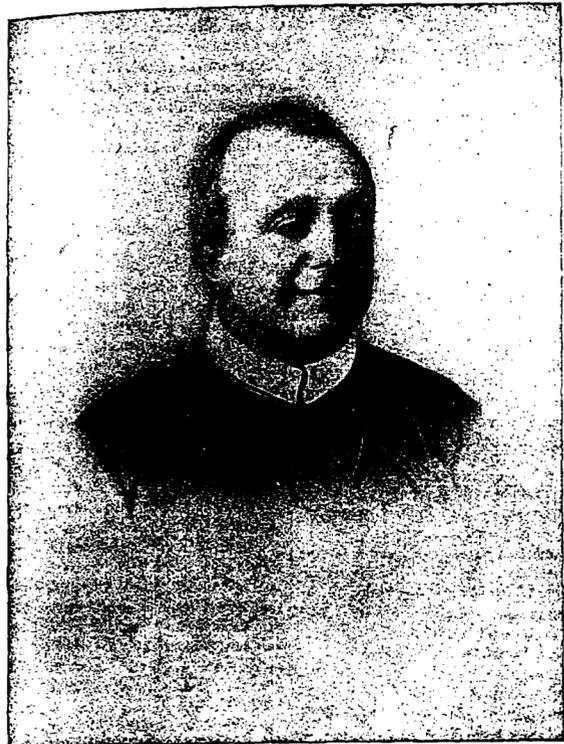


Father Catulle Passes Away.



THE LATE FATHER CATULLE, C.S.S.R.

As we go to press we received a telephone message from the Rev. Father Strubbe, C.S.S.R., pastor of St. Ann's Church, informing us that Rev. John Catulle, C.S.S.R., so well known in Montreal and particularly in St. Ann's Parish had passed away to his reward at Brussels, on Wednesday evening. This will, indeed, be sad news to the parishioners of St. Ann's Parish, where he discharged the duties of pastor for so many years. The following is a brief sketch which appeared in the "True Witness" at the time of his departure from this city, May last.

On September 22, 1884, Rev. John Catulle, who had been appointed Superior of the Redemptorist Order in Montreal, arrived from Belgium with Fathers Godts, Capel, Strubbe and Caron, and five lay Brothers of their Order, and at once the eloquence and deep piety of their pulpit discourses attracted large numbers to their church.

The sympathy and love of the Irish congregation was stirred to its inmost depths, and the Reverend Fathers from Belgium received its generous outpourings in the well-merited respect and devotion of their people.

Rev. John Catulle, Rector of St. Ann's, and Vice-Provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Redeemer for Canada and the West Indies, was born in Ingelbrouwer, Belgium, on the 22nd of August, 1835.

It would be useless to attempt a detailed account of the work accom-

plished during the pastorate of Rev. Father Catulle, for schools and homes and halls seemed to spring from the soil of St. Ann's as if by magic and with but a very delicate touch of the golden wand of the people. No special tax harassed the parishioners, and yet the work of improvement went steadily on, but the mysterious agent that accomplished such surprising results was the generous hand of the pastor, silently pouring his own ample fortune into the parish treasury. His occasional mild appeals for help and sympathy in his undertakings met with a generous response from his devoted people. Thus a considerable addition to St. Ann's Church was built, and the interior beautified and embellished with costly objects; the altars and sanctuaries provided with furnishings of the most exquisite workmanship; new schools were opened and existing ones enlarged; a new presbytery, and a commodious and well-equipped hall for the young men erected; a "home" for old people built, and placed in charge of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In all these good works Rev. Father Catulle was the guiding spirit, and he was ably assisted by the other Fathers of the community.

A solemn Requiem Mass will be chanted for the repose of the soul of the venerable and beloved priest, at St. Ann's Church, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, at which his Grace Archbishop Bruchesi will officiate. R. I. P.

NATIONAL FESTIVAL AT QUEBEC.

This year's celebration of St. Patrick's Day in Quebec, recalled much of the old-time enthusiasm which marked the honoring of the feast of Ireland's great national Apostle, in this time honored city, in by-gone days. For some years past the good old custom of a street procession had been partially abandoned, until last 17th, we mean of '98, when the various Irish Catholic societies decided to renew the demonstration which every true-hearted Celt looks for on the 17th of March.

The procession then was large and creditable and it relieved the spirit of pride which genuine Irishmen cherish for their glorious faith and fatherland. This present 17th, it was decided to outdo the efforts of last year and certainly that aim was accomplished. By 8.30 o'clock the different Irish societies had mustered at the Emmet Club rooms; on Champlain street, and headed by a detachment of police and bugle band, the procession moved under the direction of Mr. Thos. Delaney, Marshal-in-Chief. Passing under several arches erected for

the occasion, and swelling its ranks as it proceeded, it halted at the Archbishop's Palace, where a loyal and patriotic address was read to his Grace, by Mr. Felix Carbray, M.P.P., President of the Irish National Association, to which we refer elsewhere.

