

MGR. QUINAN DEAD.

This may be a life of uncertainties as some philosophers of old once wisely remarked, but it is equally a life of certainties. There is nothing more positive than the fact that each one must, sooner or later, die; this is a common dispensation, it is one from which there is no escape, and to which there can be no exception. The wise allows himself no delusions upon this all important point; he makes up his mind to the fact, and he prepares for the inevitable. It does not so much matter when or how one goes forth from this vale of sorrows. Nor is the age, the length of years, as important as the manner in which they were spent. Death is the personification of impartiality; that dread phantom strikes without any consideration as to time, place, circumstances, age, condition, or station; good and bad alike, the saint and the sinner, the rich and the poor, the great and the humble—all have to pass beneath the stroke of his scythe, and none can resist when the sword, in which he stands, is being moved down.

On Sunday morning last this last and dread summons came to one of the most distinguished members of the Catholic clergy in the Maritime Provinces. The victim was the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Quinan, the able and zealous Vicar-General of Antigonish. The sad event took place at the Grey Nunnery on Guy street, in this city. For some weeks the reverend gentleman, who had been in failing health, due to over-work and lack of the ordinary rest which his system demanded, found it necessary to take a prolonged repose. In consequence, he came to Montreal and retired for a while to the convent of the Grey Nuns. But the rest came too late, the physical energies had been too long over-taxed, and the ardent blade of his bright spirit wore out the frail scaffold of flesh that held it. The end came peacefully and calmly—"he died as he died the stars, whose death is day."

The Very Rev. Monsignor James Michael Quinan, D.D., vicar-general of the diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, was born August 12, 1846, at Halifax, and was, therefore, in his fifty-fifth year. He was the son of Joseph Quinan, and his wife, Marie Anne Condon, and received his education partly in the Maritime Provinces, and partly at Quebec, where he was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1869. He was first appointed cure of Ardoise, in 1869, where he remained until 1876, when he was moved to Decousse, and finally to Arichat, in 1880. Arichat was then the seat of the bishop, and it remained so until August 23, 1886, when the See was removed to Antigonish, and the bishop changed his title of Bishop of Arichat to that of Antigonish. The Right Rev. John Cameron, who had become coadjutor of the late Bishop Mackinnon, in 1870, first became Bishop of Arichat in 1877, and of Antigonish in 1886.

By the death of Mgr. Quinan the Catholic Church in Canada, and especially by the sea, loses one of its most valued priests; the Bishop and diocese of Antigonish lose a friend, a model, a devoted minister of God; the whole Dominion loses a noble and worthy citizen. The funeral took place on Wednesday morning in the chapel of the Grey Nunnery; at the request of the deceased the interment was in the Crypt under the High Altar of that chapel. The Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Racicot, assisted by Rev. Father Tranchmontagne and Rev. Prof. Canotte as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. Among the priests who officiated at the Mass were Rev. Father Colin, superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice; Rev. James Quinan, of Sydney, C.B., uncle of the deceased; Rev. Father Lelandais, director of the Montreal College; Rev. Father Leveillé, Sulpician; Rev. Father Quinlivan, of St. Patrick's; Rev. A. P. O'Donnell, canon of St. Hyacinthe; Rev. J. Primeau, cure of Boucherville; Rev. J. Lomeran; Rev. M. J. Charpentier; Rev. A. Lemoine, superior of the convent of the Holy Mary; Rev. J. J. Connolly, S.J.; Rev. D. Chevrier, of the Seminary; Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, and Rev. R. B. Callaghan.

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write for the public, but it was Mrs. Molloy who brought their works to the notice and into the hands of that public. Can we not honestly say, that she was one of the many to whom the Holy Father made reference, when, in dealing with the Apostolate of the press, he specially blessed the people through whose medium good Catholic literature found a circulation? In a particular manner does the "True Witness" regret the death of Mrs. Molloy; for she has long been one of our most enthusiastic friends and has done wonders to increase the circulation and influence of our papers.

Less than this, in justice, we could not say. In tendering our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, it is with that lightness of heart, which accompanies the assurance of a prayer being granted, that we join in the supplication "May she rest in peace!"

