

**FATHER PARDOW.**  
**HIS PROPHECIC LAST PUBLIC UTTERANCE.**  
**THE TRIBUTE OF A CONVERT.**  
 Editor Catholic Standard and Times.  
 The last public utterance of the famous Jesuit preacher, Father William O'Brien Pardow, proved to be startlingly prophetic:  
 "We are here celebrating the feast of the Holy Name. How many of us will be here to celebrate this feast next year? From a great audience of this character some are sure to go. The first to go may, more than likely, be I, for I am getting to be an old man now and expect at any time to render an account of my stewardship."  
 He came down from that pulpit and was dead from pneumonia within a few days.  
 It was the last sermon of a triduum which he preached at Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken, to a congregation of probably two thousand persons, one-half of them being members of the Holy Name Society.  
 In his first sermon he told of the merchant who saw a "pearl of great price" and gave all he possessed for it. With this pearl he pictured the value of the human soul and the care we should take of it.  
 He told the simple story of the incubator and how the little chicks, brought into life by the power of a kerosene lamp, ran about seeking their mother, some one to love them. They would not love the kerosene lamp. Man, a person, can love another person, but not a kerosene lamp. He then developed the fact that God is a person, like ourselves, capable of loving and being loved. He is not merely a "power," for we cannot love a power.  
 Father Pardow laid great stress in his last sermon on the "personality of God." He lovingly used his own mother to illustrate how the soul or personality love the kerosene lamp. He spoke of his mother's love for himself, which remained constant, though the color went from her cheeks and the white crept into her hair. His description of the scenes that came to his mind when he visited the Roman Coliseum last year was intensely dramatic. "It was easier to die for Christ in these days than to live for Him now," was one of his sentences.  
 The speaker, whose privilege it was to sit at the feet of this great teacher during those last discourses while studying the movements of the frail body of Father Pardow, the thin neck, which with difficulty supported his big brain, and the exhaustive effort required for him to preach, could not but see in him a modern martyr wearing himself out in the cause of Christ.  
 The sequel proved it. In one of his last fervent sermons Father Pardow showed how much he envied the martyrs and offered himself as a victim. God evidently granted his wish, for his martyr's crown was then but a few days distant.  
 S. H. HORGAN.  
 Hoboken, N. J., January 30, 1909.

**NEED OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**  
 His Grace, Archbishop Moeller, of Cincinnati, has just given a striking letter to the public press of that city. In part he says:  
 "The day is approaching when the necessity of religious education will press upon the people of the United States. President Roosevelt already has enunciated that fact, and Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany has done likewise. Righteousness is necessary to good citizenship, and righteousness needs the fostering care and help of religion.  
 "It is not the desire of our Church to monopolize the religious instruction of the children in the United States but we do desire that our children shall receive instruction according to the creed of our Church, and we feel that, while we are educating our children to become good American citizens, the State should subscribe in part to the cost of that education. Clergymen of some other denominations, I know, feel the same way.  
 "The enemies of the Church, realizing how potent an agency for the preservation of faith the religious education is, have nothing to do but to eliminate religious instruction from the school. Desiring to rob the people of the precious inheritance of faith, they demand a divorce between religion and education. By this means they hope to effect what formerly men endeavored to achieve by the sword, the gibbet and the dungeon—apostasy from the faith. There is evidence of growing dissatisfaction on the part of many of our citizens in regard to the secular system of our State education.  
 "The children educated in the Catholic schools, if they remain true to the principles taught there, will be a credit to their country. A consistent Catholic will be a model citizen. The fundamental of civic virtues is reverence for authority and obedience to law. These obligations are impressed on our children. In explaining the Fourth Commandment of God they are told they must not only obey their parents, but also magistrates and masters—in a word, that they must obey civil as well as the ecclesiastical—keep the laws enacted by the State as well as those made by the Church.  
 "It is the child who makes the citizen and a citizen who is guided by religious principles and truths will not fall in the obligation incumbent upon him as a citizen; he can be depended upon to do his full duty—conscience, and not the lash or the prison, impelling him to act. The man who is guided by religion believes that God knows and sees all things, that to Him he must render an account of his thoughts, words and deeds; that God loves justice and hates iniquity; that He requires that we love our neighbors as ourselves; that those in

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authority are His representatives, whom we must reverence and obey.  
 "Any one who makes such principles part and parcel of his life will do what is right and proper.  
 "Can there be any doubt that in insisting on religious education one is rendering a service to the nation and laying a deep foundation for the country's welfare?  
 "Social ostracism of the divorced would work to the elimination of the divorce evil. The growth of the evil in our day is appalling. Something should be done to check it, and, in the absence of legislative barriers, I do not know but that a traidium would prove the most efficacious weapon."  
 —Catholic Sun.