Resuming its march, the procession passed along Buade street, saluting as its route the "Daily Telegraph," which displayed a profusion of flags and banners, as did also "L'Evenement" and the newspaper buildings on the line of march. The Archbishop's Palace, the Basilica, and the City Hall and Court House, were especially noticeable by their generous decoration of flags and bunting. Along Champlain, Notre Dame, Mountain Hill and St. Stanislas streets, flags floated in the breeze by the score. Morin College, Chateau Frontenac, the Post Office, Parliament Buildings, Quebec Hotel, The Clarendon, Tara Hall, each had its quota, as did also numerous private houses along the line of parade. Arrived at St. Patrick's Presbytery, Dr. Brophy, President of the A. O. H., read a

beautifully worded address to Rev. Father Henning, C.S.S.R., the esteemed rector of St. Patrick's Parish, the devoted and eloquent pastor replied in tender, forcible and touching words.

A splendid arch spanned the main entrance to the Church; another stood opposite the Presbytery and the sanctuary, the main body of the sacred edifice and the organ gallery were tastefully decorated. The scene within the venerable temple was what might be expected from a faithful and devoted congregation who still cherish in their hearts undying love for the land of their ancestors and for the faith of St. Patrick, and who gather on this day of days to express their religious and national sentiments of gratitude for the precious inheritance bequeathed to them.

His Grace Archbishop Begin officiated at the solemn High Mass, Rev. Father Maguire, P.P., of Sillery, assisting as Arch-priest, Rev. Fathers Bruneau and Whalen as deacon and sub-deacon of honor, Rev. Father Garipey and Lortie as deacon and sub-deacon of office. Rev. Fathers Huot and Gagnon as Masters of Ceremonies. Among the distinguished clergy present in the sanctuary were: Mgrs. Tatu, Paquet, and Gagnon, Cure Fuguy of the Basilica, Cure Gauvreau of St. Roch's Church, Rev. Father Henning, C.S.S.R., Rector of St. Patrick's, Rev. Fathers Woods, McCarthy, Gutherlet, Delargy, and Bonia, C.S.S.R., Rev. Fathers Audet, Jolicoeur, Fahey, Filion, Godbout, Hunt, Garneau, Lindsay and Finn, of Newfoundland. The musical portion of the service was probably the finest ever heard in the venerable church. The organ was handled in the usual masterly style of Mr. Philias Roy, organist of St. Roch's church and an orchestra comprising the best local talent was under the direction of Mr. Jos. Vezina, the regular organist of St. Patrick's.

The noted singers of St. Patrick's choir were present in full force, and never appeared to better advantage, for they had caught the stimulating inspiration of the glorious festival day, and they delivered their harmonious notes with far more than ordinary vim and enthusiasm. The Mass rendered was Mozart's Twelfth, and the artists who executed so admirably their several parts were Miss Maria Maguire, Miss N. Mullins, Mr. J. Shields, Miss L. Vezina, Miss A. Mullins, Miss Ethel Colfer, Messrs. Richard and I. Timmons, Miss M. Cotter, Mr. Jos. Dugal. These accomplished musicians were assisted by a number of leading amateurs whose voices are well known in Quebec. The thrilling strains of "God Save Ireland," were the fitting conclusion of a musical service of which the Rev. Rector and Fathers of the church and the congregation have reason to be proud.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R., of St. Patrick's Church, Toronto, who is a young, zealous and eloquent priest of the Redemptorist Order, who is also a native born citizen of Quebec, within whose venerable precincts he received his education, and spent the earlier years of his life. His sermon yesterday was lucid, instructive and eloquent; we don't mean the rhetorical eloquence which pleases the fancy for a moment, but which leaves no profitable fruits behind. His clear review of the missionary life of St. Patrick was fervent, touching and elevating, and it was particularly gratifying to a congregation so Irish, so patriotic and devoted as St. Patrick's is to be addressed so ably and zealously by a priest sprung from their midst, and who but a few years ago was counted among the youths of the parish.

A pleasing social feature of the celebration was the dinner at the Presbytery, at which his Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by the clergy present, and the Hon. John Sharples, Mr. Felix Carbray, M.P.P., and Mr. D. O'Meara, trustees of St. Patrick's Church, were guests of Rev. Father Rector Henning, and the resident Fathers of the parish.

