

Euchre Now!

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EMENT RINGS.

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TRICK'S POT.

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Patrick's Day.



ST. JOSEPH Pray For Me!

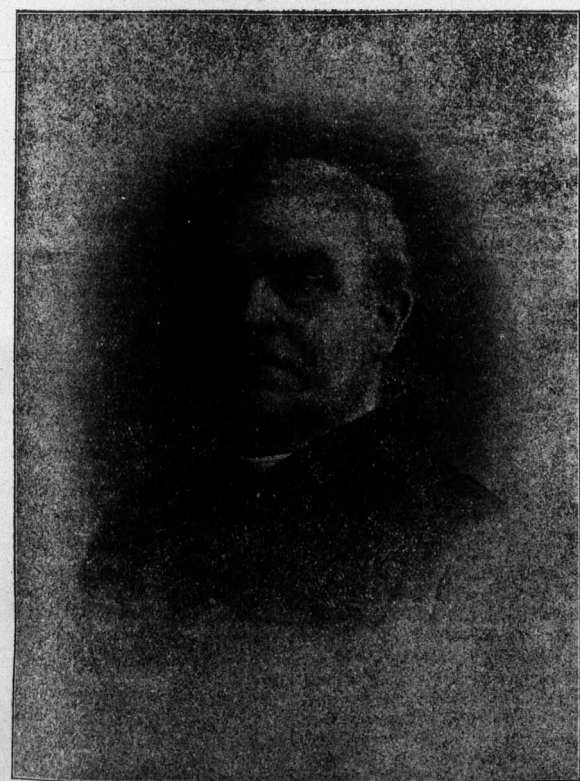
When hope and strength are failing,
And, with each passing day,
The sun of life is palling
With fast-declining ray;
My spirit fortifying,
Though I unworthy be,
Dear Patron of the dying,
St. Joseph pray for me!

A sweet and blessed shielding
In which our trust may rest,
Thy strong protection yielding,
To him who loves thee best,
A pilotage to Jesus
Across life's stormy sea,
When earth's last struggle ceases.
Do thou remember me!
Amadeus, O.S.F., St. Anthony's
Messenger.

CATHOLIC PIONEER DAYS IN MONTREAL.

FROM THE FILES
OF THE
TRUE WITNESS
OF THE
YEAR
1851.

On Sunday, August 3, after Ves-
pers, we had the satisfaction of as-
sisting at one of those sublime and
touching ceremonies, which happily
occur so often in Montreal, — we
mean the consecration of the corner-
stone of the new Catholic Church in
Griffintown. The procession formed
in front of St. Patrick's Church,
and was composed of the Young
Men's St. Patrick's and Temperance
Societies, accompanied by their re-
spective bands, and headed by ap-
propriate banners. A large con-
course of our Catholic fellow-citi-
zens, of all origins, contributed to
swell its ranks. His Lordship the
Bishop officiated. The sermon was
preached by the Rev. Father Dowd,
S.S.



REV. P. DOWD. (In Memoriam.)

In opening, the reverend preacher
alluded to the large assemblage of
people upon the Lord's Day. If, he
said, it were meet that the dedica-
tion of the Temple of the old law
should be celebrated with so many,
and so great rejoicing — with the
clamor of trumpets, and the shouts
of the assembled thousands of Is-
rael — with the songs of the Levites,
and the singing men, together with
their sons, and their brethren,
clothed with fine linen, sounding the
cymbals and harps, and psalteries, —
how much more is it becoming that
we, under another and a better dis-

pensation, who possess the sub-
stance, and the reality of those
good things, whereof the old law
was but a type and a shadow,
should meet together, to shout with
joy before the Lord, to praise Him,
and to give glory to His Holy
Name — because He is good; because
His mercy endureth for ever.
The preacher then pointed out the
many mercies for which the Irish
in Canada have abundantly cause to
be thankful. After contrasting the
position of the Irish Catholic in
this country, with that of his fel-
low-countryman and co-religionist
in many countries. He referred par-
ticularly to Ireland where, he said,
Catholics were starved — persecuted
with all manner of temptations to
apostatise, and yet ever faithful,
ever preserving, inviolate the al-
ligiance which they owe to the
Church. Yes, though poor in the
eyes of men, as before God Ireland
is rich — rich in her children mar-
tyred, exiled for their faith; — her
children too are rich; rich in the
possession of one thing needful —
the pearl of great price — the One,
Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith.
And it was to consecrate the cor-
ner-stone of a temple, erected for
the worship of that Faith, that
Catholics were then assembled. For
so the Church willed; that in the
commencement, during the progress,
and in the completion of the work,
in every one of these stages, the
blessings of the Almighty should be
invoked thereon. Nor would the care

It is sufficient proof of the charit-
able fervor, with which the assembly
was animated, to add that the col-
lection amounted to the sum of
\$453.