LATE WILLIAM O'DONNELL. — The many friends of Lieut. John O'Donnell, of the city police, will be pained to learn of the accidental death of his son, William, on the 28th inst., at Michipicoten on the Algoma Central Railway. The deceased was a young man, being only in his thirty-third year. He was a splendid specimen of manhood. To his father, Lieut. O'Donnell, of No. 7 Police Station, the news was a great shock, and the veteran police officer, whose thirty years of faithful service to the city, has made him a large circle of friends, is completely prostrated. Mr. M. J. O'Donnell, of the Inland Revenue, brother of the deceased, and his uncle, Constable James O'Donnell, of the Central Station, left by the "Soo" train on Wednesday evening to bring the body to this city for interment, which is expected to take place tomorrow. To the parents of the deceased, his brother and his uncle, the "True Witness" offers its sincere sympathy.—R.I.P.

ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH.

The second series of the Catechism, inaugurated last autumn in the basement of St. Gabriel's Church, Point St. Charles, will open on Monday night, Dec. 10th, 1900, to continue every evening to Friday night inclusively.

PROGRAMME.

Monday, 8 p.m., concert, "End of Century."
Tuesday, 8 p.m., Ice Cream, "a la Catechism."
Wednesday, 8 p.m., competition. Sawing stick of Cord Wood 5 inches i. diameter, (two cuts) by amateur ladies of parish, open to outsiders.
Thursday, 8 p.m., fancy drill promenade "a la Irlandaise."
Friday, 8 p.m., oyster supper, "a la Lyonnaise."
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THE ENGLISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME.

The vice-president of the Catholic Association of London, Mr. Charles J. Murch, F. R. Hist. S. delivered, before the Kilburn Branch of the Guild of Ransom, on the 11th November last, a magnificent lecture, upon the English Pilgrimage to Rome. Of those present many of our Canadian Catholic readers will recognize the familiar names of two eminent Oblate Fathers—Hunt and Dawson. We cannot be expected to follow Mr. Murch in all the details of his most interesting picture of the journey from London to Rome; but some of the incidents by the way, and a few of the pertinent and eloquent reflections of the lecturer will not prove unacceptable. To give an idea of all that was to be seen on the way, and of the manner of conducting the pilgrimage, we will allow the lecturer to rapidly trace the route followed. He said:—

"Our train, which consisted of over 300 first, second, and third-class pilgrims, left Holborn Station at 11.35 a.m. on Monday, October 8th, and arrived safely in Paris at 10.35 p.m. Here, before starting on the long journey to Rome, the whole of the pilgrims dined together at a restaurant near the station. Before the train left Paris at midnight about sixty belated pilgrims from Bradford came to swell the numbers. Dijon was reached the next morning (Oct. 9th), and Modena, where the luggage was examined before entering Italy, later on towards evening. The scenery in Savoy, and particularly in the neighborhood of Guloz, was much admired by the pilgrims, who seemed in the best of spirits. They arrived at Turin at midnight, and reached Pisa on the morning of Wednesday, October 10th, when a glimpse of the Leaning Tower was obtained from the train. Then came a straight run, with but few stoppages, to the Eternal City, and the train steamed into Trastevere Station at 9 p.m., being about two hours late. Here the pilgrims were met by Mr. Dunford, K.S.C., the Hon. Sec. of the Catholic Association, and a number of the English residents in Rome. The 350 pilgrims of the Santa Maria section were soon on their road to the Vatican in charge of Mr. Comber, a member of the committee, whilst the remainder (some 220 in number) went to the respective hotels to which they had been allocated by Mr. Munich, the director of this section. The journey to Rome passed off without any serious mishaps, two of the women pilgrims were left behind (one at Dijon, the other at Pisa), but they came on by later trains, and the couple of one of the carriages snapped at Orbetello. Although tired by their long journey, the pilgrims were up early the next morning (Oc-

tober 11th), ready to visit Rome."

Leaving aside his most interesting account of the visiting of Rome, we come to the audience.