The matinee given in the afternoon at Tara Hall, was a most successful entertainment. It was chiefly intended for the delight of children and youths of the parish who have also a right to rejoice as well as their seniors on a festival day when the feelings overflow. Among those who took part and contributed to the pleasure of the audience, were Mr. Thos. McLaughlin, and his children, Master C. McDermott, Miss Stella Kirwin, Mr. C. O'Toole, J. McDermott, S. Kirwin,

T. Ryan, R. Timmons, Miss R. Rickaby, Masters Walsh and Knox, and Mr. Lawrence Gorman.

The concert was fully enjoyed by the immense audience, and credit is given for its marked success, to Mr. R. Timmons, and to his very able assistant Mr. Lawrence Gorman.

The annual soiree has long been regarded as one of the indispensable features of a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Quebec. This year it was marked by a spirit of enthusiasm in keeping with its time-honored traditions, and as a fitting climax to the splendor of the proceedings of the earlier part of the day. Mr. John E. Walsh, President of St. Patrick's Literary Institute, was in the chair, supported on either side by Rev. Father Grogan, and Messrs. Felix Carbray, M.P.P., President of the Irish National Association; P. Keenan, President of the C. M. B. A.; E. J. McKenna, President of the C. B. L.; and J. Collier, Chief Ranger, C. O. F. A selection of Irish airs having been rendered by the C. O. F. Band, Mr. Walsh made his introductory remarks felicitating the assemblage, and referring to the happenings of the past year, notably to the amalgamation of all the Irish Catholic Societies in Quebec. Mr. Walsh is a ready speaker, and his words were heartily applauded by the large audience. The popularity of the speaker of the occasion Reverend Father Grogan, was clear from the hearty rounds of applause which greeted his appearance on the platform. He had not given himself any set subject, but his address was appropriate for such an evening, and his genial style of delivery and pleasant witticisms kept the audience in laughter, and on his retirement, and later on his leaving the hall to board the train for Toronto, he got a warm ovation which must have caused him to regret his departure from the old city of his birth.

The musical part of the programme included "My Beautiful Girl of Killdare," rendered by Miss Maria Maguire, one of Quebec's noted vocalists. In response to an imperative encore she sang "Kathleen Mavourneen." Mrs. Edward Foley sang "I saw from the Beach," in her best style, and her thrilling tones went to the hearts of the audience, and she had to respond to an encore. Mr. Timmons sustained his fine vocal reputation in his singing of "Hail, Across the Sea," and he was recalled before the footlights. Mr. A. F. Ashmead took the comic role, and evoked the hilarity of the audience by his comic singing of "McGinty's Visit to the Opera." He received a hearty encore to which he responded.

The evening's entertainment was closed by the acting out of the popular Irish drama "Imisfail." Those bearing a part in the mirth-provoking play were Messrs. J. Timmons, P. H. Graham, J. Donnelly, F. Bolger, M. D. Donnelly, R. Timmons, J. Shields, Misses Jolly Maguire, E. Brady, E. Maguire. Some of the performers of larger experience and theatrical ability, did better than others, but where all did so well it was useless to make distinctions. The conception of the various characters in "Imisfail"

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ST PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The members of St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society, the oldest temperance society in America, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their organization by a grand vocal and instrumental concert, to be held in St. Patrick's hall, 92 Alexander street, on Easter Tuesday evening, April 4th.

The committee having charge of the arrangements have spared no pains to make the concert worthy of the object for which it is intended. A select programme has been arranged which the members feel confident will be in keeping with the usual high standard of entertainments for which the society has always been noted. The address will be delivered by the Rev. President, J. A. McCallen, S.S. The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, comic sketches, dances, etc. The Society have also engaged the services of Prof. Coombs, ventriloquist, who has promised a rare treat for his audience on that evening. The members of the Society are working hard with the one object in view, to make the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Society a success, as it is the oldest on the continent, and we sincerely trust they will be greeted by a bumper house on the evening of their entertainment.

RECENT HAPPENINGS IN EUROPE.

The instalments of justice which have been grudgingly given to Ireland of late years, especially in regard to the land question, are bearing good fruit—a fact which indicates how prosperous the country would be if it had a native legislature. The banking and railway statistics for last year show that the deposits and cash balances in the joint stock banks in December, 1898, stood at \$197,100,000, the highest yet reached—as compared with \$196,500,000, at the corresponding period in the year 1897, being an increase of \$600,000, and showing an advance of 32.5 per cent. on the amount for December, 1897. But it is in the returns of the savings banks that the truest indication of the national condition is to be found. At the close of last year the estimated balances in the Post Office Savings Banks in Ireland amounted to \$36,125,000, as compared with \$33,500,000 for the corresponding date in 1897, being an increase which is far above the highest increase in any other year since the establishment of these banks. The deposits in Trustee Savings Banks have also continually increased, reaching the highest figure last December.

Mr. Timothy Harrington, one of the members of parliament for Dublin, has written a letter cordially accepting the invitation of the Limerick committee to the proposed conference of Irish Nationalist members having for its object the restoration of unity. He accompanies his acceptance with a declaration of principle which will be endorsed by every genuine Nationalist in Ireland or Canada.