**STEVENSON'S TRIBUTE TO THE SISTERS.**  
 It is related in a recent biography of Robert Louis Stevenson that on the occasion when he visited the leper settlement at Molokai, he was accompanied by two Sisters going to devote their lives to the care of the hopelessly afflicted.  
 "I do not know," he writes, "how it would have been with me had the Sisters not been there. My horror of the horrible is about my weakest point; but the moral loveliness at my elbow blotted all else out, and when I found that one of them was crying, poor soul, quietly under her veil, I cried a little myself. I thought it was a sin and a shame she should feel unhappy, and I turned round to her, and said something like this: 'Ladies, God Himself is here to give you welcome. I am sure it is good for me to be beside you. I hope it will be blessed to me. I thank you for myself and the good you do me.'  
 "It was to Mother Marianne of Molokai that Stevenson addressed these haunting lines:

To see the infinite pity of this place  
 The mangled limb, the decimated face,  
 The innocent sufferer smiling at the rod—  
 A fool were tempted to deny his God.  
 He sees, he shrinks; but he gaze again,  
 Lo! beauty springing from the breast of pain,  
 He marks the Sisters on the mournful shores—  
 And even a fool is silent, and adores.  
 —Intermountain Catholic.

**Rochester Ministers' Tribute to Memory of Bishop McQuaid.**  
 At a special meeting of the Rochester (N. Y.) Ministerial Association the following resolution was adopted:  
 "At a time like this, when a great religious body mourns the departure of a loved leader, we remember the apostolic exhortation, 'Weep with those that weep.' We extend our sympathy to the large number of our fellow-Christians to whom Bernard J. McQuaid was a spiritual shepherd. We share with them their gratitude for his long, laborious and fruitful ministry as priest and Bishop. He rests from his labors and his good works are his abiding monument. Paul's motto was his, 'This one thing I do.' And as Paul's word for 'death' signifies the lifting of the anchor as for a voyage, we doubt not the apostle's hope made radiant the Bishop's dying hours.  
 "Firm in his convictions, ceaseless to his devotion, unwearing in his benevolent activities, Bishop McQuaid's influence will long be felt in this city, and his memory will be cherished as a faithful servant of the Church and man of God, 'Being dead, he yet speaketh.'"

**Death of Mrs. Tobin.**  
 Mrs. Honora Tobin, relict of the late Thomas Tobin of Petrolia, and mother of Rev. John V. Tobin, assistant rector of St. Mary's church, in this city, died at her home 504 King st., on Thursday, Feb. 18th. Mrs. Tobin had been ill since last September but the immediate cause of her death was an attack of pneumonia. She was born in Noughthead, seventy-six years ago but had lived in Canada over sixty years. She at first lived in Richmond Co., in the vicinity of Indiana and Caldwell, where she was married in 1841. Fifty years ago, together with her husband, she moved to lot 8, section 8, Emuskellen township, where she resided until the death of her eldest son, William, last September, when she moved to this city.  
 Mrs. Tobin was predeceased by her husband about a year ago. She is survived by four sons, Patrick, Rev. John V. Tobin, assistant rector of St. Mary's church, Richmond and Robert at this city, and two daughters at home, Mary and Margaret, and Sister M. Sophia of St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham. Two others died when quite young. The funeral was held from her late residence in this city to St. Mary's Church on Saturday, February 13th. Burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery by Rev. J. J. Crowninshield, Galt, with Rev. M. D. O'Neil as deacon and Rev. F. Foster as sub-deacon. Rev. J. T. Asward, rector of the cathedral, preached the sermon and spoke in very high terms of the deceased. In the society were also Rev. D. Downey (the master of ceremony) and Fathers P. Brennan, Egan, Arnold, P. Brennan, Ford, Hussey, Valen, Galt, White, Greer and her son, Father Tobin. The remains were interred in the family plot in