On Saturday morning the Feast of St. Edward the Confessor, the whole of the pilgrims went to St. Peter's, where the Holy Father gave them the public audience which has been so fully described in all the papers, both Catholic and secular. That same afternoon, at 2.30, numbers of the pilgrims attended the funeral service for Mr. Aldridge at the Minerva Church. After the service, which was said by Father Thos. J. Farrell of Buxton-in-Furness, the body was taken to the cemetery of San Lorenzo, Campo Verano. The pilgrims then separated to go to confession at the appointed churches in preparation for the General Communion the next day. On Sunday (Oct. 14th), the Minerva pilgrims attended the Mass said by the Rev. Dr. Bagshaw, Bishop of Nottingham, who gave the Holy Communion. Jubilee visits were afterwards paid to St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major, and in the afternoon the final visit to St. Peter's was made, the whole terminating with the Te Deum. In the evening Monsignor Stonor and the bishops of Nottingham and Liverpool dined with the pilgrims at the Minerva Hotel. Canons Bagshaw and Waterton were also among the guests. Afterwards the distinguished prelates held a reception in the magnificent salons of the Hotel, and during the course of the evening a musical entertainment arranged by Canon Browne was provided, amongst those taking part being Fathers Fletcher and Wilderspin, Miss Flynn, Miss Bentley, and Mr. Brooks. In response to a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Canon Browne and seconded by Father Fletcher, Archbishop Stonor delivered a short address, expressing his gratification at the success of the pilgrimage.

Mr. Munich then described the private audience given by the Holy Father to the directors of the pilgrimage the following morning, at which he had the honor of being presented to the Pope. Immediately after the audience a visit was paid to His Eminence Cardinal Rampolla, the Secretary of State. The lecturer then described shortly the pilgrimage to Assisi and Loreto, of which he was in charge. It consisted of over sixty members, and left Rome on Friday, October 19. The various shrines at Assisi, Loreto, Bologna, and Milan were visited, and the party reached Paris on Wednesday, 24th of October, where they separated. In conclusion, Mr. Munich said that the scenes the pilgrims had witnessed in Rome during the Holy Year would never be effaced from their memories.

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A DEATHBED CONVERSION.

Ignorance and bigotry usually maintain the relations of cause and effect. Where the latter is present without the former malice alone is behind it. Where the former is the cause of the latter, pity is the only proper sentiment to manifest towards it.

These thoughts suggest themselves in connection with an occurrence in an up town parish this week. A Protestant man, or, strictly speaking, a non-Catholic, whose wife is a Catholic was taken with a fatal illness, during which he requested those about him to send for a priest. The priest came and the sick man stated that he wished to become a Catholic, in fact, he had long contemplated the step, but had put it off until now, when there was no time for further delay. The priest, seeing that the man could not live, gave him conditional baptism and administered the viaticum and the Church. The man died shortly afterwards. Then came rumors of proposed hostile action on the part of his non-Catholic relatives, with vague threats of throwing the priest, the candles and holy water out of the house.

Arrangements for the funeral were made, and on Sunday morning, as the priest who attended him was preparing to celebrate the late Mass, a caller visited the rectory and inquired for him. It proved to be the brother of the deceased, and he was present to inquire whether the dead man had become a Catholic willingly or not. He was assured that there is no other method for an adult to enter the Church. The visitor, like the majority of non-Catholics, was unaware of the course of instruction necessary where circumstances permit and of the absolute necessity of the priest being assured of the person's pure intention in all cases. The Church is anxious for the salvation of souls, but those who have reached the use of reason and have free will must co-operate with God's grace.

The brother of the deceased then spoke of the funeral, and was told that a High Mass would be celebrated. He said that they could not afford it and would secure a minister, who would conduct the services free. He was told that the priest was aware of the needy circumstances of the deceased and his family and that a High Mass of Requiem would be sung without expense, as is the custom at this church when a poor and deserving member of the flock dies. Low Masses are never celebrated there for funerals, and when the family of the deceased pay the usual honorarium or a Low Mass can afford no more, the choir gets the stipend and the priest's services are volunteered, each of the three priests at the church taking his turn in celebrating such Masses. Thus it is that even the poorest have a High Mass. The non-Catholic brother of the deceased, who perhaps had often heard and possibly recited the refrain, "High Mass, High Mass; low money, Low Mass; no money, no Mass," had learned a new version: "No money, High Mass."

The funeral took place, and in view of the threats a policeman was told to keep watch by the church door, so as to preserve the peace if necessary, but there was no occasion

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Walker's Rye Whisky 2 bottles
Brandy 1 bottle
Scotch Whisky 1 bottle
Ginger Wine 1 bottle
Gin, Holland 1 bottle
12 bottles in all for \$6.50.

HOLIDAY CASE No. 2, at \$9.50.

Containing—

Champagne Wine 1 quart bottle
Table Sherry 2 bottles
Tawny Port Wine 2 bottles
Superior Claret Wine 2 bottles
Walker's V.O. Rye Whisky 2 bottles
1878 Brandy 1 bottle
Diamond Blend Scotch Whisky 1 bottle
Holland Gin 1 bottle
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