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Sunday last was an eventful day is St. Patrick's, inasmuch as is in the history, are more milestone along the the task and mission con-ided to me, well aware also of my personal unworthiness. The care of souls, the administra-tion of a parish, means in every case very serious obligations before God much and as the moment of the more than ordinary responsibili-tick's' means to most of us. To who know full well what "St. Pat-rick's' means to most of us. The approached the edifice. After the mean merely a place of work is the made Father McShane read the the made Father McShane read the

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Dearly Beloved Brethren: You are already aware of the many that will take place, my Sunday, the 29th day of the month, in the spiritual direction of the next this

Sintay, in the spiritual direction of pur parish. The Reverend Martin Callaghan has infilled in your midst the mission confided to him. He has now re-turned to his community of St. Subjee, which had allowed us to utilize his services for a few years. We are anxious to testify to his seal, to the good he has accomplish-ed, to the good he has accomplish-ed, to the good he has accomplish-determined to conversions he has been instrumental in making. All this is very well known to opu, yet it is with special pleasure that we take this occasion of ex-pressing our grateful appreciation. The incidents and excitement evok-ed by his departure have nowise thanged our fellings. We have not enargerated their significance; all slong we have cherished our pro-field onviction of the spirit of fath, of loyalty, of submission 'to authority, graven in the hearts of the parishioners of St. Patrick's. You realize, my dearly beleved bro-plathority, and cannot be em-tured the decision of public metages of the faithful. Your new Pastor, Reverend Gerald McShane, we need hardly introduce to you. He is well known to you, he as actor, brought up and edu-cated in your midst. For three years he exercised the sacred ministry in your parish. His acceptance of the office we have conferred upon thm is an act of obedience. By allow-ing thim to take charge of your spi-than direction, his venerable su-perior has met our desire. _ Father McShane is still a Subjecian, and head bride a certain length of time your parish. The Reverend Martin Callaghan has

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study direction, his venierable su-erior has met our desire. Father (Schane is still a Sulpician, and has during a certain length of time he relations between you and the limitrious community that have al-rays proved so beneficial, and have o emimently promoted your wel-ure, will be continued. You will accent your new Paster.

You will be continued. You will accept your new Pastor, we are convinced, as God's represen-tative; you will cherish him, follow his counsels, and accept his teach-ings, ever keeping in grateful re-membrance the good priests who have been your spiritual guides in the past.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

Have'nt you forgotten someone this Christmas? If you have make up for it now-come in and see the "Good things for men" in Neckwear,

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to was rather Quinivan who left you this renewed church, this beau-tiful work of piety and zeal and art, who gave to your children a High School, and to us all an example of a life of justice, and self-denial, the life of the true priest and man of God

God. It was Father Martin who gave you the best years of his laborious, earnest life and priestly zeal, who obtained by his sustained efforts the **singular**, privilege of holy Consecra-tion of your church, who labored box earl lowingdy areas and the supersingular, privilege of holy Consecra-tion of your church, who labored long and lovingly among generations of your little children; and who brought within the fold numberless souls in search of the light of faith. Far be it from me that I should allow you for a moment to forget the memory of the devoted priest who for well nigh thirty-five years labored untiringly for your souls. Would that I might deserve, and obtain, as he has, your heart's af-fection and confidence. After such a generation of holy, able priests, well may I feel keenly the sense of my own unworthiness and imability. I come in your midst, not as a

and inability. I come in your midst, not as a stranger, it is true, but fully cons-cious of all that is required of me, fully aware of my deficiencies, but I bring to you, good people of St. Patrick's, the offering of my life's energies and affections, my climest good 'will, and an houset resolve to do my duty firmly yet gently to-wards every man.

do iny duty intriny yet gently to-wards every man. The care of ten thousand souls is indeed a heavy burden, and terrible indeed is the account that shall one day be asked for such a charge at tribunal of God's judgment

the tribunal of God's judgment. Yet great as are these responsibi-lities and pastoral duties, no less great are the assurances of help and blessing given by our Lord to the man and pricest who would do his duty honestly and confidently before God and his followmen. There is first of all the unfailing grace of God, the blessing of His Holy Mother, of the heavenly pro-tectors of this venerable parish, the souls of those holy priests who are now before God whose spirit still lives amongst us.

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There is to reassure me the know

There is to reassure me the know-ledge that I have your good spirit, your truly Irish faith, your fidelity and loyalty to your priests, your co-operation and good will which I earnestly ask you to give me, with the assistance of your pravers and the prayers of your hitle children. May I not likewise say that what fills me with hope and confidence is a two-fold blessing I bring you to-day-one from His Grace, our Chief Pastor, the other from old St. Sulpice, of which I still remain by privilege a member. Though officially not charged with your spiritual direction, the Fathers

your spiritual direction, the Fathers of the Seminary follow you ever with prayer and love as in the days and finally, beloved brethren, a sick an "Hol mane, is the presence here of mame, that it descinates, priests of the single for the single fo

Thou hast given

ed of old by the Savior Hipsell in bidding farewell to His loved ones: "Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we also name whom Thou hast gives that they may be one, as we are." (John, 17, 11.)

