnestly pray, that He, who directs all things well, will be pleased to spare you to celebrate your Golden Jubilee, and when your earthly career is past that you will receive the Crown of Glory that awaits him who perseveres to the end.

Dear Father be pleased to accept this souvenir—a slight token of the esteem and respect of the Ladies of St. Francis.

Signed on behalf of the ladies of St. Francis.

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O. and Q. Railway	7.45 8.00	7.35 7.40
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N. and N. W.	7.30 4.20	10.05 8.10
T. G. and B.	7.00 4.30	10.55 8.50
Midland	7.00 3.35	12.30 p.m. 9.30
C. V. R.	7.00 3.00	12.15 p.m. 8.50
	a.m. p.m.	a.m. p.m.
G. W. R.	noon 2.00	9.00 7.30
	6.30 4.00	10.30 8.20
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U. S. N. Y.	6.30 12.00	n 9.00 5.45
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