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Dean O'Connor's Jubilee

Fiftieth Anniversary of Ordination Celebrated at Marysville

Deseronto, Dec. 17.—Very Rev. Dean O'Connor of Marysville celebrated his golden jubilee in the priesthood this morning. Vicar-General Masterson of Prescott read an address from the priests of the diocese and presented the aged pastor with a purse of gold. The parishioners also presented a purse and an address, read by Denis Hayes. The parishes of Perth and Chesterville sent a set of benediction vestments and a gold-headed cane. The ceremony was held in St. Mary's Church, Marysville, which was crowded. Dean O'Connor was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 17, 1853, and has been incumbent at Marysville for the past five years. John Stephen O'Connor was born in Peterborough, February 17th, 1828, and was the first child born of white parents in that section of the country. His father was one of the pioneers of Peterborough. Young O'Connor was an apt pupil and he graduated from the Peterborough Grammar School in May, 1849. After that he attended Regiopolis College, Kingstons, 1853. At this time he was professor of mathematics from the fall of 1849 until the fall of 1852. For a year after that date he attended the Grand Seminary, Montreal, leaving there a week before Christmas, 1853. At this time he was appointed assistant priest at St. Mary's Cathedral, which position he held for nearly three years, having been transferred to the Parish of Cornwall, removing in November, 1856, to Alexandria. His next move was in June, 1870, to Perth. He went to Chesterville in May, 1889, where he remained in charge of one parish until his removal to Marysville on March 15th, 1889, where he has been since. Dean O'Connor is remembered by the older residents of Kingston for the courage he displayed in faithfully attending to the sick and dying during the great epidemic here years ago. He has made hosts of friends everywhere. In his fifty years' pastorate he has brought his great learning and piety to bear for the welfare of his people. Few men live to celebrate the occasion of having served fifty years in their chosen profession, while still remaining in harness. Dean O'Connor is one of these few, and the people of Kingston and this district, of all classes and creeds, unite in sincere congratulations to the aged prelate, and hope that he may serve his Church and his people for many more years.

J. W. Mogan for Alderman

Mr. J. W. Mogan, president of the East Toronto Liberal Association, for many years well and favorably known to the business and working classes in the eastern section of the city, is a candidate for aldermanic honors in the Second Ward. The contest in this ward promises to be largely a fight among new men, and Mr. Mogan should give an excellent account of himself. He is well acquainted with public affairs on account of his prominent association with political and other organizations, and is the strongest man in the district for the workers to rally round. His standing as a citizen and a tradesman entitles him to the confidence of the property owners. The interests of Ward 2 in the council can be best represented by a man of the people. Mr. Mogan has energy, experience and popularity upon his side and the prize for the controllerships having drawn some of the chances for one or two new men with excellent Ward Two should elect J. W. Mogan for 1904.

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"Jubilatio Deo."—Praise be to God—sang the choir.
On the breath of the glorious anthem to-day in this city ascended the praise and prayers of grateful thousands; praise that the capable and eloquent Archbishop of Montreal, His Grace Mgr. Bruchesi, had been spared to celebrate the jubilee of his twenty-five years of priesthood; prayers that his years of ministry might still be long and fruitful.
From all parts of the province came men high in the Church to do him honor.
The jubilee ceremonies began at ten o'clock. The long lines of prelates and priests passed from the sacristy into the west aisle of the Cathedral through the three hundred occupied chairs in the body of the church directly in front of the altar railings.
The jubilee ceremonies began with a solemn Pontifical Mass, with the jubilarian, Archbishop Bruchesi, the celebrant. The other officers of the mass were: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Z. Racicot and Rt. Rev. Mgr. Archambault, assistants at the throne. Rev. A. de la Chapelle, Lesage, P. P. of Chaibilly, was the assistant priest. The deacons of honor were: Rev. Father Adam, P. P. of the Sacred Heart Church, and Rev. Abbe Mantel, Superior of the St. Therese Seminary. The deacon of the mass was Rev. Abbe Chevrier, S.S.; the sub-deacon, Rev. Abbe Baillarge, P. P. of St. Hubert. Rev. Father J. M. Demers, the Archbishop's secretary, acted as master of ceremonies. The servers were from the Seminary of Philosophy.
In the sanctuary were: Their Lordships Bishop Decelles, of St. Hyacinthe; Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield; Bishop Larocque, of Sherbrooke; Bishop McDonald, of Prince Edward Island; Bishop Lorrain of Pontiac; the Mitréd Abbot of Oka, Mgr. Racicot, Mgr. Archambault, the Canons of the Archdiocese; Rev. Father Leclerc, Provincial of the Jesuits; Rev. Father Ducharme, Provincial of St. Viator; Rev. Father Jodoin, Provincial of the Oblats; Rev. Father Donnelly, P. P. of St. Anthony, and his assistant, Rev. Thos. Hefernan; Rev. Father M. Callaghan, P. P. of St. Patrick's; Rev. Father O'Meara, P. P. of St. Gabriels; the Superiors of the various Religious Orders, and the parish priests of the city, with their assistants, representatives of the Provincial Cabinet, Bench and Bar, occupied seats of honor.
Scattered throughout the church were Brothers and Sisters of various religious communities.
The choir of the Cathedral, under the baton of Prof. Couture, rendered a musical programme of high order. Messrs. E. Lebel and Morin were the soloists.
At the conclusion of the Mass an address was read by Mgr. Z. Racicot, Vicar-General, wherein he expressed the feelings of the clergy and Archbishops, to praise and thank God for twenty-five years he had spent so faithfully and so honorably in the priesthood. They knew how constantly forgetful of self, and thoughtful of others he had been, and that his wants were simple and few, but they hoped that he would permit them, on this exceptional occasion, to honor him by presenting him a personal gift in keeping with the importance of the event they were celebrating.
"Only your positive prohibition," continued the Vicar-General, "restraineth us. Your wish has been respected. As soon as it was announced that nothing could make you happier than to see one of the greater charities of the diocese assisted, and you pointed out the Home For Incubables, which you had recently founded, all the members of your flock, priests and people, poured generously their contributions into the treasury."
Mgr. Racicot concluded by thanking God for the wise and beneficent reign of the Jubilarian, and prayed God to grant him length of days that he may continue and perfect the work of the Church in the great Archdiocese of Montreal.
His Grace replied happily and felicitously to the address of his Vicar-General.
After the church ceremonies a dinner was given to His Grace in the Refectory of the Palace. Mgr. Racicot, Vicar-General, presided, and every parish of the diocese was represented.
The jubilee offering of nearly fourteen thousand dollars was presented to His Grace, which will be handed over to the Home For Incubables was founded by Archbishop Bruchesi. The Home is situated at Notre Dame de Grace, under the control of the Sisters of Providence.
In the vast throng at the Cathedral were many priests who had long past the 25th year mark in the ministry. It is a rare thing for an Archbishop to celebrate his Silver Jubilee as a priest during his regime as a Bishop.

