

AN HUMBLE TRIBUTE.

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE FATHER JAMES CALLAGHAN, S.S.

WHO DIED AT THE HOTEL DIEBU, MONTREAL, ON THURSDAY, 17th FEBRUARY, 1901.

"The faithful, the pious, the Priest of the Lord, His pilgrimage over, he has his reward."

—THOMAS DAVIS.

So long have my harp-strings been unstrung, I thought the last of my songs was sung. That the knell of my Muse had long since rung, As the spirit of song had ceased.

As fond and true as a faultless child, With heart as humble and spirit mild, How his kindly eyes forever smile'd, Like a dawn in the golden East!

His eloquent voice is silent now! With fervor's halo upon his brow, Methinks I can hear him preaching now, As of old, ere his mission ceased.

Oh! the power of our Church's holy word! At times it would flash like a flaming sword, Again was it meek, like the One adored, By the gifted, faithful Priest!

The sound of his steps to the listening poor, As he tramped his mission from door to door, Will gladden their sorrowing hearts no more, Like the advent of a feast.

But deep in those hearts are lasting flames, O grateful love; and the Holy Names Will they long invoke for Father James— For the soul of the gentle Priest.

We'll miss him in pulpit and at Mass; On the streets, where we saw him daily pass; In the parents' home; in the children's class— And on Ireland's Patron Feast.

We'll miss him more as the years go past— Adown the future his life will last, A radiant glow that will ever last, Like the priesthood of the Priest.

"Farewell" is not what our lips should say— The parting is only for a day— He is with us still, as we fondly pray— Though his life-strife now has ceased.

Let him sleep a while 'neath the sacred sod; Let us walk a while 'long the way he trod; And we'll meet him soon in joy with God— Where he's still the Church's Priest.

MONTREAL, 8th February, 1901.

J. K. FORAN.

exceptional beings upon whom Heaven has bestowed some of its choicest gifts, to astonish, and dazzle the world by the prodigies of faculties phenomenally developed, even where these faculties are much marred by defects and weaknesses.

MANLY WORDS. — The following interview, with Mr. Charles Murphy, barrister, of Ottawa, who is well known in Montreal through his connection with the Capital Leagues Club in 1893, with a representative of the "Free Press" of the Capital, will be read with more than ordinary interest by our young men in Montreal who are familiar with Mr. Murphy's manly and fearless action on all occasions.

THE CATHOLIC LAYMAN believes that the Catholic people should cultivate a broader fraternity among themselves. They should get better acquainted with one another, and implicitly trust each other in everything.

A JUBILEE MANUAL. A neat and useful manual of the grand jubilee of 1901 has been published by a Redemptorist Father with the authorization and recommendation of the hierarchy of the Province of Quebec.

RIDDLE OF THE UNIVERSE. A good thing is always enjoyable come from whatever source it may. The Saturday "Evening Post" recently contained a contribution of significant importance from the pen of Joel Chandler Harris.

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store by its unproved and unproved hypotheses, there is still, and ever will be, the most profound respect. But the science that calls it "modern" goes about with a block, and has its "modern" and "scientific" passing on preserves that are "post-eriors." The feeling that it creates is one of dignified amusement, for what can be more incongruous than the spectacle of a person who knows for his own the domain of knowledge — the knowledge, that is to say, of material things — dancing about in the arena of faith, declaring that there is no such thing as an immortal soul, and giving to that declaration the form of a dogma?

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CHRISTIAN RELIGION. — "Let us transport ourselves in spirit to the dawn of the Christian era, and let us stand in imagination on one of pagan Rome's seven hills. We see at our feet that immense city teeming with a population of about three millions of inhabitants. We observe that metropolis dotted here and there with idolatrous temples, and niches to false gods erected in corners of the streets. Those people are given up to every species of idolatry. They worship the sun, the moon and the stars of heaven, and the seas and rivers, the mountains and groves have their tutelary divinities. They worship every being except God alone, to whom alone divine homage is due.

"Rome was the focus of the idolatry of the empire. Every divinity was adored throughout the vast dominions of Rome had his temple or his shrine in the imperial city. What I say of Rome I might affirm of the Roman Empire, and what I affirm of the Roman Empire I could assert of the civilized world, for Rome was mistress of the world."

"Such was the condition of society when Our Lord appeared on the theatre of public life. He calls around Him twelve insignificant men — men without wealth, without prestige of fame, men without political or social influence, men without any of those elements which are considered essential for the success of any great enterprise. He commanded them to effect the most mighty moral revolution which has ever occurred in the history of the world. He commanded them to uproot idolatry from the face of the earth, and to establish instead the worship of the one true, and living God. He commanded them to eradicate the most darling and inveterate passions from the hearts of men and to plant in their stead the peaceful reign of Jesus Christ.

"No rational and dispassionate mind can review the history of the infant church without discerning the stamp of the divinity impressed upon her brow. When we consider the rapid growth of the Christian religion and the feeble instruments that were employed to produce such results, when we consider the hostility which the apostles encountered in the whole course of their ministry, when we consider the opposition they met with from the learned and from the populace, above all, when we reflect on the sublime and austere moral code which they proclaimed to a people whose religion tolerated and

even sanctioned the most dissolute morals, we are forced to admit that Christianity was divine and miraculous in its origin." — Extract from a recent sermon by Cardinal Gibbons.

SANCTITY OF THE HOME. — Speaking at a recent banquet, held by the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Keane said: "The Knights realized that there was an influence greater or more powerful than that wielded by the knights of the sword and lance. That influence was the influence and power of love — love of country, love of home and love of family; love of the right and hatred of the wrong. The keynote, he said, had been touched by Mr. McCarthy, when he said that the Catholic clergy and the Catholic laymen must go hand in hand. He said that if they were true knights they would war against every vice that tended to destroy the purity and sanctity of the home.

THE BETTER PART. — When as a young man, full of the spirit of manhood, with every faculty of body and soul, there presented itself to this view of his spirit the picture of worldly delight, an honorable life, an honorable career in the world, when he saw before him the picture of a happy home and heard the sweet laughter of little ones, that might perhaps some day have cheered his life, he saw the avenues of an honorable course open to him, his heart must have been touched, nature seemed to say, choose that; but there stood before him on the other hand, the lone figure of the Crucified Lord. He looked upon him with a look of love and, beckoning, said: "Follow Me." He did not hesitate an instant. By the force of his will he broke the spell of the world's dream of happiness and followed Christ. He entered the seminary and prepared himself for the arduous duties of the priesthood. How beautiful is the picture of the young man, full of life, full of brightness, full of hope, as he entered the sanctuary, goes up to the Pontiff of the Church, bows his head and says, the Lord is the portion of my inheritance forever. — Extract from a sermon by Rev. Joseph Schreibe, at the obsequies of Rev. Father Kinney, Grand Rapids.

WHAT IS GREATNESS. — In moving an address of condolence to the Royal Family in the House of Commons, Sir Wilfrid Laurier thus defined greatness: "What is greatness, after all? We are accustomed to call great those

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