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## Prize Day at St. Michael's

Celebration of Rev. Dr. Teefy's Silver Jubilee

### Presentation of Addresses and Testimonials—Reply by the Jubilarian.

Rev. Dr. Teefy, Superior of St. Michael's College, on Tuesday completed his 25th year in the priesthood. For 14 years of this period he had presided with ability and distinction over the leading Catholic educational institution of the Province, St. Michael's College, and his Silver Jubilee was therefore made the occasion of a fitting celebration, accompanied by many testimonials of esteem and affection in which he is held.

The ceremonies of the day opened at 10.30 a.m. when Dr. Teefy sang High Mass in St. Basil's Church, assisted by Rev. W. Doherty, of Syracuse, as deacon, and Rev. Geo. Doherty, of Toronto Junction, as sub-deacon. The Sanctuary was filled with visiting energy from the archdiocese, and from neighboring dioceses in Ontario and the United States. A notable feature of the occasion was the presence of Dr. Teefy's aged father. The music was rendered by the pupils of the college, who sang Dumont's "Second Tone Mass," Father Murray, C. S. B., leading, and Father Rohleder, organist, at the organ. "Salve Domine" was sung by Mr. J. J. Costello at the offertory.

### VICAR-GENERAL McCANN'S SERMON.

Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G., preached the Jubilee sermon from the text "What shall I render to the Lord for all the things that He hath rendered unto me?" Ps. 115.

"We are gathered here to-day," he said, "to thank God for His blessings, to rejoice with the Superior of St. Michael's College, on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and along with him, to return thanks to God for the life so long preserved, and so richly blessed. What gratitude should be his! How fervently should he thank God at the end of twenty-five years of labor!"

"Let us see what God has done for man and for the priest; what claim He has to our gratitude. In the beginning He created the world in beauty. The result of His six days of labor was a great book containing the story of His omnipotence, a great painting that has portrayed His wisdom, and a great palace in which to dwell. But who was to read that great book, who was to gaze upon that painting, who was to dwell in that palace? Not angels. They already dwelt in the mansion of God, viewed His divine beauty, and read the word of wisdom. God said: 'Let us make man to our image and likeness,' and man was made, the golden link between the Creator and the lower creatures. God made him in beauty, endowed him with intelligence and put the mantle of justice and sanctity upon him. Man has memory, will and understanding to recognize the power and goodness of his Maker. The soul of man is wonderful. Nothing in

creation can compare with the human soul. The body is subject to change and death; the soul is not altered by time, and sickness may not destroy it. The body is limited to time and place. The soul lives in the present, past and future. It travels from pole to pole, sweeps over land and ocean, speeds down to the bosom of the deep and rises to Heaven and beyond to the very throne of God. How wonderful, too, is God's relation to it. The Father has created it; the Son has redeemed it, and the Holy Ghost has sanctified it. When we reflect we may well say, "What shall I render to the Lord for all the things that He hath rendered to me?"

"What shall we say of the priest? All these gifts, all these relations to God and more are his. He is the ambassador of God, the representative of God, the distributor of all His heavenly goods. Christ was prophet, priest and king. A prophet under the Old Law revealed the secrets of the dark aisles in the great cathedral of time. Christ was a prophet, for He lifted the veil from over the thoughts of man and predicted the redemption of man in His own death. 'Behold a great prophet has risen up amongst us,' the Jews said, and in the presence of Moses and Elias, Peter, James and John, representatives of the Old Law and the New, the Father proclaimed Him, 'Behold this is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. Hear ye Him.' Jesus has returned to the bosom of His Father. The priest has been left to take His place. It is true the priest cannot reveal the secrets of hearts, but men must reveal the secrets of hearts to him. 'Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven.' The prophets of old foretold that Jesus would come. The priest, like St. John the Baptist, points Him out: 'Ecce agnus Dei.' 'Behold the lamb of God.' The priest joins with Jesus Christ in the sacrifice of the Mass, the sacrifice of Calvary repeated. In that sacrifice the world is not redeemed, but all the blessings and benedictions of the redemption are showered upon the soul. In that sacrifice the priest cooperates with Christ, the High Priest. 'Do this for a commemoration of Me,' Our Lord is King—King in the order of nature, King in the order of grace and King in the order of glory. Christ is sole owner in the kingdom of nature, sole Master in the kingdom of grace, and He reveals His Kingship in the order of glory. He does say, indeed, that His Kingdom is not of this world, that it is spiritual. In this kingdom the priest is given power to rule. Unlike the kings of the world his power extends to the invisible. He overthrows the spirits of darkness in baptism, when he blots from the soul the claim of the king of evil, and in penance, when he snaps the bond that fetters the sinner. He makes Christ reign in hearts when he breaks the bread of life, and he opens up heaven with the sacrament of the dying.

