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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

"If the English-speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their
 best interests, they would soon make of the 'True Witness' one of the most prominent and
 general Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent
 work."
 —PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH.—Long years of custom made sacred by the loyalty and confidence of parishioners of St. Patrick's since its foundation, which has been transmitted from one generation to another, has urged its worshippers, for the past month to cast glances towards the pulpit each Sunday at High Mass while their pastor occupied it making the regular announcements of the week, in the hope that some explanation might be forthcoming regarding rumors put into circulation by the daily press that changes were impending in the pastoral direction of the parish by which the Order of St. Sulpice that has given to our race, from its ranks, spiritual guides of superior attainments who have displayed a zeal and devotion to our people at critical periods in our history, with which but few of those whose eyes fall upon these lines have had time or the advantage to familiarize themselves. It is not our intention in this hurriedly written introductory to a statement made by the present pastor, Rev. M. Callaghan, to enter into the details of what the "True Witness" considers the debt of gratitude we owe to the Seminary of Montreal for its gentle, fatherly and wise administration of the spiritual and temporal affairs of our central parish, that task we will perform at a more opportune moment, namely, when the changes have taken practical effect. In the meantime it is a source of much satisfaction to the "True Witness" to now realize that the editorial comment it made in connection with the rumors, has been practically endorsed by the Pastor of St. Patrick's, as may be seen by the following report of his remarks made at High Mass on Sunday last.

After having announced the arrival of the missionary Fathers, Father Callaghan said:—
 "Many rumors have been put into circulation recently concerning our parish which have occasioned much anxiety and uneasiness amongst the parishioners. Let me say at the outset that those rumors should not disturb you in fronting by this holy season of the Mission which will be inaugurated in this Church to-day. The rumor that the pastoral charge of this parish has been relinquished by the gentlemen of the Seminary of St. Sulpice is not without foundation. It is already an accepted fact as they, with the deepest regret, could no longer continue the administration of St. Patrick's, and in consequence, expressed a wish that the Archbishop should take it under his immediate control.
 Now the affairs of the parish will be administered in the future, our beloved Archbishop will tell you at some future day from his pulpit. I am confident that His Grace will arrive at a conclusion in regard to this important matter which will be commensurate with the traditions of the past, and conserve the spirit, essence and importance that has so marked a feature in its history of more than half a century.
 Our beloved Archbishop has always held the Irish people in the highest esteem, and has given them striking proofs of his affection and loyalty. In the present instance we have no hesitation in saying, that the interests, spiritual and temporal, of the Irish people, and that he has manifested his appreciation of St. Patrick's congregation by placing the pastoral charge in the hands of a man who is about to take place which will be sanctioned by all the

St. Patrick has always watched over this parish and we who are entrusted with the duty of administering its affairs at present confidently look to him to assist us in upholding the fair name and reputation which it has so long enjoyed that of the premier and banner parish of the Irish race in this Dominion.

Much favorable comment was heard expressed amongst the parishioners after Mass at the timeliness and appropriateness of the pastor's remarks.

IRISH CATHOLIC EMIGRANTS.—In this issue we publish a letter in which our correspondent deals pretty severely with a section of the contemporaneous French press, and in particular with "Le Journal" of this city. We may be mistaken, but it seems to us that beneath the writer's arguments there is a slight undercurrent of political bias; but, be this as it may, we are confident that he has very good grounds for his comments regarding the attitude of the Irish Catholic element in the United States. What confirms us the more in our accordance with our correspondent is the fact that since his letter reached us we have found the very same statements of "Le Journal," regarding the falling away from the Faith of Irish Catholics in America, repeated in other organs. For example, a subscriber from Sorel sends us a clipping from "La Patrie," which states that Mr. J. L. K. Lafamme, of the Woonsocket, R.I., "Tribune," reproduces an article from the Boston "Transcript," which gives some very forcible comments of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons on the Irish as a nation of Apostles. By the scrap sent us we cannot discover whether it is Mr. Lafamme's paper or "La Patrie" that adds the subsequent comments. But it matters little which paper is answerable for them, they consist of a forced contrast between the Catholic missionary work done by France and that done by Ireland. And it closes with this significant paragraph:—
 "Fifteen million unbelievers and national apostates against five million faithful—is too costly. Otherwise we do not understand the value of the merits that constitute the glory of a race." Prior to this, in the body of the article we read this question: "Of the 20,000,000 Irish emigrants, how many has the Church retained in her fold? Has she retained the quarter of them?"

