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REV. FATHER TIERNAN

GRAND TRUSTEE OF THE C. M. B. A.

Address and Testimonial From Many London Friends.

The parlors of the Catholic Club were crowded on the evening of Aug. 30th, the occasion being the presentation of an address and testimonial to Rev. Father Tiernan, who has resigned, on account of ill health, the position of rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, which he has filled so acceptably for the past twenty five years.

Mr. John Forristal acted as chairman of the meeting and Mr. J. G. McDougall as secretary.

The address, which was beautifully engrossed, was read by Mr. John R. Dromgole, as follows:

To the Rev. Michael Joseph Tiernan, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, London:

We are here to day, very dear Father, to express, in some measure, our appreciation of the fact that you have spent the best years of your life in unselfish and devoted exertions for our spiritual and temporal welfare.

The tears of many, old and young, and especially of the poor and needy, convey more eloquently than can pen or tongue the sacred place you hold, not only in the hearts of your parishioners, but in the depths of the hearts of the citizens of London, without distinction of race or creed.

"Quarter a century's service!
Wearing thy cassock of black;
Over thy camps and thy battles and triumphs,
Soldier of Jesus, lock back,
From the day when thou kissed thy first altar
In love with youth's fevered thrill,
To this day, when we meet and we greet thee,
So true to the altar still."

Many of us here present were baptized by you. When old enough to make our first Communion, it was you who taught us to appreciate the wondrous gift of that Divine Food, and we had hoped that your consoling words and presence would smooth for us the dread passage to eternity.

We trust that the respite from your labors, granted by our already loved Bishop, may be the means of renewing your strength and vigor, and that you may return to the diocese, where you are so well known and loved, to spend the remaining years of your life in health, peace and happiness.



REV. M. J. TIERNAN,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The prayers of your people will attend you on your journey abroad, and we beg that you will ever remember us in the adorable sacrifice. May God bless you and grant us a reunion in the glorious hereafter.

On bidding you adieu, we ask you to accept the accompanying gift, as a tribute of a grateful people on your departure.

On behalf the Catholic laity.

JOHN FORRISTAL, Chairman.

Mr. R. H. Dignau, treasurer of the testimonial fund, then handed the reverend gentleman a cheque for \$912 being the amount of the testimonial from the reverend Father's friends in the city.

Rev. Father Tiernan made a touching and beautiful reply, alluding to the many years he had spent in London, and thanked the people of the city for their generous gift. He also alluded to the fact that during his administration in London he had baptized 4393 children, married 400 couples, prepared 3,000 children for first Communion and confirmation, and administered the last rites of the Church to 2,000 people. The reverend gentleman was frequently applauded during his reply.

Father Tiernan was born in May, 1816, two miles from Essex Center, and received his early education in the parish school, obtaining a first class certificate. After teaching school for six months Father Tiernan entered, in 1833, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., to study for the priesthood. He remained there four years, and then, on account of his health, he went to the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels at Niagara Falls. From this institution he graduated in 1839, was teacher in Assumption College, Sandwich, under Bishop O'Connor in 1872-1873, and in the Grand Seminary, Montreal, 1874-75. On December 19, 1875, was ordained priest in the old Cathedral of London by Bishop Walsh, and in six weeks from that day was made chancellor of the diocese. For five years he was secretary to Bishop Walsh, and when the erection of the new cathedral was commenced, the financial transactions were placed in his hands. In less than five years the cathedral was practically completed, and dedicated for service. The success of this undertaking was mainly due to the ability and perseverance of Father Tiernan, who spared no pains to make it a credit to the Forest City.

Rev. M. J. Tiernan joined the C. M. B. A. on Aug. 6, 1879, becoming a charter member of Branch No. 4, London, Ont. In 1886 he represented his Branch at the Convention held in Stratford, was elected a Grand Council Trustee, and has been re-elected at every Convention of the Association held since.

Let us so live as to be an inspiration, strength, and blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours.

JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, LL. B.

Grand Trustee C. M. B. A.

Joseph A. Chisholm was born in 1840 in the parish of old St. Andrews, Antigonish County, Nova Scotia, his parents being of Scottish descent. He received his education at St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, where he obtained the degree of B. A. in 1863 and M. A. in 1864, and at the Dalhousie Law School, where, in 1883, having made the highest general average of the year, he was awarded the prize in constitutional law and took the degree of LL. B. On his admission to the bar of Nova Scotia, in 1886, he obtained a first class certificate, securing the highest average in the final examinations of that year. He practiced his profession in Antigonish

GRAND COUNCIL TRUSTEE MEETING

C. M. B. A. Grand Council Board of Trustees in Session at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Aug. 26, 1890.

A meeting of the Grand President and Board of Trustees of the Grand Council of the C. M. B. A. of Canada was held in Hotel Savoy, Niagara Falls, Ont., on Aug. 26, 1890.

The following members were present:—
Hon. M. F. Hackett, Grand President.
Rev. M. J. Tiernan, Grand Trustee.



JOSEPH A. CHISHOLM, LL. B., GRAND TRUSTEE C. M. B. A.

until 1889, when he removed to Halifax, becoming a member of the well-known law firm of Borden, Ritchie & Chisholm.

Mr. Chisholm twice contested Antigonish County in the Conservative interest.

Brother Chisholm joined the C. M. B. A. in 1893, becoming a member of Branch 132, Halifax, N. S. He represented this branch at the Convention held in Quebec in 1898, and was elected a Grand Council Trustee. He takes an active part in all C. M. B. A. questions and is working energetically to make Nova Scotia one of the leading C. M. B. A. provinces.

Every tear that falls from one's own eyes gives a deeper tenderness of look, of touch, of word that shall soothe another's woe.

P. J. O'Keefe, Grand Trustee.
P. J. Rooney, Grand Trustee.
J. J. Behan, Grand Trustee.
Joseph A. Chisholm, Grand Trustee.
Dr. Ryan, Supervising Medical Examiner.

F. R. Latchford, Solicitor.
Samuel R. Brown, Secretary.
The minutes of the last meeting were read, and, on motion of Bro. Behan, seconded by Bro. O'Keefe, were confirmed.

A communication from Miss Killackey was read, conveying to the Grand Council officers her sincere thanks for their kind sympathy on the death of her brother, W. P. Killackey.

Moved by Bro. O'Keefe, seconded by Bro. Behan, that Brothers Latchford, Ryan and Chisholm be hereby appointed a committee to draft resolutions of condolence on late Bro. Killackey.