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REV. DR. MEAHAN HAS PASSED AWAY

Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist Church Had Spent Eighteen of His Twenty-five Years of Priesthood in St. John.

After a long and heroic battle against a malignant disease, Rev. Dr. Arthur Woodworth Meahan, parish priest of St. John the Baptist church, passed peacefully away last evening at his home in Broad street. Expressions of sincere regret were heard on all sides last night as the news of Father Meahan's death spread through the city. He was one of the most able and outstanding priests in the diocese of St. John, and his genial manner and engaging personality had made for him a host of friends amongst all classes of citizens. Although eighteen of his nearly twenty-five years in the priesthood were spent in St. John, he had labored in other parts of the diocese and was widely known throughout the province.

During the sixteen years of his attachment to the cathedral parish, Father Meahan did notable work. For five years after his ordination in 1897 he was an assistant at the Cathedral, and in 1902 was made rector, in succession to the late Rev. F. J. McMurray. He continued to act in this capacity for more than ten years when, in 1913, he was made parish priest at St. Andrews (N. B.).

A man of wonderful personality and gracious manner, he had a magnetic influence among men. One of the best speakers in the diocese, his sermons were clear and strong and his appearance in the pulpit striking. Whenever Father Meahan preached there were usually large congregations.

He did excellent work in all the societies of the Cathedral, and especially in the Holy Name Society. As head of this society it was his custom to deliver monthly Sunday evening sermons on Church History that always attracted large numbers. The abiding character of the work that Father Meahan did at the Cathedral is proven by the evidence of it that are still to be seen in the parish.

When Father Meahan left the Cathedral to go as parish priest to St. Andrews in 1913, his departure was keenly regretted, and on that occasion a purse of gold and an address were presented to him by members of the congregation. After acting as parish priest in St. Andrews for about two and a half years, he was transferred to Milltown upon the death of Rev. Monsignor E. J. Doyle. Father Meahan served about two years in Milltown, after which he returned to St. John as parish priest of St. John the Baptist church, following the death of the former pastor, Rev. F. J. McMurray, in August, 1919.

During his previous years of labor in St. John, Father Meahan had established for himself a place of high regard among the people of the city, and he was warmly welcomed back.

For the last three or four years Father Meahan had been afflicted with a disease that latterly had caused him great physical suffering. But he was a man of wonderful physique and a strong character and his superb courage and exemplary fortitude would not permit him to lay aside the duties of his office when he might well have done so long ago. Although incapacitated, especially during the last few months, when the fatal effects of his disease were accumulating into an ever increasing tax upon his strength, Father Meahan persevered right up to the very end.

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But after his last public appearance amongst his flock Father Meahan had but little longer to live. On Sunday he was confined to his bed. By yesterday his condition was critical. At 5 o'clock last evening he lapsed into unconsciousness and a few short hours afterwards he breathed his last.

There will be particularly keen sorrow amongst the people of his own parish of St. John the Baptist and amongst his former parishioners of the Cathedral.

But there will be genuine regret at his passing not only amongst the Catholic people of the city and diocese but on the part of a great number of non-Catholics, amongst whom Father Meahan counted a host of friends. He was one of the best known priests in St. John for a great number of years.

The late Father Meahan was born at Shediac (N. B.) on June 7, 1873, and was therefore in his forty-ninth year. He was the son of the late John Meahan and Margaret A. Sullivan Meahan. The family subsequently moved to St. John.

He was educated at St. Joseph's University, Memramcook, where he took his classical and philosophical courses and made part of his theological studies. He was graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1894 and for a time taught at the college.

Later he went to the Grand Seminary in Quebec where he completed his theological course. His college career was a brilliant one. He was ordained a priest by the late Right Rev. J. Sweeney, D. D., Bishop of St. John on July 9, 1897.

From the date of his ordination until September 1902 Father Meahan was an assistant at the Cathedral but at that time he was made rector.

He was granted the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in May, 1912, by Laval University, one of the oldest institutions of learning on the continent of which the Grand Seminary is one of the constituent parts.