Here we have the same thing repeated; exactly the remarks that awakened the ire of our correspondent. While we do not in any way hold ourselves responsible for that gentleman's statements and opinions (and he is apparently well able to defend them himself), still we must say that we are exceedingly surprised at this reiteration of such a strange accusation against the Irish Catholic immigrants to the United States. We cannot believe that a number of journalists, in Canada and in the neighboring Republic, would combine to deliberately slander a whole race; yet, we are at a loss to account otherwise for these statements. The article before us says—referring to the supposed number of Irish apostates:—"On this point, sta-

tistics give us information cruelly eloquent."
 If this means anything, it means that reliable statistics prove that three out of every four Irish Catholics, who came to the United States, renounced their Faith. At least this is a very plain statement and cannot be misunderstood. Such being the case, we would ask the "Tribune" of Woonsocket, or "La Patrie," or "Le Journal" of Montreal, or any other organ—in Canada or the United States—to be so kind as to furnish us with the aforesaid statistics. We are not flying into a passion, nor are we at all unreasonable in our request. We make no denial, no assertion. We simply say that we cannot conceive it within the range of possibility that fifteen million Irish Catholics renounced their faith in the United States. If it can be proven to us that such is the case, we are ready and able to accept the truth, and while deeply deploring the facts, we will honestly acknowledge them. But if it cannot be proven, by official and unimpeachable data and statistics that these statements are well founded in truth, then we will know how to brand the fabricators of such a stupendous slander. We give them the opportunity of substantiating their assertions. We want no quibbles, no hedging, no suppositions, no hearsay reports; we want cold and exact and authentic statistics. We want the number of Irish Catholics entered as immigrants in the United States,—the years in which they emigrated from Ireland; the sections of the country from which they came; the sections of America in which they established themselves; the denominations to which they now belong; those of them who became Protestants, of any denomination; those who renounced Catholicity and drifted into infidelity; the churches, other than Catholic which they frequent; the principal centres in which these apostates live. If, as is claimed, there exist statistics so eloquently cruel, or cruelly eloquent, they must set forth all these facts. We are anxious to learn where these fifteen million Irish apostates from Catholicity are to be found. Mark well! We make no denial; we simply want the positive information, and that we must have, or else we will read some people a lesson that they will not forget when next they undertake to publish estimates of peoples, creeds and races.

MR. DEVLIN A CANDIDATE.—The cable announces that Mr. Charles Devlin, Dominion Agent in Dublin, has been tendered the nomination for Galway, Ireland. It appears that Mr. Devlin is willing to accept the nomination of the Nationalists which means that his election is a foregone conclusion. This will give another Canadian in the Imperial Parliament, although his services naturally lie in the first instance for the benefit of Ireland and her needs. Canada is the most prominent example of a country contented and loyal under Home Rule, and as Mr. Devlin is gifted with the eloquence of his race, speaking as he will with Canadian experience, not only as a citizen of this country, but as a former member of the Dominion Parliament he must of necessity prove a valuable auxiliary to the Hon. Mr. Blake who has already done so much for the Irish cause and brought Irish-Canadian talent and worth into such distinguished prominence.

CONDOLENCE.

At a recent meeting of Sarsfield Court, No. 133, C.O.F., feeling references were made by the Chief Ranger and others to the recent bereavement sustained by Rev. Father Flynn, C.S.S.R., of St. Ann's Church, in the death of his esteemed father. A resolution conveying the sympathy of the officers and members of the Court, to Rev. Father Flynn was passed.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Sunday, 1st March, 1903.—Males 322, females 41. Irish 193, French 125, English 29. Scotch and other nationalities 15. Total 508.

THE NATIONAL FESTIVAL.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of delegates of the Irish societies of Montreal was held at St. Patrick's Presbytery on Monday evening last, to make arrangements for the celebration of the National festival. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Martin Callaghan, P.P., of St. Patrick's, and the following societies were represented: St. Patrick's Society, by Mr. B. Connaughton and Mr. T. J. O'Neill; St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society, by Messrs. J. J. Costigan and J. A. Blanchfield; Young Irishmen's L. and B. Association, by Messrs. J. P. Cunningham and P. O'Flynn; Ancient Order of Hibernians, by Messrs. P. Keane and Jas. McIver; St. Ann's T. A. and B. Society, by Ald. D. Gallery, M. P.; St. Ann's Young Men's Society, by Messrs. J. E. Merry and R. J. Hart; St. Mary's Young Men's Society, by Messrs. J. A. Heffernan and T. J. Norton; St. Gabriel's T. A. and B. Society, by Messrs. Jas. Kane and C. O'Rourke; St. Gabriel's Literary and Debating Society, by Messrs. P. Monaghan and J. Cantwell.