"Such is the priest and such is his power. He has reason assuredly to rejoice in the favors God has conferred upon him, to cry out with the Psalmist, 'Quid retribuam Domino? What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has rendered unto Me?' We, too my brethren, have cause for gratitude. If the power of the priest is great it is for us it is exercised. When God permits His servant to use this power for our good for a period of twenty-five years we do well to assemble in the church of God to return thanks. What more can I say. I am forbidden to touch upon anything personal in the life of Father Teefy. I shall only congratulate the Superior of St. Michael's College for the great and good work accomplished in the past, and on having won and retained the esteem of his fellow-priests throughout the archdiocese of Toronto. I join in the prayer that God may long preserve him to continue the good work he has been doing in St. Michael's College." On the conclusion of the Mass the priests and students blended their voices in the beautiful canticle, "Te Deum Laudamus."

**PRESENTED WITH ADDRESSES.**  
 At 12 o'clock the visiting clergy and students assembled in the large study hall. Father Teefy took his seat on the dais, accompanied by Very Rev. V. Matijon, C.S.B., Provincial; Very Rev. J. J. McCann, V.G.; Dean Egan Barrie, and Mr. Teefy. Here the programme opened with a chorus by the College Glee Club.

The presentation of addresses of congratulation to Dr. Teefy then took place. The first was read by Rev. A. P. Dumouchel, on behalf of the faculty of the college, as follows:  
 To the Very Rev. John Read Teefy, M.A., LL.D., C. S. B., Superior of St. Michael's College, Toronto:  
 Very Reverend and Dear Confrere—On occasions that commemorate some glad or glorious event in the life of our general, the sub-officers of an army claim the privilege of being the first to do honor to their chief. We are the inferior officers of a little

army contending for the cause of truth in the campaign of education, and you are its commanding officer. More and higher than that, we are priests whose vocation it is to extend the kingdom of God's Church, and you are the directing spirit, and we are religious whose duty it is to walk in the perfect way, and you are our guide. To-day is that glad and glorious day in your career, completing, as it does, five and twenty years of faithful service in the sanctuary, five and twenty years in community life, and three-fifths of that period in the presidency of our college. Therefore do we, your brethren in the priesthood, your subjects in religion, and your assistants in education, rejoice to gather around you and say: Salve frater; salve pater; salve Superior!"

A quarter of a century a priest and religious! For a quarter of a century you have been a good priest and good religious. What higher tribute can we pay? This portion of any man's life comprises the longest and most important portion of his career. It is the period of greatest vigor, greatest energy and greatest effectiveness. In your life that long span has been devoted with self-sacrificing zeal to the service of God in His apostolate. All the power for good that rests with a talented, energetic, holy priest in the enjoyment of robust health you have called into exercise. By your labors the Catholic youth in Ontario have been enriched. Here in the college the spiritual life of the Catholic youth entrusted to your care has been most carefully nurtured. Their minds have been fed with Catholic doctrine; their hearts have been filled with love for Christian virtues; their ambitions directed to lofty aims. Your instructions have spiritualized them and made them love the religion you serve. Your conduct has edified them and made them devoted children of the Church. In witness to your priestly zeal we point to the fidelity with which your students always fulfill their religious obligations, not only during their stay in college but afterwards, when the advance into the world or into some higher institution.

During this long period you have been not less exact as a religious than devout as a priest. Your modesty might prefer that on this point nothing be said. We will respect your wishes in so far as we can, but you must permit us on this occasion to say that we have always been proud of you as a brother religious, because you have always lived as a religious should. Your manner of observing the rule has been pointed out by your seniors as a model for the junior members of the community. In your prime the regularity that has always characterized your daily life, coupled with your brilliant qualities of mind and your kindly disposition won for you the superiors. And for fourteen years you have been the honored head of St. Michael's College. This period has been marked by a wonderful progress in the material and educational phases of the institution. To the former we need not allude, for two months have elapsed since the attention of the citizens of Toronto and that of the Catholic hierarchy of Canada and of the priests of Ontario and the neighboring States, was focused on the new structure. What a share you had in the erection is known to all.