"The country," he declares, "is deeply indebted to the authors of the conference for the patriotic efforts they are making to restore unity and discipline in the ranks of the Nationalist representatives of Ireland. Mere co-operation among different sections of the National Party in Parliament is of little avail. Until the Nationalist representation from Ireland speaks again, with one voice in the House of Commons, and impresses Englishmen with their earnestness of purpose by some of the splendid discipline and dogged perseverance of former days the cause of Ireland can make no progress. All that is genuine in Irish Nationality sympathizes with your efforts. In your demand for one united party no lines of absolute independence of English control and influence

you speak the wish which is dearest to the Irish heart."

The letter is very encouraging. The remains of Lord Herschell were interred a few days ago. His death recalls a story told by Lord Russell of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice of England, which will doubtless interest readers of the "True Witness." Shortly after he had been called to the English bar, Lord Russell invited two guests to dine with him and to discuss the very serious question as to whether the three should not emigrate to India or one of the colonies. Presumably the question was negatived, but it is remarkable that the three young men were destined to fill great offices. The host on that occasion is now Lord Chief Justice, one of the guests was the late Lord Chancellor, and the third is the present Speaker in the House of Commons.

Talking about Lord Russell suggests mention of an important bill that will go before the House of Commons for second reading on April 12. It is called the "Roman Catholic Disabilities Bill"; and it provides for the removal of the restriction which prevents Catholics from holding the offices of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Lord Chancellor of England, and was strongly supported by Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons in 1891. A quarter of a century ago, Mr. Gladstone brought in a similar Bill, but only that portion of it allowing a Catholic to be Lord Chancellor of Ireland was adopted. Mr. Gladstone immediately appointed Lord O'Hagan, Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Of course if the present Bill is passed—and it is difficult to believe that bigotry will again prevail against it—the present claim of Lord Russell of Killowen to the Lord Chancellorship in the next Liberal administration must be recognized.

Roman correspondents are busily engaged in concocting imaginary news respecting the health of His Holiness the Pope. Day after day he is represented as being on the very verge of death. "His life is ebbing away," was the latest message from one of these chroniclers. The fact is, however, that the supreme Pontiff enjoys as good health as any man of his great age and active habits could reasonably be expected to enjoy. Hundreds of millions of his spiritual children are praying that his valuable life may be prolonged.

THANKS OF THE GAELIC SOCIETY.

We have received a letter from Mr. Michael Bermingham, recording secretary of the Montreal Gaelic Society, accompanying a resolution of thanks which the Society considered the "True Witness," deserving of having on record in its annals. We fully appreciate the thoughtfulness and the spirit which dictated that resolution. If the "True Witness" has editorially or otherwise aided in the noble work so patriotically undertaken by the organizer of the Gaelic Society, it has done nothing more than its duty, it has simply fulfilled an obligation imposed upon it by the mission it has been established to carry out.

When a Catholic paper, especially an Irish Catholic one, is obliged to plod along, week in and week out, advocating the cause of Catholicity and the interests of Irishmen, and that it scarcely ever receives any open appreciation, much less of thankfulness, the resolution of the Gaelic Society comes like a bright ray of encouragement, a dawning of hopefulness in the future, and an assurance that thoughtlessness, or want of reflection is more to blame for so much apparent apathy, than any sentiment of indifference.

The officers and members of the Gaelic Society may rely upon the support, the assistance and the active participation, in their patriotic work of the "True Witness," and cordially invite all who are interested in the

good movement now so widespread, of reviving the glorious tongue of our ancestors, to contribute to our columns any items of importance that circumstances may suggest. Some day, perhaps, (if we are not too sanguine) we may be enabled to thank the Gaelic Society in the olden language.

LETTER.—To the Editor of the "True Witness,"—Dear Sir,—I am instructed to enclose you a copy of resolutions passed at the last regular meeting of the executive committee of the Montreal Gaelic Society, held on the 20th inst., and I am also requested to thank you on behalf of the Society for your efforts to establish a Gaelic Chair in the Catholic High School.

MICHAEL BERMINGHAM, Rec. Sec. Montreal Gaelic Society.

RESOLUTION.—Moved by Mr. Bermingham, seconded by Mr. James C. Mangin: That the members of the executive committee of the Montreal Gaelic Society tender their thanks to the Editor and Publishers of the "True Witness," for its kindly support in promulgating the language of our ancestors, and promise to support, and hereby call on all our countrymen and countrywomen who are interested in perpetuating the language of our fathers, to support the "True Witness," in this its glorious mission.

PERSONAL.

The Lenten sermons to the English-speaking parishioners of St. Henri,

were concluded Sunday evening. They were eloquently preached by the Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, assistant Chancellor of the diocese.