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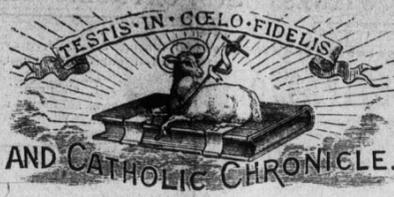
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Archbishop's Pastoral Visit to St. Patrick's On Sunday Last.

Eloquent Addresses—Imposing Ceremony—Immense Congregation.

This afternoon your Grace will preside over a solemn and impressive ceremony, and call upon the mercy and goodness of God upon the souls of our dear departed ones. As we pray this afternoon, for those loved souls, you will allow us to associate with them the soul of the devoted mother who has recently been taken from Your Grace's affections. May all their souls repose in the Lord's holy peace.

And now we ask your Grace to bless us. Bless us with a father's hand, and may that blessing in bringing joy to our hearts, draw us closer to God, enabling us to fulfil all through life the mission of a true Irish people, to love their church firmly, faithfully in spirit and in truth.

ARCHBISHOP'S REPLY.
Replying from the throne, Archbishop Bruchesi told of the great pleasure he always felt in visiting the parish of St. Patrick's, adding that the sentiments and desires of St. Paul when speaking to the Ephesians were his sentiments and desires when speaking to the good people of St. Patrick's, and his heart went out to the good people before him, for it was not the first time he had visited them, for often he had come within the walls of the historic church when he was yet a child clinging to the hand of his father. His Grace declared that he was not a national bishop, but a bishop of the Catholic Church, and the people of St. Patrick's were just as much his dear children as those of any other parish in the diocese. That afternoon prayers would be said for the departed priests and faithful of the parish, and he deeply appreciated the delicate sentiment expressed by their pastor when he asked that the faithful might be allowed to associate His Grace's mother with their own loved dead.

Mgr. Bruchesi proceeded to say how grateful the people of St. Patrick's should be that their church was in such a splendid position from a temporal point of view. There was not another church in the city in the same position financially, all of which was due to the zeal of the previous pastors and to the people's generosity. He mentioned the names of Fathers Dowd, Quinnivan and Callaghan and asked the people to work together for the glory of their religion and the welfare of their race. There was a time when St. Patrick's was the only English speaking parish in the city of Montreal, and it was only a few days ago that he had established the eighth parish of English-speaking Catholics, and there would be others in the near future. His Grace said that he intended that all such parishes should have priests of their own nationality.

The Archbishop said he wished to give the people of St. Patrick's some practical advice under three heads. The financial condition of the church was good, as it might be better. It was very desirable that every family should have a pew in the church. This would not only aid the funds of the Church, but it would likewise tend to strengthen the ties which bound them to their spiritual home. In the second place all good Catholics should contribute to their pastor's support. This was a duty and a debt of honor which each family should ever forget, each family paying two dollars, and those who lived alone, one dollar. Thirdly, His Grace drew the attention of the faithful to the fact that it was very desirable that in case of a death in the family a funeral service should be held in the church. In this connection His Grace referred to the society called the Union of Prayer, which he would like to see established in this parish. It was not merely for the poor but for all Catholics, and for the sum of twenty-five cents per annum, the benefits of the society were assured to all.

Mgr. Bruchesi then referred to the change which had recently taken place in the pastorate of St. Patrick's, and about which too much had been said and written. Referring to the obedience which all Catholics owe to authority, His Grace mentioned the fact that a bishop could not always confide to the faithful the reasons which led to such changes. What he did was accomplished with a full knowledge of his own responsibility before Almighty God. He knew that unfortunate words had been spoken, but he was glad to say that ample apology had been made. All men were liable to err, but when a man acknowledges his error and apologizes he proves his manliness. For his part His Grace said that everything was forgotten.

The Archbishop then referred to the present pastor, Rev. Gerald McShane, as one who had been born and brought up in their midst, and who was a member of the order of St. Sulpice, whose Superior was al-

lowing him to remain at St. Patrick's for a certain period. That, however, did not mean that this order was in control of St. Patrick's parish. The Archbishop then warned the people against anything that might shake their faith, for at present the church was the subject of attack. A certain preacher had asked if progress had been made in different branches of science, then why not progress in religion? The Lord did not say he came to found churches, but "my Church." That which was established in truth could not be changed, and that which was handed down from heaven could not be modified. If the contrary idea prevailed then there would be no God. The Archbishop said he had the greatest possible respect for his non-Catholic friends, but, while loving them, Catholic people must not admit their errors. He had been asked if a Catholic could occupy a position as organist or be a member of a choir in a Protestant temple, and his reply was in the negative. His revered predecessor had taken this matter to the supreme authority, and the reply was against any such proposition. Anyone occupying a position in the choir of a Protestant church or at the organ would be participating in the service, and this could not be done by a Catholic.