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 There is no death for such as he, but gain of eternal life.  
 At this transition's mystic end, with revelation clear, His avowed smile—doth it not prove ecstatic Vision's spell?  
 His scornful laugh and quietude, of spirit-capture tell! No sting, O Death, for Christ's beloved—thou art his peace!  
 Survival is the need of good; death's seed is human soul.  
 The holy soul, the pure of heart, Christ's promised crown.  
 Then he, the "Alter Christus," reaps celestial harvest now.  
 Despite his painless, folded hands—his child and his pallid brow.  
 His was the perfect Christian life, that served both God and man—  
 The soul of apostolic zeal, that strove the world to save.  
 The lofty mind whose finite lore sought inspiration's crown—  
 Death yields to Immortality, by grace of such renown!  
 "Is life worth living?" wordings ask. No not if death be coal!  
 But O the majesty of life! for this immortal soul!  
 The dignity of children's end, by noble penance taught.  
 That self-indulgence is the blight of soaring deed  
 That sacrifice must be the base of service high and pure.  
 That consecration is the test of causes that endure!  
 That life is not the private gain it seems to selfish men.  
 But God's grand trust of stewardship for good of fellow-men!  
 Compare the records of this life—one of the chosen few.  
 With memories that weaken leave, and deeds the soulless do.  
 And take to heart the vital truth by modern men forgot.  
 That he who liveth not in Christ, is he who liveth not.  
 The mortal sense, the world's mad race, the mere "milk human breath."  
 In these are no immortal life, but everlasting death—  
 Oh, let us seek to true ideals, to life's divine phase—  
 The precept of this priestly life, the practice of his days.  
 Doth he regret "the world well lost" for heaven's deathless joy?  
 His sacrifice of Prius' vain stress, and pleasures lead with pain?  
 The Via Crucis of his choice was Suffering's lone way.  
 Yet moving to the paths of peace that worldlings miss for aye.  
 He might have led lay-steps of fame, where wealth and honours are.  
 Instead his Order's galaxy enshrines his spirit's star.  
 In humble robes, by toilsome ways, the great became the small.  
 Yet "found his life in losing it," and triumphs o'er the pall!"

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 "Oh, Lord, Thy kingdom come."  
 They sat at home and wondered why  
 The children did not succeed.  
 She cheated her card and couldn't tell.  
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 —W. E. CROSSLER.

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**New Business** 23464 applications for insurance amounting to \$3,654,272.40 were accepted and policies issued therefor.  
**Insurance in Force** The insurance in force on the Company's books at the close of the year under 76,184 policies, after deducting all re-insurances, aggregated \$12,152,949.39.  
**Income** The net Premium and Interest Receipts of the year were respectively \$612,112.48 and \$140,619.63, a total of \$652,732.11, an increase over the previous year of \$55,494.99.  
**Disbursements** The payments to Policyholders or Heirs for cash profits, Surrender Values, Matured Endowments and Death Claims aggregated \$141,118.78, an increase over the previous year of \$26,874.55. All other disbursements amounted to \$220,342.85, making the total disbursements \$361,461.16.  
**Assets** The Company's assets, consisting mainly of first mortgages on real estate, amount to \$2,663,994.47, an increase of \$207,065.43. The Municipal Debentures held by the Company remain valued at the low market price prevailing at 31st December, 1907.  
**Liabilities** The reserve on all "Ordinary" business has been computed on the Hm. 3 1/2 per cent. basis. The total reserve on all policies in force amounts to \$2,424,777.00. The liabilities, including reserve for profits accruing but not due and contingent and other funds, amount altogether to \$2,512,785.47.  
**Surplus** The surplus on Policyholders' account shows the largest increase in the history of the Company and amounts to \$151,208.00 on the Company's Standard. The Surplus computed in accordance with the Government requirements is over \$295,000.00.  
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