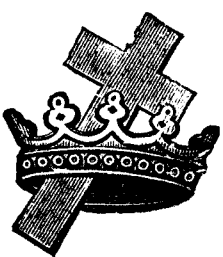


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LAST SAD RITES.

The Body of Ex-Premier Thomp- son Interred on Thursday.

Imposing State Funeral Procession From
St. Mary's Cathedral to Holy Cross
Cemetery—Sermon by Archbishop
O'Brien—Halfax Draped in Black.

Halifax, Jan. 3.—The remains of the late Sir John Thompson were entered in the Holy Cross cemetery this afternoon, and the last of a series of great honors to a Canadian statesman was carried out with all the pomp and splendour attending a state funeral. No place in Canada has better facilities for a ceremony of that kind, and the service in St. Mary's cathedral and the succeeding funeral procession were such as to leave a lasting impression on the thousands of those who took part in and witnessed the funeral. The honors paid to the deceased premier after his tragic death in Windsor Castle, where he had just received the greatest gift available for a Canadian, at the hands of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, awakened the interest and sympathy of the Canadian people. Hardly more could have been done for a member of the Royal family. The touching scenes at Windsor Castle, and subsequently in London, and again at Portsmouth, when H. M. S. Blenheim departed with the remains for Halifax were repeated when the funeral ship arrived in port New Year's day, and again to-day when the last respects were paid. Everything possible was done to evidence the grief of the country at large at the loss of its first statesman and citizen.

In direct contrast to the dreary wet weather of Tuesday, when the ceremony of receiving the body from the Benheim was carried out with Imperial military honors, to-day was fine and moderately cold. The incoming trains this morning brought great crowds of people from all over Nova Scotia, and the outside proceedings of the day were witnessed by many thousands. The attendance at the funeral service was necessarily restricted to people of official positions. After lying in state all day yesterday the remains were removed at seven o'clock this morning to the catafalque in St. Mary's cathedral, Lady Thompson and family and David P. Tupper, having taken a farewell look at the remains late last night. There was a distinguished gathering present, including Lady Thompson and family and relatives, The Excellencies, Lord and Lady Aberdeen, representing Her Majesty, Sir Auckland Bower and his cabinet, Lieutenant General Montgomery Moore and staff, members of the provincial cabinet, high government officials, judges from all over Canada, and hundreds of other prominent people.

The requiem mass and funeral service in St. Mary's was conducted with all the pomp and splendour of the Roman Catholic church. Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, was the celebrant, and Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, the preacher. They were assisted by a staff of deacons and sub-deacons. At 10 o'clock His Grace Archbishop O'Brien entered with his assistants and took his seat on the throne on the gospel side of the altar. Bishop Cameron, with his clergy, sat near the epistle side of the altar. Afterwards they both proceeded to the centre of the altar, blessed themselves and the confiter was said. Archbishop O'Brien then retired to the throne. Bishop Cameron mounted the altar and said the Introit. After the collects the sub-deacons sang the epistle and the choir, the "Dies Irae," which as translated by Archbishop O'Brien, is pronounced by competent judges to be one of the most faithful renderings of the original sacred verse. Afterwards the celebrant continued the solemn service, including the oblation of the chalice and preface, the latter being sung by the celebrant.

Archbishop O'Brien preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his text I Kings, C, XII, 2, 3 and 4.

"Having then conversed with you from my youth until this day, behold here I am speak of me before the Lord and before his anointed."

"Whether I have taken any man's ox or ass if I have wronged any man, if I have oppressed any man, if I have taken a bribe at any man's hand, if I will restore it this day and will restore it to you."

And they said, thou hast not wronged us, nor oppressed us, nor taken ought at any man's hand."

In opening His Grace said: Before the remains of the honored dead are borne hence to their last resting place it is meet some words should be spoken in this sacred edifice to tell of a life and hope amidst the sadness and gloom that encompass us round about. It is no exaggeration to say that the great heart of Canada has been strangely aroused as never before, and a sorrow deep in this sense of loss, and pathetic by reason of the noble qualities of its object, awakened; nor has the mourning and regret been confined to our Dominion. From across the ocean an echo of the empire's wail has reached our shores. From far and near have come unmistakable evidence of regret. No outward mark of respect to the memory of the departed has been omitted. From our gracious Sovereign down to the lowliest citizen, from personal friends and political opponents an abundance of such tokens has been given. The