Some of the agents of the
"True Witness" in 1851.
Alexandria, D. McGillis.
Aylmer, Jas. Doyle.
Buckingham, John Newman.
Brantford, John Comerford.
Bytown, Edward Burke.
Carillon, A. E. Montmar-
quet.
Chambly, John Hackett.
Cornwall, A. S. McDonald.
Kamouraska, Rev. L. A.
Bourret.
Dundas County, Alex. Mc-
Donald.
Eastern Townships, Patrick
Hackett.
Lochiel, Owen Quigley, P.M.
Mosa, Thomas Fitzpatrick.
Norwood, Rev. Bernard J.
Higgins.
Norton Creek, Hugh McGill.
Oshawa, Rev. J. B. Proulx.
Pembroke, Thomas Lee.
Perth, John Doran.
Picton, Rev. Mr. Lalor.
Prescott, B. White.
Quebec, Matthew Enright.
St. Hyacinthe, Patrick
Flynn.
Sherbrooke, Thomas Grif-
fith.
St. Thomas, Patrick Bobier.
Danville, A. Donnelly.
Terrebonne, M. Prevost, N.
P.
Three Rivers, John Keenan.
Toronto, Thomas Hayes.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI ON LEO XIII.

The following circular letter, of
His Grace the Archbishop of Mont-
real, was read in all the churches of
the archdiocese on Sunday last: —
Archiepiscopal Palace, Montreal,
4th March, 1902.

Dear Beloved Brethren, — On
Thursday, February 20th, the su-
preme ruler of the Church, Our Holy
Father Pope Leo XIII., entered up-
on the twenty-fifth year of his glo-
rious pontificate.

The event will form an epoch in
the annals of Christendom. From
every point of our globe, from every
Catholic diocese and parish a hymn
of thanksgiving will ascend to the
throne of the Most High, and the
Vatican will resound with the reli-
gious homages of the Sovereign
Pontiff's spiritual children. Our
voices and our hearts will partici-
pate in the twofold demonstration.
Almighty God is justly entitled
to our meed of praise for a reign
which has been so beneficial to our
holy religion and a source of light
and grace for the world at large.
Filial piety should prompt us to re-
joice at the exceptional longevity
which Leo XIII. has been privileged
to attain. His dignity as well as
his wisdom, his prudence and energy
in the guidance of the Bark of Peter
are admired by even them that do
not belong to the household of the
Faith.

When Leo XIII. succeeded Pius
IX., he was in his sixty-eight year.
He is 92 to-day. Though far ad-
vanced in years he still possesses in
a somewhat prodigious manner all
the keenness of perception and all
the energy of a marvellous intellect.
Does not the silver Jubilee of Leo's
pontificate appear to be one of the
many arguments chosen by God to
clearly demonstrate the fact of the
assistance of the Holy Ghost in the
government of His Church?

The august Pontiff has never left
the precincts of the Vatican where
he is virtually a prisoner. He has
no human agencies to rely upon, and
he has to contend with the worst of
influences. Nevertheless, owing to
his utterances, his Encyclical let-
ters, his lofty and noble ideals and
the mysterious power of his virtue
and genius, amidst the evils that
are undermining modern society,
Leo XIII. is the only guide, the on-
ly master whom the nations heed
and follow. The Church was suffer-
ing and bleeding when Leo assumed
the reins of government. The as-
cendancy of the Papacy was on the
wane and the moral action of Rome
seemed to be paralyzed for a long
time to come. During the twenty-
four years of his pontificate, Leo
XIII. has recovered the lost ground
and added other triumphs to the
glories of the past. He has devel-
oped the social and spiritual influ-
ence of the Catholic Church. He has
won the admiration of the masses
and of the elite of society. Rulers
and their subjects reverence him
alike. His prestige is so irresistible
that he is the recognized leader in

the very camp of his opponents and
of the enemies of truth. Never per-
haps has the influence of any moral
been greater or more universal.
It may be said that Leo XIII. has
now his place in history together
with the men of renown in whom
the world glories and with the holy
Pontiffs of whom the Church is so
justly proud. Filled with these
thoughts we shall eagerly unite
with the Catholics of the world dur-
ing this memorable year and give
expression to our sentiments of re-
spect and filial piety towards the
Sovereign Pontiff.