Upon the educational work of the college under your principalship we shall not dwell. For the excellent results accomplished in recent years, we leave it to the students, who have gathered the fruits, to thank you. But one remark would we make, and it must commend your course. The number of the students has been constantly growing, and the golden jubilee year of the college and the silver jubilee year of your priesthood has seen the roll list longer than it ever

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was before. There is one matter, however, to which we feel bound to allude here. Your influence for good, that has been all-pervading within the college since 1889, has not been confined to St. Michael's. It has exerted itself in the University of Toronto. You have raised the banner of Catholicity in her halls and turned the eyes of her learned professors and fair-minded students to view it with respect. Your eloquence in society and lecture rooms dispersed the clouds of suspicion which for years had hung over everybody and everything Catholic. And your powerful utterances from public platforms on various occasions have won respect for the cause you serve and reverence for the priesthood to which you belong. The fame of your scholarly attainments has reflected glory on the college and established her renown far more than the affiliation with the University, which was secured by your efforts.

As you look back on this happy day over the past quarter of a century you may view with honest pride the services you have rendered to the Church in this country and to the Catholic youth of this country and the United States. Permit us to say your labors have been appreciated without and doubly so within St. Michael's College.

We ask you, then, to accept our warmest congratulations on this memorable anniversary; and with them are linked our earnest wishes that you may live in the golden age of your priesthood, and our fervent prayers that God may continue to bless your work and preserve you in health and happiness.  
 In conclusion, be pleased to receive the accompanying gift as a token of the esteem, gratitude and love of  
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### IN BEHALF OF THE CLERGY.

After the address of behalf of the faculty of the college had been read, Father Dumouchel requested the Vicar-General to represent the priests of the archdiocese. The eloquent preacher of the morning said:  
 Dr. Teefy—It gives me pleasure to speak a second time on your feast day. I am glad of the opportunity given me to tell you of the esteem in which you are held by the priests of the archdiocese. They have always found you most agreeable. Often they have called upon you for assistance and never met with a refusal. It is a pleasure, then, for me to acknowledge the kindly and grateful feeling of the clergy of the diocese entertain for you.  
 Dean Egan made the presentation of a very handsome purse, prefacing the act with these words:  
 It is a joy to me to be allowed to present to you, Father Teefy, this gift from the diocesan priests. I rejoice, too, that I was not asked to make a speech. Words would fail me, did I try to express in full measure my affection and admiration for you. I shall content myself with endorsing the utterances of the Vicar and making the presentation.

**DR. TREACY AND HIS OLD BOYS.**  
 Rev. Dr. Treacy at once arose and in the name of Dr. Teefy's Old Boys read:  
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to one at whose paternal knees they had early imbibed their first lessons in Catholic education and Christian morality.  
 For these reasons you may rest assured, Reverend and dear Father, that the past students of your beloved college shall always look to you with reverence and gratitude; they shall always treasure in their hearts your gentle admonitions and fatherly counsels and wherever their lot in life is cast to-day they will turn towards you to breathe the prayer that God will continue to bless your labors in this life and reward you in the next with that imperishable crown which He has promised to those who like you shall have labored in the sacred cause of Catholic education.  
 "They who instruct others into justice, shall shine like stars in the firmament."  
 Signed on behalf of your old pupils,  
**J. TREACY,**  
**W. DOHERTY.**

