

INDUCTION OF REV. G. McSHANE

As Pastor of St. Patrick's---Episcopal Letter and Sermon.

Sunday last was an eventful day in St. Patrick's, inasmuch as it marked another epoch in its history...

cannot but experience a sense of diffidence, for I am well aware of the extent of the task and mission confided to me...

lips of the venerable Father Dowd. Many indeed have gone from our midst to receive their reward...

Oh, St. Patrick's may justly glory in its rich inheritance, this legacy of her fathers. God forbid that such memories should become dim in our minds...

Bear with me, beloved brethren, as we review together briefly the memorable past, and with grateful hearts recall the deeds of those who have, in God's name, guided you safely and bravely through the years of joy and sorrow.

It was Father Quinnivan who left you this renewed church, this beautiful 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...

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 consecration of your church...

After such a generation of holy, able priests, well may I feel keenly the sense of my own unworthiness and inability.

I come in your midst, not as a stranger, it is true, but fully conscious of all that is required of me, fully aware of my deficiencies...

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 the tribunal of God's judgment.

Yet great as are these responsibilities and pastoral duties, no less great are the assurances of help and blessing given by our Lord to the man and priest who would do his duty honestly and confidently before God and his fellowmen.

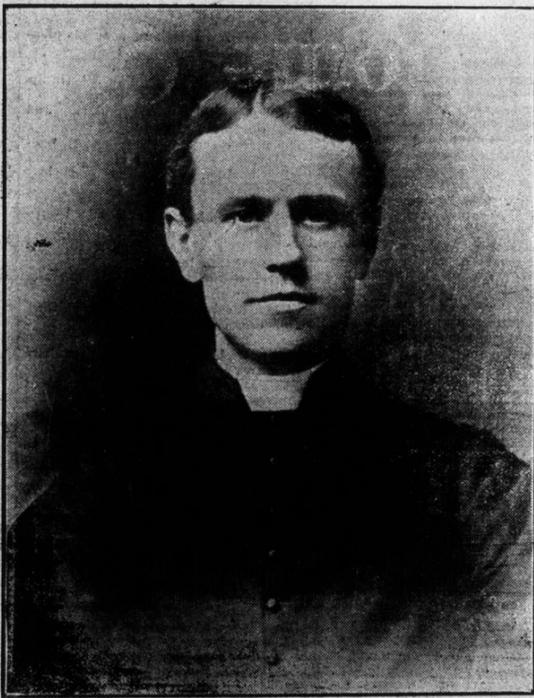
There is first of all the unfailing grace of God, the blessing of His Holy Mother, of the heavenly protectors of this venerable parish, the souls of those holy priests who are now before God whose spirit still lives amongst us.

There is to reassure me the knowledge 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...

May I not likewise say that what fills me with hope and confidence is a two-fold blessing I bring you today—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 of the Seminary follow you ever with prayer and love as in the days gone by.

And finally, beloved brethren, a motive of comfort and trust for you and for me, is the presence here of good earnest assistants, priests of zeal and true devotedness. May you



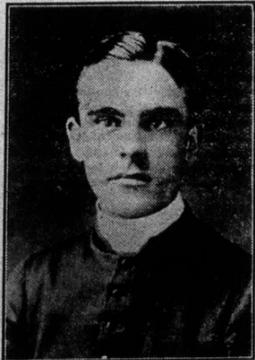
REV. GERALD J. McSHANE, S.S. Newly Appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's.

"St. Patrick's" means much more than all this, more than a mere structure of stone, and assemblage of Catholic families.

The pride and strength of a nation 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 congregation is its history and traditions, the recollections of the past, the memories of the years.

These memories, the annals of St. Patrick's that are so dear to all of us, are engraved in the very stones



REV. F. SINGLETON.



REV. J. KILLORAN.

THE SERMON. Rev. Gerald McShane then spoke as follows: The communication of His Grace the Archbishop that has just been made makes known to you officially the change that has taken place in the administration of your parish, and introduces to you, in my humble person, your new pastor.

Coming in your midst to assume an important office, I feel I am being God's will, expressed to me in the commands of my superiors, yet I

of your beautiful church, and of your splendid parochial institutions, but they are also recorded very vividly in your minds, in your hearts, good people who are listening to me to-day.

I cannot, without emotion, recognize among you the familiar faces of those whom, in the olden days, not beyond my recollection, I used to see gathered around this sacred pulpit, when I came as a little child, by my parents' side to hear the first lessons of piety and faith from the

too, the touching spectacle of a life of self-sacrifice, even amidst the bitter trials of fever and plague. It was Father Dowd who gave you I might well say, all you have: Your parish, your national privileges, your asylum, your refuge, your repository 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 sanctification of your souls. And now, dearly beloved people, before closing, let me breathe for you a simple prayer, a prayer uttered

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ed of old by the Savior Himself 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 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 national tears and joys; in presence of all those memories of a grand old past, I would repeat this simple prayer, and ask you to receive 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 sanctify you, in the ways of right and unity; May the Lord bless and protect 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 zealous teachers, men and women 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 name, whom Thou hast given me, that 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 some thirty-five years ago. At the Montreal College, where he received his education, he graduated with distinction. Having decided upon entering 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 distinguished himself and carried off from there the double degree of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Canon Law. While abroad he took advantage of every opportunity that made for learning and culture, and to-day he deservedly holds no secondary position as pastor of St. Patrick's.

Rev. T. O'Reilly was ordained ten years ago. He is also a Montreal College and Seminary graduate, having 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 Canadian College. His work as chaplain at the Hotel Dieu is very well known to all our people, and we much will be missed there. His gentleness and kindness and his supreme sympathy for the suffering ones caused many a heartfelt prayer

to be offered up for him that blessings might follow his footsteps, for he sincerely showed all through his ministry at the Hotel Dieu how little 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 theological course at the Grand Seminary, he was appointed curate at St. Agnes Church. Later he went to Rome with the intention of following the course offered by the Canadian College there, which privilege he enjoyed by right of the high standing he obtained at the Seminary. Unfortunately illness prevented him realizing his desire, and he was obliged to return to the city, and until his appointment as curate at St. Patrick's, was stationed at St. Gabriel's Church.

Rev. Father O'Reilly, owing to intense modesty, could not be induced 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.

(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 Christmas 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; thou dost see Thy Baby King so dear Enthroned upon a bed of straw, And shepherds gaze with wondering awe, As angels' songs they hear.

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

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