After a few appropriate remarks from the Rev. Chairman, the meeting, which was a most enthusiastic one, then proceeded with the immediate business of the evening of deciding upon the route of the procession and naming of the marshal-in-chief. To St. Gabriel's parish the privilege was given of having one of its members, Mr. J. Wheeler occupy the time honored office of marshal-in-chief.

After High Mass at St. Patrick's Church, which will be held promptly at 9.30 o'clock a.m., the procession will reform and pass along the following streets: West on Dorchester, down Windsor, along St. James, Inspector, Notre Dame, McCord, Smith, Murray, Ottawa, Colborne, Notre Dame, McGill, Craig and Alexander streets to St. Patrick's Hall, where addresses will be made.

Before the meeting adjourned ex-Ald. B. Connaughton proposed a resolution expressing the sincere hope that the Rev. Martin Callaghan, present pastor of St. Patrick's Church, would, notwithstanding the impending changes about to take place in the pastoral direction of St. Patrick's Church, continue to hold that high and honored office. The resolution was seconded by Mr. T. J. O'Neill, and unanimously adopted. Rev. Father Callaghan made a short reply during the course of which he said that he was glad to see the spirit of harmony which prevailed in their ranks and thanked them for the good wishes expressed in the resolution.

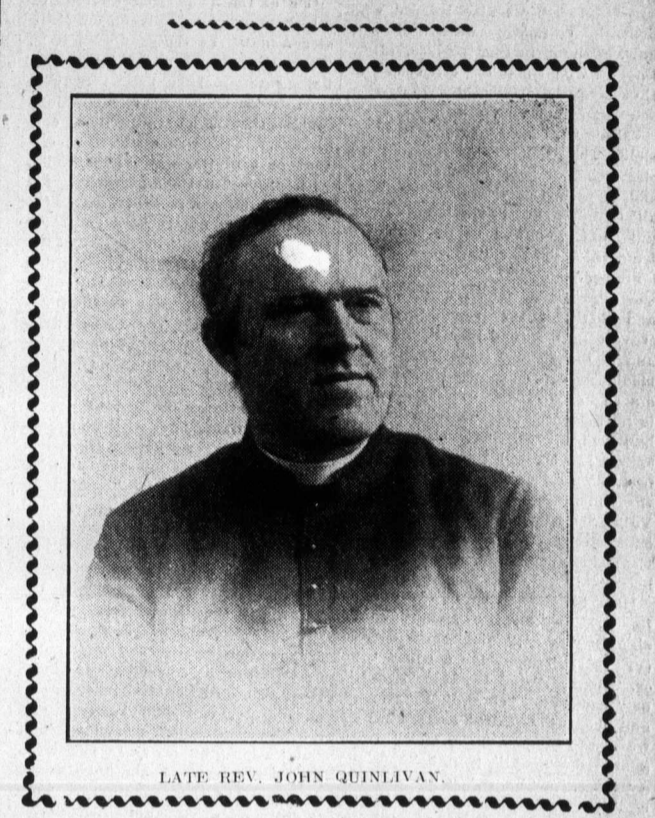
Y. I. L. AND B. A.—The members of the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benefit Association just now are busily engaged in making preparations for their annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day. As usual the Association will have its accustomed place in the parade, and a larger turnout than heretofore is expected.

This being the one hundredth Anniversary of the death of the Irish patriot, "Robert Emmet," it is considered that no more appropriate selection of a drama, for production by the Dramatic Section on St. Patrick's night, could be made, than the play dealing with incidents in the life of that illustrious son of Erin. The cast selected for the presentation of the drama is a competent one in every way, and those concerned are working assiduously towards providing an entertainment that will be a credit to themselves and to the association they represent. The role of "Robert Emmet" will be essayed by Mr. M. J. Power, whose handling of it on former occasions, justifies the expectation of an intelligent interpretation in connection with coming production. All the other roles will be in the hands of experienced amateurs, and, altogether, it is safe to predict an artistic and capable portrayal of the different characters of the play.