The last address was presented on behalf of the present students by Mr. P. Hopkins, the winner of the scholarship in metaphysics.  
 To the Very Rev. J. R. Teefy, C.S.B., M.A., LL.D., Superior:  
 Very Reverend and Dear Father—It is with feelings of great pleasure that we offer you our respectful and affectionate congratulations on the completion of your twenty-fifth year in the priesthood. From an ordinary point of view a quarter of a century is not a very long period, but when spent in the ministry of God it is a time to look back upon with awe and gratitude. So many opportunities for doing good are offered to the zealous priest, and we feel certain that you, dear father, have not allowed any to pass unnoticed. We are grateful to you, for the share you have given us, in the good which you have wrought, for we know that as long as you have been superior of this college we have always held first place in your heart.  
 Many changes have taken place during the past twenty-five years, especially during the fourteen years of your presidency, but the aim of this institution has always remained the same, for the Basilian Fathers have ever continued faithful to the traditions of their Community. Under your direction, they have given the pupils of St. Michael's College a thorough Catholic education and if some have not gone forth to fight their way in the world as fully equipped as they should have been, we feel satisfied that the fault was their own, and does not rest with our zealous and prudent head. But if the aim of the institution has not been changed, the same cannot be said of the building itself. Year after year has witnessed improvements, and the crowning work the splendid new wing, will be your monument for future generations.  
 We feel sure, dear father, that you cannot doubt the sentiments of your present students. In their thoughts St. Michael's College and Father Teefy will always be inseparable. They will always speak your name and that of your college with affection and respect, and in so doing they will feel that they are only fulfilling their duty to you and to her.  
 Our address speaks only of a few of the years of your priesthood, but it deals with the period during which we have been under your guidance, and have learned to admire, respect and love you. We cannot go back as far as many of the familiar figures which surround you here to-day, nor do we remember the grand old men who have faded one by one from your sight, but we can assure you that though they have known you longer, and have been your companions in many a hard struggle, they have not learned to bear you a greater affection than we do.  
 In conclusion, dear father, allow us to express once more our most earnest congratulations. Other addresses may be read to you on this occasion, but none can find its origin in kinder feelings of the heart than that of your devoted children in Christ.  
 On behalf of the students,  
**P. HOPKINS.**

**REPLY OF THE JUBILARIAN.**  
 The purses or cheques accompanying the various addresses netted about \$1,500.  
 Dr. Teefy, on rising to reply, was evidently deeply moved by the tributes of esteem he had just received. "H," he said, "I were to analyze the addresses as one analyzes arguments in logic, I should say, 'Cause pro non causa.' I do not deserve in the least measure the encomiums lavished upon me. The object of all these addresses, I feel sure, is to honor the priesthood, to honor the religious life and show devotion to the cause of education. When it was a question of observing this anniversary my one desire was to go home and spend the day quietly. I consented to a public recognition of the event only because I felt that it might aid the cause of

Catholic education. I was not prepared for the proportions the celebration has assumed. How, then, can I thank you for the kind words you have uttered, for the generous gifts you have given, and for the great sacrifices you have made to bestow these favors and to attend the jubilee. I thank the religious communities of the diocese for their prayers and donations. They are not present, but I cannot forget them. I thank old friends and old students from a distance, who cannot be here in person, but have written to say they are here in spirit. I thank the clergy of Toronto, especially the Vicar-General, for the sermon this morning and his kind words just now. It is the priests of Toronto Diocese I wish especially to thank. Their interests and the interests of St. Michael's College are one. It is here the youth of the diocese are educated, here the future priests are formed. I am proud to be a Basilian, and I am proud to be a priest in Toronto Diocese. I was born, educated, and have labored in the diocese. But education is not limited to one country, to one diocese. Its rays go forth to illumine other lands. Hence, I am proud to see here to-day priests from the States of Pennsylvania and New York. I cannot find words to thank them. Twenty-five years a priest and teacher and 14 years of superiorship are enough to make one grey and sad; but the gratitude and affection displayed to-day would make any burden light. I am sure I have every reason to believe that the future years will bring all the graces and favors you have asked Heaven to give. We have need of large floods of light and love when we cross the bar of 25 years in the ministry. We need consolation, but I am sure I can get it from your words and from your prayers; that God may bless your alma mater and its unworthy superior."

His Grace Archbishop O'Connor was unable to reach the college in time for the morning service, but did honor to Father Teefy's feast by his presence at the banquet which followed. He also remained for the distribution of prizes at 4 o'clock, when the following attractive programme was presented by the students:

### PART FIRST.

1. Overture, "Martha," (Plotow) Orchestra.
2. Salutatory, Mr. E. Moriarty.
3. Chorus, "Praise Ye the Father," (Gounod), College Glee Club.
4. Recitation, "The Revue," (Temnyson), Mr. M. King.
5. Selection, "Cocoon Dance," (Hermann), Orchestra.
6. Distribution of medals and scholarships.

### PART SECOND.

1. Waltz, "La Susanna," (Rosey) Orchestra.
2. Speech, "Education," Mr. H. Boland.
3. Duet, "Barber of Seville," (Rossini), Master J. Brady and Rev. E. F. Murray, C.S.B.
4. Valedictory, Mr. A. McCaffrey.
5. Distribution of prizes.  
 God Save the King.

### PRIZE AND HONOR LIST.

The McEvay Scholarship for Mental Philosophy was awarded to Patrick Hopkins, Dupont, Pa. Honors—Henry Boland, Toronto.  
**SPECIAL PRIZES.**  
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