Irish Officials Violated Wyndham's Pledges

London, Dec. 20.—John Redmond, speaking at Bunningsing, County Sligo, Ireland, to-day strongly protested against decisions of the legal officers at Dublin Castle, which he said, prevented the proper operation of the Irish Land Act in congested districts by enabling landlords to combine in a refusal to sell grazing lands. He declared the decisions were a gross violation of the Government's pledges and said that the Irish party could demand their amendment in the coming session of Parliament.

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BETHLEHEM OF TO-DAY
The season is drawing nigh when the thoughts of all Christians are centered upon the sacred scenes of Bethlehem when Christ the Saviour was born. With more than usual interest, then, will your readers be willing to hear something of the Bethlehem of to-day.

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The celebration was a worthy one, all religious orders of priests, brothers and sisters came to honor their superior. His Grace sang Mass in a clear voice and his reply was made in the same manner. The Archdiocese of Montreal can boast of having one of the youngest Archbishops in the world. His people wish him years of joy, happiness and prosperity in high and exalted vocation.
All the pupils of the Catholic Schools enjoyed a holiday, in honor of Archbishop Bruchesi's Jubilee. Montreal, Dec. 22, 1903. FELIX.

Douro—Enniscore Celebration of the Blessed Virgin

December 8th, Festival of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, was, as usual, a red letter day in the parish of Douro. On that day forty of the little ones received for the first time Holy Communion. Rev. Father Kelly officiated. The reverend gentleman has officiated on many such occasions, because he has been a parish priest for twenty-five years in the County of Peterborough. On this account there is a proposal on foot to have all those who have made their first communion under his ministrations, meet together in July of next year. What a happy reunion it should be! How rejoiced they should be to shake hands on such a solemn occasion, with him who has been all these years their staunch and steadfast friend—to whom during all these years their hearts have gone out in love and loyalty—of whom they now speak so kindly and reverently as their grand old man, saying with the world's bard:
"Time cannot wither him,
Nor custom stale
His infinite variety."
—Com.

St. Mary's Court, 1352, C.O.F.

The regular meeting of the above Court was held on Wednesday, Dec. 16. There was a very large attendance of members and visitors, the occasion being the election of officers. Bro. L. V. McBrady delivered a very instructive and interesting address on Forestry. Among the visitors were Bros. J. J. Milloy, M. F. Mogan, J. Loftus, who very kindly assisted in the election of officers which resulted as follows: P.C.R., Thos. Mulvey; C.R., John McGarry; V.C.R., R. Kelly; Rec.-Sec., S. Chas. Graham; Fin.-Sec., A. C. Cartan; Treasurer, M. J. Madden; Trustees, C. F. O'Brien, D. P. Emmons and E. Ryan.
The following resolution of condolence was unanimously passed:
Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death the father of our esteemed Bro., John Murphy.
Resolved that we, the members of St. Mary's Court, 1352, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss our worthy Brother has sustained and to extend to him our most sincere sympathy and condolence. Also, be it
Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the minutes of this meeting and a copy be presented to Bro. John Murphy and inserted in The Catholic Register and The Catholic Record.
S. CHAS. GRAHAM,
Rec. Sec.