The archdiocese will be faithful to
the traditions which have always
characterized the Church in Mont-
real in all its relations with the
Holy See. After the pastoral visita-
tion I shall leave for Rome to lay
at the feet of Our Holy Father the
tribute of my personal attachment
and unalterable submission. I shall
offer him likewise the congratula-
tions and best wishes of the clergy,
the religious communities and the
Catholic families of the archdiocese.
In the meanwhile I exhort you to
thank Almighty God and to pray
fervently in anticipation of my pil-
grimage to the threshold of the
Apostles.

When Peter was a prisoner in Je-
rusalem "Prayer was made without
ceasing by the Church unto God for
him." Acts xii, 5.

The event is calculated to fill our
hearts with joy. As a first token
of our gratitude to Heaven a "Te
Deum" will be chanted, next Sun-
day, March 9th, in all the churches
and public chapels, during the sol-
emn benediction of the Blessed Sac-
rament.

The authority of the successor of
Saint Peter is denied. Leo XIII. is
still a prisoner. Numberless defec-
tions and persecutions sadden the
heart of the Venerable Pontiff. "Let
us pray for our Pontiff Leo." "The
Lord preserve him and give him life
and make him blessed upon the
earth; and deliver him not up to
the will of his enemies." Psalm xl,
3.

May these prayers of our Liturgy
and of the Sacred Scriptures be re-
peated every day of the present year
by the faithful in union with the
priests of the archdiocese who shall
continue to say at the Mass the
prayer Pro Papa. We are confident
that such prayers will be heard, and
that God in His mercy will hasten
the hour of deliverance for the honor
of His name and the good of souls.

On the occasion of Our Holy Fa-
ther's pontifical Jubilee the Catholic
Nations of the world will not fail to
relieve his indigence. I thought that
the Catholics of this archdiocese
would gladly be among the first to
follow the impulse and thereby re-
spond to the appeal which His Emi-
nence the Cardinal-Vicar of His
Holiness has made to all the dioc-
eses of the Catholic world.

Consequently a special collection
shall be taken up in all the
churches and public chapels of the
archdiocese on Sunday, the 16th of
March.

The proceeds must be sent to the
archbishopric as soon as possible.

I shall add it to Peter's Pence
which I shall be happy to offer the
Sovereign Pontiff during my stay in
the Eternal City.

We are commanded by Holy Writ
to honor our father and assist him
in the hour of distress. In return
we are promised God's choicest
blessings even here below. The Pope
is on earth the most august repre-
sentative of our Heavenly Father;
the burdens of the spiritual govern-
ment of the Church are enormous,
and since the loss of the temporal
power the source of his revenues is
exhausted. Let us offer him then
our alms generously and cheerfully
as a tribute of our filial affection.
Let us unite our prayers and our
mite and we shall receive with the
blessing of the venerable nonagenar-
ian of the Vatican the most pre-
cious favors of Heaven.

Accept, dearly beloved brethren,
assurances of my devotedness, and
believe me,

Yours very sincerely in Christ,
+PAUL, Arch. of Montreal.



In Remembrance of the Mission



Given by the Passionist Fathers

St. Patrick's Church, Montreal, Que.

MARCH 9TH TO 23RD, 1902.

"He that shall persevere to the end, he shall be
saved." — ST. MATT. xxiv, 13.

To Persevere to the End in God's Grace.

I. Never omit your Morning and Evening
Prayers, since prayer is necessary for salvation.

II. Remember the presence of God — He sees
you at all times and places.

III. Attend Mass devoutly on Sundays and
Holy-days. It is a mortal sin wilfully to lose
Mass on Days of Obligation. Remember the
same Jesus who once offered Himself for our sins
on Mount Calvary, again offers Himself on the
altar, as on a new Calvary, for our salvation. If
possible hear Mass on week days also.