In May, 1913, Father Meahan went to St. Andrews and in November, 1917, he was transferred to Milltown. He was made parish priest of St. John the Baptist church in September, 1919.

It was announced at the Bishop's Palace last evening that the pontifical mass of requiem would be celebrated by

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, probably on Thursday morning. Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, who succeeded Father Meahan as parish priest in St. Andrews, will preach the funeral oration. If these arrangements are adhered to the funeral will take place at Melrose, Westmorland county, on Friday.

John D. Lyons, of New York, a cousin of Father Meahan arrived in the city yesterday. T. J. Sullivan, of Moncton, is an uncle of Father Meahan and Mrs. Mary J. Lyons and Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan, of Waltham, are aunts.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Gunter-Boone.
In the Fairville Baptist parsonage yesterday afternoon, William E. Gunter was united in marriage to Mrs. Gertrude E. Boone, of Presque Isle (Me.), the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. T. Clark, of Melrose, Westmorland county. The wedding was quietly celebrated. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Gunter left on a trip to Portland (Me.). Mr. Gunter is a member of the firm of Murray and Gregory, Limited.

RECENT DEATHS

Mrs. Maria Pedersen.
The death of Mrs. Maria Pedersen, widow of Hans Pedersen, occurred yesterday morning at her residence, 8-8 1/2 St. John street, at the age of eighty-six years. She is survived by four sons and three daughters. The sons are: Christian, of the Sandy Point road; Walter, of Glen Falls, Torvald residing in Fredericton, and Hugo of Chicago. The daughters are Mrs. Louisa Alexander, of Hartford (Conn.), Mrs. Jackson, of the Hawaiian Islands, and Alice, at home. The funeral will be held from her late residence on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. T. S. McAuley.

The death of Mrs. T. S. McAuley occurred last evening at 11:30 o'clock at her home, 26 Castle street, Kings county. She leaves an infant daughter, eight days old, her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, of Sussex. One brother, Everett Sharp, Quisenberry, and three sisters, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. E. J. Leach, and Mrs. E. J. Benton. Miss Edith Sharp, Benton, also survive. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Miss Edna Ritchie.

The death of Miss Edna Ritchie occurred yesterday at her home, 26 Castle street. She was the third daughter of Mary and the late Marmaduke Ritchie. Besides her mother, she leaves three brothers, Mr. E. J. Leach, and Stewart, of this city; and three sisters, Evelyn, Mary and Florence, all at home. The funeral will be on Thursday at 8:45 a. m., to the Cathedral for requiem high mass.

The death of Wallace A. Richardson occurred yesterday at his home in Sydney. Mr. Richardson was editor of the Sydney Record and learned the newspaper business in St. John with the late Messenger and Visitor. He was sixty-one years of age and was seven times elected mayor of Sydney. He leaves his wife, two daughters and three brothers.

FIVE YEARS FOR ROBBERY

Windsor, Ont., Feb. 8.—Five years in Portsmouth penitentiary was the sentence meted out to William Rowan, twenty-three, of Walkerville, at Sandwich, yesterday, for highway robbery. Wilfred Adams of Amherstburg identified Rowan as the man who held him up and compelled him to hand over \$2,500.

ORDER TO STOP GERMAN STRIKE

Berlin, Feb. 8.—As the result of an agreement arrived at between the trades unions and the government, the unions yesterday announced their intention to instruct their various organizations to terminate the railway strike.

STARVING LIONS RESCUED.

Circus Animals Stranded by German Rail Strike Cared For.
Hamburg, Feb. 4.—Forty-five lions used by the Hagenbeck circus in its "Quo Vadis" spectacle, which were stranded in the freight yards here at the beginning of the railway strike, have been rescued by the Technische Nothilfe, a relief organization.

Several of the animals were transported to the municipal zoo in requisitioned wagons, and arrangements were made to feed others in the railroad yards.

NEEDLES, GOLOSHEES FOR PRINCESS MARY

London, Feb. 8.—Presents for Princess Mary are beginning to arrive in great volume. The other day she accepted a magnificent fur coat, made from the skins of blue beaver rabbit. It has a wonderfully soft texture. Princess Mary was greatly interested in the rabbit industry during the war and kept many hutches in the palace stables, where I visited them many times.