His Grace also reaffirmed the Catholic position as regards mixed marriages. This was, however, nothing new, as he said, it had been affirmed and reaffirmed time and time again. The results of such unions, he declared, were in the main disastrous to the faith. Supposing, he said, that a Protestant husband were to promise that the children would be brought up in the Catholic faith, but the mother died, who could possibly say that the child would be educated and brought up a Catholic? While the Catholics wanted to live in peace and harmony with the Protestants, there must be no compromise where the principles of the true faith were concerned. He asked them to remember what their forefathers had done in Ireland for their faith, and he appealed to the people of St. Patrick's to hold fast the faith that had been handed down to them.

The Episcopal blessing was then imparted.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the Libera was chanted for the repose of the souls of all the departed ones of the parish. His Grace officiating, after which solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given, bringing the pastoral ceremonies to a close.

Afterwards His Grace called upon the ladies of the congregation of St. Patrick's Academy, where Mgr. Bruchesi and the pastor were received by Rev. Mother Aloysia and her assistants, the Archbishop expressing the greatest pleasure at the wonderful chance that had taken place during the past year, and voiced the hope that St. Patrick's Academy would continue the good work carried on during so many years. A call was also made at the home for old men and women, under the charge of the Grey Nuns, as well as to the boys' school, Ste. Genevieve street.

OBITUARY.

MR. HENRY R. GRAY.
The death occurred suddenly on Tuesday evening of Mr. Henry R. Gray, the well-known chemist, at his residence, 99 East Sherbrooke street. He was sixty-nine years old, but had enjoyed vigorous health up to a few days ago, and even on Tuesday attended to business as usual. That evening, however, he returned home complaining of feeling worse, and he gradually became weaker until death occurred shortly after 11 o'clock.

Mr. Gray's drug business was established in 1859, and has become one of the city's landmarks. Ever since that date he was a proprietor in St. Lawrence ward. In 1887 he was chosen to represent it in the City Council, and his work as chairman of the Health Committee during the smallpox epidemic of the following year will never be forgotten by medical authorities of the city.

Ex-Ald. Gray was born on December 30th, 1838, at Boston, Lincolnshire, England, and was educated at Standard Hill, Nottinghamshire.

Mr. Gray was one of the founders of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, and was successively secretary-treasurer, vice-president, and, for three years, president, while up to a recent date he was a member of the board of examiners. He was also one of the charter members of the Montreal College of Pharmacy, and for two years its president.

He was elected alderman for St. Lawrence ward in 1884, afterwards being appointed chairman of the local Board of Health and serving during the whole of the disastrous epidemic of smallpox which overtook the city in 1885. During his aldermanic term he was also a member of the civic Road Committee.

In 1885 Mr. Gray succeeded in having a by-law passed making it necessary for scavenger debris to be cremated, and was afterwards instrumental in the establishment of an incinerator. He served as alderman for three years and then declined reelection.

Mr. Gray married Miss Katharine Margaret McGale, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Bernard McGale, in his lifetime of the Army Medical Staff. Mr. Gray was also a life governor of the Montreal General Hospital.

MR. A. D. LACROIX, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.
Mr. A. D. Lacroix, general director of the Catholic schools of Montreal, who had been in failing health for some time past, and had gone to Florida with his daughter for the benefit of his health a short time ago, died on Friday last at Palm Beach.

The late Mr. Lacroix had been director-general of Montreal Catholic schools for the past three years, and for almost twenty-five years before that had occupied the position of principal of Montcalm school. He began his career as teacher at the age of eighteen. He was first teacher in Molson College, then professor in St. Mary's Academy, and later principal of the St. Vincent de Paul school, returning to St. Mary's Academy as principal.

Besides his work in connection with Montreal educational institutions, Mr. Lacroix was for twelve years secretary of the St. Jean Baptiste Association, later becoming secretary-general of that organization. In 1904 he was appointed director-general of Catholic schools in the city, a position which he held up to the time of his death.

MRS. MARTIN EAGAN.
The death occurred with painful suddenness on Friday morning last of Bridget Hart, wife of Mr. Martin Eagan. Deceased had been indisposed for about a week, and grave fears were entertained almost from the first for her recovery. The end came, after intense suffering, and with perfect resignation, and fortified with the holy Sacraments of the Church. Mrs. Eagan had many friends, friends whom she had kept all through life, and by these she is mourned sincerely. Mrs. Eagan was a most retiring disposition, devoted to her home and family, a truly Christian woman, giving quiet-

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Presentation to Mr. Martin J. O'Donnell, Jr.