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are." (John, 17, 11.) In presence of our Divine Lord in this Holy Tabernacle, within the sacred walls, at the foot of this venerable altar, before which you and I for many years have come to pour out our heart's affections, our na-tional tears and joys: in presence of all those memories of a grand old past, I would repeat this sim-ple praver, and ask you to receive ple prayer, and ask you to receive it as my blessing to all:

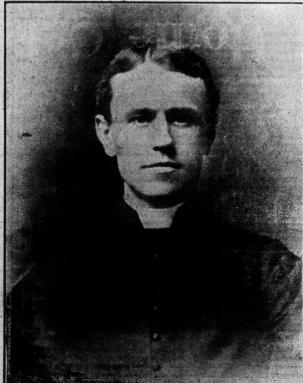
it as my blessing to all: "Holy Father, keep them in Thy name, whom Thou hast given me, that they may be one." May the Lord keep you, bless you and sanc-tify you, in the ways of richt and unity: May the Lord bless and pro-tect your church, your homes and your families, bless and sanctify the devoted priests who are to labor in co-operation for your souls, bless your your zelous teachers, men and woco-operation for your sould, bless your zealous teachers, men and wo-men of God, who are training your children, bless and protect our aged and infirm, our little orphans, our sick and poor.

"Holy Father, keep them in Thy

to be offered up for him that bless ings might follow his footsteps, for he sneecely showed all through his ministry at the Hotel Dieu how He-tle he thought of himself and how much of others

Rev. F. Singleton was ordained three years ago in St. Patrick's Church. After completing his theo-logical course at the Grand Semin-Church. After completing his theo-logical course at the Grand Semin-ary, he was appointed curate at St. Agnes Church. Later he went to Rome with the intention of fol-lowing the course offered by the Canadian College there, which pri-vilege he enjoyed by right of the high standing he obtained at the Seminary. Unfortunately illness pre-vented him realizing his desires, and he was obliged to return to the city, and until his appointment as curate at St. Patrick's, was station-ed at St. Gabriel's Church. Rev. Father O'Reilly, owing to intense modesty, could not be induc-ed to visit the photographer, hence our inability to place his cut among the other curates. To the new curates we offer our best congratulations.

Come to the Crib.



REV. GERALD J. McSHANE, S.S. Newly Appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's.

"St. Patrick's" means much more than all this, more than a more structure of stone, and assemblage of Catholic families. The pride and strength of a na-tion is not centered in its material possessions and large population. A family's cherished boast is not its wealth of earthly goods—but rather the noble deeds of its ancestry, its achievements of virtue and valor. And so, the true glory of a Catholic people, the richest inheritance and endowment of a Christian congrega-tion is its history and traditions, "the recollections of the past, the memories of the years." These memories, the annels of St. Patrick's that are so dear to all of us, are engraved in the very stones

REV. F. SINGLETON

zeal and true devotedness. May you

unat they may be one." And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, descend upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Rev. Gerald J. McShane, S.S., was born in St. Patrick's parish snme thirty-five years' ago. At the Mont-real College, where he received his education, he graduated with dis-distribution that the dedided warm of education, he graduated with dis-tinction. Having decided upon en-tering the holy ministry, he entered the Grand Seminary, after which and on account of the brilliant course he had made, he was singled out to go to the Canadian College at Rome, there to pursue further studies. Once again he distinguish-ed himself and carried off from there the double degree of Doctor of Di-vinity and Doctor of Caron Law. While abroad he took advantage of every opportunity that made for learning and culture, and to-day he-deservedly holds no secondary posi-tion as pastor of St. Patrick's.

Rev. T. O'Reilly was ordained ten years ago. He is also a Montreal College and Seminary graduate, hav-ing made splendid courses in both. Intellectuality and intense piety were distinguishing characteristics both here and in Rome, where he took up higher studies in the Cam-dian College. His work as chaplain at the Hotel Dieu is very well known to all our people, and ve. w much will he be missed there. His grentleness and kinness and his su-preme sympathy for the suffering ones caused many a heartfelt prayer

(For the True Witness.)

"And they found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.'

come to the Crib, oh, happy boy, Your glad heart filled with Christ-

Your giad neart filled with Chrismas joy,
See Jesus lying there;
His Mother, pure and gentle dove,
And Joseph, pouring out his love,
Join with you in your prayer.

Sweet Jesus grant me day by day, In Thy blest company to stay, Make me Thine own dear child; O make me humble, make me pure, My troubles bravely to endure, And patient, meek and mild.

O Mary Mother pray for me, To thy sweet Infant: thau dost see Thy Baby King so dear Enthroned upon a bed of straw, And shepherds gaze with wonderin awe, As angels' songs they hear.

O dear Saint Joseph, given the care Of Jesus, and His Mother fair, O lily pure and bright, Pray for thy child that J may be Clothed with thine own dear purity. And pleasing in God's sight.

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r beautiful church, and o plendid parcolfial institutions ey are also recorded very vivid your minds, in your bearts people who are listening to me

too, the touching spectacle of a life of self-sacrifice, even midst the bit-ter trials of fever and plague. It was Father Dowd who cave you. I might well say, all you have: Your parish, your rational privileges, your asylum, your refuge, your rec-tory and your school.

give them your confidence and affection, for they are all ready ever, in the words of St. Paul, to spend themselves and be spent for the canctification of your souls.

REV. P. HEFFERNAN