representative of our Queen and the civil power of our country are here to give all pomp and circumstance to his funeral, but man dies not with death. In the midst of our mourning the solemn rites of religion, tinged though they be with human sadness, yet have an under-tone of consolation, of hope, awe, of triumph. The pleading tones of the "Dies Irae" are not the wailings of despair; they are rather the expressions of confidence in an infinite mercy. And finally, before the remains are carried forth, exultant words, which contain a promise and an assurance of victory over the grave are intoned. "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me, although he die, shall live and everyone that liveth and believeth in Me shall not die forever."—John XI 25 and 26. Our sorrow then is not as that of those who mourn without hope, for we know that our friends though dead to the world, live before God, and although their bodies may be left to moulder in the tomb, we ever hear the consoling words of our Saviour spoken near the little town of Bethany, "Thy brother shall rise again."

He continued for about three-quarters of an hour, after which the remaining part of the funeral service was proceeded with. The canon of the mass followed with its accompanying ceremony and prayers. After the celebrant accompanied by the ministers, proceeded to the catafalque and performed the absolution. During the recital of the Lord's prayer the priest sprinkled the corpse with holy water and afterwards intoned it. The musical portion of the service was conducted by W. F. Compton, with T. J. Payne as organist. Following was the programme: Miserere Mei, Mr. J. B. Currie; mass, Requiem Aeternam, Kyrie, Des Ira, Domine Jesu Christe, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, Mr. Schmidt; Lux Aeterna, Gregorian; hymn, "Now the laborer's task is o'er," from the collection of his Excellency the Governor-General of Canada. The quartette consisted of Mrs. H. B. Hagarty, Miss Metzler, Mr. Willis and Mr. J. B. Currie.

TO THE GRAVE.

At the conclusion of the service the coffin was borne to the funeral car standing at the main cathedral entrance on Spring Garden road. It was decidedly striking in appearance. The dark drapery hanging about the sides almost concealed the wheels of the car. Thick tassels dangled at the corners, and the rich drapery was caught up with silver lace. In the centre of the coffin rested, and over all a height of eight feet was a large canopy supported on columns of black and silver and surmounted with plumes and crests. The funeral cortege then proceeded to Holy Cross cemetery, where the interment took place.

MASS AT ST. MARY'S, WINNIPEG.

Requiem high mass was solemnized in St. Mary's church on Thursday morning for the repose of the soul of the late Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada. The Rev. A. J. Cherrier was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Father Messier and Father O'Dwyer.

Father Allard, administrator for the diocese of St. Boniface, who preached at the Requiem mass, after complimenting the reverend pastor for the energy shown in having the service in honor of the dead statesman, who not only loved his country, his Queen and his family, also loved and had the courage of his convictions when fighting for a just cause. The dead statesman, he said, believed in the immortality of the soul, so did all who came to participate in the service in honor of the dead statesman, as all who are Christians did. Her Majesty Queen Victoria did, as was shown by the fact that she called a Catholic priest to say service over the dead statesman with in her own household. He hoped all would follow the example of the illustrious statesman and stand by their convictions, whether they be Protestant or Catholic—be just, avoid sin and honor God, thereby becoming followers of God and be numbered among the just.

His honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who had been invited was unable to attend, and was officially represented by Capt. Heward, commandant at Fort Osborne, and by a number of his household staff.

The church was hung with black and white, the draperies falling from the roof to the side galleries. The windows were darkened with crepe, and the altar and pulpit heavy with black. At the foot of the altar steps the catafalque stood framed with lighted candles. At the after part of the service the flag of Canada was draped over the bier. The service were of a most impressive character. Rev. Father Allard read the burial service. The church was filled with a congregation of mourners and worshippers. All the O. M. I. were present, also the Society of Jesuits. The D. A. G. and staff were present with Capt. Heward, and the officers of the Dragoon, Major Coutlee and the Battery officers. The requiem mass was sung by the choir and Miss Barrett sang as solo at the offertory, "Some Sweet Day." Doane's beautiful hymn, "The Organist, Mr. Evans, played "The Dead March in Saul," at the conclusion of the service.

HIS LAST SPEECH.

The following is a full report of the speech delivered by Sir John Thompson

at the Colonial Institute, London on Tuesday evening—the evening before he died.