IV. Try to go to Confession and Communion
once a month. By Confession your soul is washed
in the Precious Blood of Jesus. By Holy Com-
munion you are united to Jesus. The Sacraments
are fountains of grace, and without grace we can
do nothing.

V. Avoid the occasion of sin. "He that loveth
the danger shall perish in it." — ECCLES. iii, 27.

VI. Visit frequently the Blessed Sacrament.
Pray for the conversion of sinners, for these in
their agony, and for the souls in purgatory.

Meditate every day, for at least a quarter of an
hour, on the eternal truths.

"Remember thy latter end, and thou shalt not
sin." Think often on the bitter passion of Jesus.
People sin because they do not meditate.

Points of Meditation on Eternal Truths

I. O Christian! thou hast but one soul; if that
be lost, all is lost: there is but one death; if bad,
all is bad.

II. Thou hast only one Judge: from Him there
is no appeal.

III. Thou hast only one sentence to hear; it
will be either "Come ye blessed; or" "Depart ye
cursed."

IV. Thou hast but one eternity awaiting thee;
if this be not happy, then thou shalt be unhappy
forever.

V. There is but one HEAVEN: excluded from
this, HELL will be thy inevitable doom.

Points of Meditation on the Passion of our Lord.

Reflect, that Jesus agonized and sweat blood in
the Garden at the sight of your sins, and the tor-
ments He was about to endure for them.

Reflect, that for sins of impurity the sacred
body of Jesus was terribly scourged. How many
lashes did you give? . . . Think.

Reflect, that the sacred head of Jesus was
pierced with thorns to atone for bad thoughts.
Think.

Reflect again, on His being mocked and spit
upon and a robber preferred to Him. Have you
ever done this, by despising the blessings of re-
ligion, and by choosing the robbers, the devil and
sin, in preference to your loving Jesus? . . . Think.

Reflect, that He carried the heavy Cross, with
all your sins on it, for love of you. Did you
patiently carry the crosses, which your sins de-
serve for the love of Him? . . . Think.

He received gall to drink, to atone for drunken-
ness. Oh, think on this. On the Cross He for-
gives His enemies, and prays for them. Do you
imitate Him in this? If you forgive not, neither
will you be forgiven. "Forgive, and you will be
forgiven."

ACT OF FAITH.

My God, I believe in Thee, and all Thou hast
revealed to Holy Church, because Thou art in-
fallible truth.

ACT OF HOPE.

My God, I hope in Thee for grace and glory,
because of Thy promise, Thy mercy, and Thy
power.

ACT OF CHARITY.

My God, because Thou art infinitely good, I
love Thee with all my heart; and for Thy sake,
I love my neighbor as myself.

ACT OF CONTRITION.

O my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned
against Thee, because Thou art so good, and I will
sin no more.

SPECIAL ADMONITIONS.

1. TO THE HEADS OF FAMILIES. — Instruct, cor-
rect, watch over your children; above all, give
them good example, and have prayer in common.
2. TO SERVANTS. — Be obedient to your masters,
and faithful in all things under your charge.
3. TO HUSBAND AND WIFE. — Cherish mutual
affection, forbearance, union and peace.
4. TO THE CHILDREN. — Love, respect, and obey
your parents; do not quarrel among yourselves.
5. TO MEN. — Have a horror of blaspheming,
cursing, swearing, gambling, drunkenness; pardon
injuries.
6. TO WOMEN. — Be meek, patient, charitable,
and diligent in your household duties.
7. TO YOUNG PEOPLE. — Avoid dangerous occa-
sions, dances, company keeping, and anything
contrary to modesty. Read pious books. Join
the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
8. TO ALL. — Never speak against your Pastor,
but always assist and uphold him to the extent of
your power.

HEAVENLY TREASURES

Repeat these ejaculations fervently, with the
intention of gaining all the indulgences
attached to them.

I. O my Jesus, I thank Thee for having died
on the Cross for my sins.

II. My Jesus, have mercy on me and save my
soul.

III. Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious
Blood of Jesus for my sins; for the wants of the
Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the
suffering souls in purgatory.

IV. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray to Jesus
for me.

V. O sweetest Heart of Jesus, I implore that I
may ever love Thee more and more.

VI. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my
last agony.

VII. My God, give me the grace rather to die
than to commit one mortal sin.