A special meeting of St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society was held on Sunday, February 17, for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. Martin J. O'Donnell, Jr., who for some years past, had been the recording secretary of the Society. Mr. O'Donnell has left for St. John, N.B., in the interests of the Canadian Fairbanks Co., who have promoted him to an important position. His many friends and well-wishers before his departure decided that his past services should not be forgotten.



MR. MARTIN J. O'DONNELL, JR.
ten, and that a suitable present be made him. This took the form of a handsome traveling bag, which was presented to Mr. O'Donnell by the Spiritual Director of the Society, Rev. Father Killoran, in a few well chosen remarks, to which Mr. O'Donnell gratefully replied.

ly to charities, and her sorrowing husband and children have taken from them. To these the True Witness extends its heartfelt sympathy. May her soul rest in peace.

The funeral, which was very largely attended, took place at St. Patrick's Church on Monday morning. The Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Gerald McShane, assisted by Father O'Reilly and Father Hefferan as deacon and subdeacon respectively. Mr. Lamoureux sang at the Offertory "Pie Jesu" very sympathetically, and the body was the plaintive strains of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," pealed forth from the organ. The chief mourners were Mr. Martin Eagan, husband; Mr. F. Eagan, son, and Messrs. Chas. F. and T. Hart, nephews. Among others noticed in the cortege were: Messrs. W. McNally, Judge Curran, Judge Doherty, C. F. Smith, Ald. Clearihue, P. McCrory, Dr. Harrison, C. A. McDonnell, B. Tansey, F. J. Hatchet, J. P. Cleghorn, James McShane, John Dwyane, P. McDermott, O. McCormack, J. P. Cuddy, D. J. O'Leary, T. Christie, F. Lagan, T. Larkin, A. O. McGillis, R. C. Barry, T. C. O'Brien, E. Cummings, J. A. McShane, Felix Casey, T. McGrail, J. Murphy, M. Fitzgibbon, W. P. Durack, M. C. Foley, M. Burke, Ald. Gallery, M. Downs, T. P. Crowe, C. Coghlin, George Sumner, H. Kavanagh, F. Connolly, J. G. Kennedy, J. Lonergan, D. J. Sexton, Ald. O'Connell, F. C. O'Brien, John Johnston, D. T. Foley, J. Jones, D. J. McGillis, P. F. McCaffrey, Jas. Scott, G. C. Egan, W. J. Graham, D. McIntyre, L. E. A. Cholette.

Anti-Alcoholic League Holds Meeting.

On Sunday afternoon last, in the Monument National, the Anti-Alcoholic League held an important meeting. Representatives from several of the temperance and fraternal societies in the city spoke.

Alderman S. J. Carter declared that it was advisable to obtain legislation whereby saloons in the city would be forced to close at seven o'clock on Saturday's and ten o'clock every other day in the week. It was not the intention of the meeting, however, so he said, to formulate drastic measures against intemperance. Their idea was rather to educate the people up to realizing its evils.

Chief Justice Taschereau presided, and brief speeches were made by Dr. Guerin, Mr. S. Chevalier, of the Chosen Friends' Society, Mr. Idor Lariviere, of the Independent Order of Foresters; Mr. V. Morin and Mrs. F. H. Waycott.

REV. JAMES BROWN.

The death occurred last week in Alderney, England, of the Rev. Jas. Brown. Father Brown is affectionately remembered by a great number of the parishioners of St. Patrick's, among whom he labored for quite a lengthy period. His zeal to bring those outside the Church within its pale is a thing spoken of very frequently, and a little devotion he established, that of saying daily a Hail Mary with the aforementioned intention is faithfully observed by some to this very day. May his soul rest in peace.

Rev. James Brown was born in Hampshire, England, in 1829, and came to Canada in 1842. He received his education in Montreal College and Montreal Seminary. He completed his theological studies at Issy, France, under the care of the Order of the Sulpicians, where he was ordained on the 29th May, 1858. He joined the order and served for a few years as a missionary among the Iroquois at Oka. He was then removed to this city and was for many years at St. Patrick's Church, and also at St.

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A dream of future bliss:
A disappointment, a cross;
An hour of pain for friends we miss,
A taste of happiness—
A bitter struggle, and a strife
A fleeting joy born for a day,
An atom that must pass away,
And this is life.
—Rev. P. T. O'Reilly.