The association was fortunate in securing Proctor's Theatre for the entertainment as the comforts and conveniences to be found in that play-house are second to none of any in the city, and are sure to be appreciated by the numerous patrons of the Society.

The reserved seat sale has commenced at Mulcair Bros., 1942 Notre Dame street, and judging by the number already taken up, a record attendance is anticipated.

First Anniversary of Death of Father Quinlivan.



LATE REV. JOHN QUINLIVAN.

Next Thursday will be the first anniversary of the death of Rev. John Quinlivan, S.S., third pastor of St. Patrick's Church, this city.

The "True Witness" could not allow the occasion to pass without, at least, presenting to its readers his portrait which will recall to them the features of a priest whom all will concede manifested characteristics which entitle him to a place of distinction in the ranks of those of our race who have rendered valuable services to our people in Montreal.

We are not of the class that indulge in outbursts of hero-worship or declarations of sorrow which only survive the sound of the last spade of clay that falls upon the tombs of our priests who have consecrated their lives for our spiritual and temporal happiness. But we are of those who believe that our people would wield a powerful influence if they profited by the lessons of the lives of our priests, and our laymen too, who have manifested either in the Church, the state or the home, a spirit of unselfishness, courage and good-will, in prosperity and adversity, to be true and steadfast to their convictions of religion and nationality. We are of those who would welcome the day when the spirit of honoring the memories of our distinguished dead will not be a whispered thing, but be considered as a living and noble action—a duty devolving upon all good men and true, so that in and around the sanctuaries of our Church and in our public halls the memories of priests, at least—will be honored that they may convey an object lesson to the rising generation.

Now that a year has intervened since the death of Father Quinlivan we can, free from the shock which its announcement had caused when last we penned an appreciation of his labors, bring to our task, all brief, though it will be in this issue, a calmness and method which it was quite impossible to have done a year ago when the flash of the cable announced the fatal consequences of the surgical operation to which he had then submitted. Of the character-marks that impressed us in our casual intercourse with the good priest, we were touched by his humility and his gentleness; that humility which is not lacking in aggressiveness; that gentleness which is adorned by firmness, when the trumpet call of duty is heard.

Let any of our readers, who have assisted at the exercises in St. Patrick's Church, or in the lecture hall, in the class-rooms of our schools, in reunions of our religious and national societies, in our social gatherings, where the late lamented priest

was present and called upon to address them, dwell upon his bearing and method of speech and ask themselves if humility and gentleness were not the twin characteristics that made him such a welcome guest. Two fine and well developed faculties of mind which Father Quinlivan possessed in an eminent degree were his sense of the beautiful in art, and his keen insight into men and affairs and their possibilities for the future as auxiliaries to religion and nationality. Of the former we have monumental evidences in every portion of the Church of which he was so justly proud, while in the latter a glimpse may be obtained in the erection and organization of the Catholic High School, and in bringing to his counsels some of his parishioners in connection with the renovation of the Church which was the first step in the direction of making the laity share in some degree the responsibilities and the duties in the temporal concerns of the parish.

During his career of pastor which extended from 1892 until 1902, a space of ten years, many of which were spent in long intervals of the most excruciating pain, occasioned by the constant development of the disease which was the ultimate cause of death, he never faltered in the performance of his duties. The pastorate of St. Patrick's in itself is a task of no ordinary character, involving as it does the direction of a congregation located within boundaries that traverse more than one-half of the city, and associated with it by virtue of being the first church of our race in Montreal, certain paternal rights that cause those of other creeds and nationalities to look to it as the leader in matters affecting Catholics speaking the English language, and in a particular manner, Irish Catholics. What of the immediate duties of pastor, in the presbytery, in the sanctuary, of the supervision of the administration of the institutions for the orphan, and the poor, and needy, of the hours spent in giving counsel and solace to troubled hearts of parishioners, and a hundred or more other duties each of which call for the most careful attention, and which it would be only possible to enumerate after having devoted long years of careful observation to the task. Let those who are accustomed to falter—much less criticize our pastors and our priests generally, in the performance of their duties, as parishioners meditate for a moment upon the Christian heroism of the saintly priest who performed all these tasks, great and small, without a murmur, only when it was to voice the profound regret that he could not do more, not alone for his parishioners but for the race from which he had sprung.