"I wish the strength at my disposal this evening would enable me to express all I feel in sympathy with the Colonial Institute and my appreciation of the paper we have just heard. The Ottawa Conference had for its primary and significant feature the appreciation of the whole people of the Dominion. It was impossible to have exceeded the enthusiasm felt with the objects of that conference, even in the most remote parts of that country. A good deal has been said about meetings of that kind being characterized by a display of sentiment and sentimentality. For my part I look upon it as one of the great achievements of the conference, one of the great justifications for the conference, that the sentiment of the people of Canada responded instinctively at the first mention of the preparations for that assembly. (Cheers.) Nothing could have exceeded the enthusiasm aroused upon the arrival of our fellow-colonists and the Earl of Jersey as representing Her Majesty's Government. It was felt by our people that in Australia, New Zealand and in Cape Colony millions of our fellow-colonists were as interested as we were in the development of the empire and the mutual trade of the colonies with each other, which development has been all these years without the slightest touch of, or approach to, kinship. And it was felt that the moment had arrived, the opportunity had come to reverse that state of things and show the world we were a united people. (Cheers.) One of the great objects of the conference, apart from questions of trade and trade arrangements, was to avail ourselves of the opportunities presented by rapid communication, and to lessen from each other. Already, as you know, tenders have been called for by the Canadian Government for laying the Pacific cable and it is a gratifying fact that these tenders place the cost of the work within 1,000,000 less than any estimate previously formed. One can judge by that fact of the possibilities of cool results attending the conference. The carrying out of the undertaking must in a great part depend upon the action of Her Majesty's Government, as the project is too great for any one colony to materially aid it. But when I mention the fact that Canada stands ready to support it by a liberal subsidy and that I believe the Australian colonies stand in the same position, and seeing also that the cost has been already lessened by \$1,000,000, you will realize how completely within our grasp that undertaking is at the present time. (Cheers.) Another undertaking of the establishment of a British line of steam communication between North America and Great Britain. Within a few weeks after the conference a vote was carried in the Canadian Parliament by which \$150,000 a year were pledged for that service, and the felling of the Canadian people has been so thoroughly aroused from one end of the Dominion to the other that, although in some parts it needs the assisting hand of Her Majesty's Government the accomplishment of that object is as certain as any on the programme that has been laid down, and it is also completely within our grasp. The establishment of that service is a thing assured and a thing assured within a very short time. (Cheers.) These are the results which have followed the assembling of the conference so far. The possibilities with regard to grade with all these colonies at the Cape of Good Hope and in Australia and New Zealand, are very great. I have not the opportunity or strength to do fully with them this evening, but in common with Lord Brassey I venture to hope that the influence of all who sympathize with our projects, will be liberally extended to us, and that the feeling may be increased here as it exists in the most distant portions of the empire, that the day may come not only when the colonies should be united more closely together, but when they should have a more practically useful connection with the heart of the empire itself." (Lord cheering.)

Lady Thompson visited the cemetery before dusk Thursday and took a last look at the casket as it lay at the bottom of the vault. After the bereaved widow left a floral offering which was placed on the casket over the top of the vault for the time being. The granite slab which is to permanently close the vault and will be about flush with the ground, is being put in position to-day. A detachment of a guard of the King's Liverpool Regiment remains on duty at the grave.

Subscriptions to the Lady Thompson testimonial fund in the city of Ottawa are being coming in a very encouraging manner. D. O'Connor, C. Q., started a list and in a few days has managed to collect over \$200. The list includes the following: Hon. M. Bower, Sir A. P. Caron, Sir C. H. Tupper, Hon. J. P. Patterson, Hon. J. A. Oulmont, Hon. Mr. Angers, Sir Chas. Tupper, London \$500 each; Hon. John Haggart, \$250; Hon. John Costigan, \$200.

The candles burned beside the dead were the same used in the Benheim, and were sent to the archbishop by Capt. Poir, whose thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated by the clergy and the public.

Before the removal of the coffin from the church, which was accompanied by the usual ceremonies, the office was taken up by Archbishop O'Brien, who said the absolution, and sprinkled and incensed the corpse.

The catafalque and coffin during the mass were covered by a heavy pile of white and gold colors, sent by Lady Aberdeen.

The vestments of the officiating clergy were all newly made for the ceremony. They were extremely beautiful.

The congregation were directed to keep in their seats while the body was being escorted out of the church.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The old year has passed, with its joys its sorrows; The New Year has come, with its hope and its fear; And now on its threshold of unknown to-morrow, Dear friends, we would wish you A Happy New Year.

We ask not for honor, we look not for treasure These last but a moment—they soon disappear; Though ours were silver and gold without measure, Oh, these could not bring us A Happy New Year.

We know not what cares e'en now be before We know not what joy or what grief may be near; We know not what voice may be missed from our chorus, When next we shall wish you A Happy New Year.