The London Guild of Needleworkers has presented the Princess with a wonderful case of needles. The Pattern-makers' Guild is presenting her with a collection of goloshees and rubber footwear.

BOOTLEGGER'S ROADS UNSAFE FOR CIRCUIT RIDING PASTOR

Syracuse, Feb. 8.—The Rev. Frank H. Wright, Wesleyan Methodist church pastor at West Chazy, near Plattsburg, N. Y., was obliged to give up his pastorate and become a professor in Houghton Seminary, on account of the excitement attendant upon booze running. He told the conference of that church in session here. He said he had two charges and was obliged to cover forty miles in three night trips each week.

Even with a rifle in the car and driving the car in the ditch, he said, he made up his mind the roads of Northern New York were unsafe for ministerial circuit riders and gave up his charges.

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The new "Crepe Knit" fabric is much in demand for afternoon and sports wear and vies in popularity with the charming Canton Crepe. Paisley patterns used in combination with plain colored materials are decidedly new. Beaded designs; colored ribbons cleverly arranged; and touches of hand stitching or embroidery lend distinguishing touches as trimmings.



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LOCAL NEWS

It was decided to dispose of the assets of the estate of G. Jean, of Lunenburg, Shippagan, at a meeting of the creditors held at the office of the Canada Permanent Trust Company, authorized trustees, yesterday afternoon.

The trip of the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to the West Indies has been arranged, and the party will leave Halifax on February 16 and return about April 11. The object is to introduce Canadian goods and get acquainted with the business men of the West Indies. Clifford McAvity will be the only St. John representative.

The St. Vincent's Alumnae were hostesses at an assembly given in the Knights of Columbus rooms last night. Seventy couples were present. Music was furnished by Jones orchestra. Bridge tables were also placed in the reception room. The committee, Miss Waterbury and the Misses Regina and Gertrude Lawlor. Refreshment committee, Mrs. E. J. Ryan, Mrs. E. P. O'Toole, Miss B. Mooney, Chaparones—Mrs. James MacMurray, Mrs. E. P. O'Toole, Mrs. E. J. Henneberry.

The Daughters of Israel met last night in the Hebrew school room in Carleton street. There was a large attendance of members and Mrs. Joseph Goldman, the president, was in the chair. A silver dish was raffled and was won by Mrs. A. Rakovsky, of 41 Spring street. Four members were welcomed and Mrs. Berman, of Sackville, an out-of-town member, was cordially greeted. Refreshment was served and a gratifying report of philanthropic work received.

Miss Hoyt, the agent of the Traveler's Aid returned yesterday after a much needed vacation. This branch of the Y. W. C. A. work has proved of inestimable benefit to women and girls traveling alone and the recent endeavor to cut down expenses by dispensing with some of the staff have led to protests from the railway authorities who realize the need. Miss Mabel Jamieson, who was in the city yesterday after a tour of Nova Scotia, expressed herself as well pleased with the work done in the campaign for the new Women's building here.

The first examination to be held in the Wallace Nesbitt junior first aid competition was held last evening in St. Paul's church school room when a team from No. 2 St. John troop, Boy Scouts, was examined by Dr. Skinner and Dr. Bridges. There will be twenty-six examinations in all of teams throughout the province. The team examined last evening was composed of Murray Strong, captain; Aubrey Peters, Edward Chase, Arthur Roberts and Herbert Warren. The boys, who were trained in the first aid work by Mr. Hamm, the scoutmaster, went through the examination very well. The contest is being held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association.

The many friends of J. Frank Smith, 233 Lancaster street, west end, will be pleased to learn of his appointment on the board of directors of the Canadian Association of Massage and Remedial Gymnastics. The appointment was made at the annual meeting of the society held in Toronto on January 27. Mr. Smith is at present the manager at the Lancaster military hospital and, although blinded in the recent war, has already achieved an enviable reputation in his profession. Mr. Smith began studying at the St. Dunstan's Hostel, London (Eng.), and completed his course at

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