Mrs. Arthur Ryan's Bequest

Brookville, Dec. 17.—By the terms of the will of the late Mrs. Arthur Ryan, who died here on November 29th, \$5,000 was bequeathed to St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church and \$1,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Hospital. After several legacies are paid, including \$2,000 each to two nieces in Albany, N.Y., the residue of the estate is to be divided between this church and the hospital.

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Death of a Well-Known Christian Brother

Last week there passed away at the Mother House a well-known Christian Brother in the person of Rev. Bro. Sigismund. Bro. Sigismund taught at St. Mary's, St. Patrick's, St. Michael's and De La Salle, Toronto, and also at St. Catharines. He was drill-instructor for years and the boys of the Separate School of Toronto distinguished themselves more than one occasion under the skillful guidance of the late lamented Brother.
For the past six years Brother Sigismund had been at St. Patrick's School, Quebec. During the year he was sent to the Mother House of the Order at Maisonneuve, as his health was shattered. Here he prepared himself for death by fervent prayer and compliance with the rules of the Order. Being fortified with the last rites of Holy Mother Church the soul of a faithful son of St. De La Salle wended its way heavenwards to receive the reward of those who had left all to follow Christ. Thirty-five years in the paths of virtue and holiness, leading others by word and example to be true and noble Christians. What consolation at the solemn moment when the ties of earth are to be severed forever and joy, happiness and never-ending glory await one at the Tribunal of Justice.
Rev. Bro. Sigismund was known in the world as Henry McCrory, and came from Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.
The Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Henry Sigismund McCrory of Chatham, N.B., a nephew of the deceased brother. Resting in a plain pine coffin, the mark of Holy Poverty as directed by the Rule of St. De La Salle, lay the remains of one who had been faithful unto death. After the singing of the "Libera" by the three hundred brothers and novices, the remains were solemnly borne to their last resting place in the beautiful cemetery of the Order at the back of the monastery where many "after life's fitful fever sleep well."
The birds will warble their sweetest songs, the monks will walk to and fro in silent meditation praying for the honored dead, the monastery bell will toll again, announcing that another faithful son has gone to receive his reward, but the consolation of dying the death of the just will be experienced only by those who have been faithful to their vocation.
"The Soldier of the Cross has his reward. For served he well his Master and his Lord; Humble his fame, his mem'ry ne'er shall fade. Our love shall light the ground where he is laid."
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Bethlehem of To-day

Some few weeks since the papers announced the passing away of the Rev. Anthony Belloni, whom Catholic pilgrims to the Grotto of the Nativity will remember as the zealous priest who for years past has looked after the little orphans in Bethlehem. In the year 1859, shortly after his ordination to the priesthood, he was appointed professor in the Seminary of Betgallat. While thus engaged he was made the recipient of a considerable sum of money from the hands of the distinguished English Catholic Lord Bute, with which he was able to buy some property about twelve miles from Jerusalem, upon which he erected a school for boys in which they were taught not only their religion and the ordinary branches, but also the practical work of farming. Father Belloni realized that there was another pressing necessity—some training school wherein the more capable scholars might receive such instructions as would fit them to undertake the work of instructing the children in the small towns. In many of these the poverty and the scarcity of our own people prevented them from giving to their children under Catholic auspices the educational advantages that American and English Protestants were able to offer.
Nearby to the spring where tradition says St. Philip baptized the Ethiopian servant of Queen Candace, on a beautiful spot on the road from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, this good priest acquired another piece of land and in one of those intervals when the Turkish authorities relaxed their severe vigilance he constructed a school in which were to be trained those pupils who showed more than usual aptitude for agricultural studies. None of your readers who have ever visited the Holy Land or who may do so in the future will forget the site of this school, Cremiz, situated on the crest of hills from which the Crusaders of old, after many journeyings and much warfare, caught their first glimpse of the Holy City. The inhabitants of this part of the country have nothing to depend upon but a few vines and fruit trees. Owing to neglect of ages consequent upon the misrule of the Ottoman, this fertile soil had taken upon itself the appearance of a desert. It was not until the year 1850 that the people at news of Don Belloni's death showed that they recognized that he it was who had caused their children to give these hills the beauty and fruitfulness of the ancient days. His work here has not only brought food and comfort to the natives of this historic spot, but it has drawn large numbers of schismatics into the church. Another monument of the zeal of the canon was the building of the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at a distance of only a few yards from the cave in which the Divine Infant was born. And into this church come several times during the day the little ones from the adjoining orphan asylum, which likewise owes its existence to this same holy servant of God and over which he presided for many years. Notwithstanding the toil and hard sacrifices with which his life was filled, he felt that some recompense was his even here below, for he died surrounded by his orphans within a stone's throw of the spot where "they wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and placed Him in a manger."
The following resume of our chief Catholic establishments in and about Jerusalem may be of interest to your readers, showing as it does remarkable progress during the past fifteen years.
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