But we know that the smile of our Father In Heaven Brings sunshine to sorrow, dispels every fear; He will not withhold who a Saviour has won, And oh! may be send you a Happy New Year, Amen.

THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS HOME.

Santa Claus Brings Joy and Happiness to The Little Orphans.

Where grow the Christmas trees— "The green, deep-rooted Christmas tree— By what brave toil, in which rich soil, Can spring the blossoming Christmas tree?"

New Year's Day, 1895, will be remembered by the little inmates of St. Boniface Orphan's Home. The happy idea of providing a goodly supply of presents etc., at this festive season for the little ones, commenced about three years ago by philanthropic citizens of all denominations, was more than successful this year, when a committee consisting of Messrs. E. Cass, T. D. Deegan, A. McKinnon, J. J. Golden, D. Smith and E. L. Thomas visited the institution. They had with them goods of every conceivable nature from a side of beef to a silk handkerchief and when they entered the institution they were met by a whole host of gladdened faces. Without delay the Santa Claus (D. Smith) of the party broke open a barrel of oranges and rolled the contents on the floor whereupon the little tots descended in joyous mirth.

The Rev. Sisters of Charity in charge of the orphanage extend their sincere thanks for the generous remembrance. "Giving to the poor is lending to the Lord." May He bless and reward the kind friends, and grant them a prosperous and happy New Year, is the sincere wish of the Sisters. Among the numerous contributors may be mentioned Jerry Robinson, J. W. Peck & Co., Geo. Craig & Co., D. Smith, E. Cass, A. McKinnon, E. L. Thomas, T. D. Deegan, S. A. McGaw, Manager Lake of the Woods Milling Co., Kilgour, Rimer & Co., Kobl & Co., Corbett & Co., S. A. Ripstein, P. Gallagher & Sons, B. Frank, T. M. Walsh, H. Priel Booth & Long Co., Ryan, P. Marrin, T. John, Paulin & Co., Parsons Produce company, J. Y. Griffin, A. McDonald & Co., R. J. Whittle & Co., J. J. Tomlinson, N. Bryant, Brownrigg & C. M. Noakes, Rocan & Co., G. F. & J. Galt, Thompson, Colville & C., Macpherson Fruit company, Rubley, Riddle & Co., J. Scarf, T. Sagrot, Adair & Woodley, Harrington, W. Bryant, J. O'Donohue, Elliott, Gasselin, Guibault, Burke, Beliveau, Couture, Turner, Poulter, Parry, J. Prendergast, Mrs. L. Bawlf and Mrs. St. Laurent.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Items of Interest to Catholic Readers gathered from many sources.

Two Sisters of Mercy from San Francisco have joined the teaching force of the Eugene, Ore., academy.

A portrait of Mgr. Satolli, by A. Mueller Ury, the Swiss artist is soon to be placed in the Corcoran Art Gallery at Washington.

A manuscript of the Book of Ecclesiastes, in characters, indicating a very early date, has been discovered at Tolosa. It is attributed to St. Jerome.

Rev. Francis Gauthrelet, the venerable Jesuit a brother of the founder of the Apostleship of Prayer, died at the Jesuits' College, New Orleans, in December.

An important discovery was recently made at Naples. In the catacombs of the Church of San Domenico have been found the remains of the celebrated Italian poetess and friend of Michael Angelo, Vittoria Colonna, Marchesa di Pescara. The body is well preserved.

The health of the Holy Father continues to be remarkably good. His capacity for work becomes more and more astonishing to those who surround him.

A portrait of the Virgin Mary and the Infant Jesus, alleged to have been painted by St. Luke the Evangelist, is attracting crowds to the English Catholic church in the Avenue Hoche, at Paris. The picture belongs to the Passionist Fathers, having come to them from Col. Szerelmay, a Hungarian, who obtained it in 1829 in the Holy Land. He there it is said, assisted a Greek monk in distress, who died, leaving this picture to the colonel for his kindness. The picture is painted on copper, in ancient encaustic colors, and is ten inches by eight. The painting and drawing is rude, and the inscriptions on it are in early Chaldaic, running like this: "Mine eyes have seen Jesus, Miriam." "Give strength to Thy servant, Luke." On the back are inscriptions in Chaldaic and Greek of each of the five first centuries after Christ. The picture was found in a stone coffin, buried in a dried up well near Jerusalem. Aside from any question of authorship, it is a remarkable example of early Christian painting.