

DIocese of Hamilton

Hearty Farewell to Father Craven and O'Reilly in St. Patrick's Church.

Hamilton, Aug. 10.—Last evening the congregation of St. Patrick's church turned out en masse to the public meeting held in the church as a farewell to the departing pastor, the Rev. Chancellor Craven, and Rev. Father O'Reilly. That the occasion was a sorrowful one to both priests and people was evidenced in many ways. After the priests and altar boys had entered the chancel, Messrs. Donald Smith, William Turner, Arthur O'Hair, John Roman, and Thos. Lewis, representing the committee to which was entrusted the duty of getting up a suitable testimonial to the departing priests, took up positions at the chancel rail, and Mr. O'Hair read the following address:

"To the Rev. John Joseph Craven, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton:

The congregation of St. Patrick's are assembled to testify their appreciation of your high character as a priest, and of your devotion to your sacred office while connected with the parish, and to give expression to their loyalty and affection for you personally. We recall that your first mission after your ordination was to St. Patrick's, that you came to us in your early manhood, and that you have remained nearly twenty years, a large portion of the span of life, twelve of which you have passed as our pastor. During that time you have attended in their last hours those who were in life very dear to us; you have performed the last sad rites over them when laid to rest; you have married the parents and baptized the children, many of whom are now approaching majority. The ties which have so long and closely united priest and people are not easily severed, and it is fitting that on the present occasion recollection should arouse in our hearts feelings of love and regard for you. Our spiritual and temporal welfare you have ever had at heart. You have been extremely diligent that the ceremonies which accompany the services of our holy religion should be performed in a becoming manner, and the order and decorum which have prevailed in the sanctuary, of common remark by strangers visiting the parish, have contributed much to the dignity and impressiveness of those services, and have induced a spirit of reverence and devotion in the congregation. You have been a liberal patron of music, and your love of the sublime works of the composers of the Church is a testimony of the purity and harmony of your mind.

In your intercourse with those of a different faith from our own you have borne yourself with charity, and you have earned their respect for your religion and for yourself. But your special care has been for the boys and young men of the parish, a generation of whom has grown up under you, an ornament to their parents and to the congregation. To them you have been a friend, companion, and teacher in an unusual degree, attracting them to the Church by your gentleness of manner. We regard this as the best result of your pastorate, and feel that it is the crowning monument to your labour. We call attention to the spirit of peace and good-will which has prevailed amongst us during your long ministry, thanks in a large measure to your good judgment and kindness of heart. We know that you do not indeed require to be reminded of these things, but that you are consoled by the consciousness of having done your work faithfully and well. And now that you leave us, at the call of obedience, we ask, on bidding you adieu, that you accept the accompanying purse as some token of our sentiments toward you, and we hope that you may have many years of further service in the ministry of God, and we assure you that you will ever have our prayers and heart-felt wishes.

"Hamilton, Aug. 9, 1899."

"To Rev. Francis O'Reilly, Hamilton: The congregation of St. Patrick's cannot allow you to depart from their midst, where you have performed for over five years, without conveying to you an expression of the esteem and respect they entertain for you. You came a stranger to most of us, and by your gentleness of disposition, your frankness and zeal, you soon succeeded in winning all hearts to yourself. You quickly made the acquaintance of the members of the parish, and you searched out some who had become lukewarm and recalled them to a sense of their duty to faith and to themselves. Your earnestness, your intellectual attainments, and literary taste have made you an ornament to the parish, and your sermons have been to us a source of spiritual enjoyment and profit. Your time has been faithfully employed in the visitation of the sick and infirm, and your purse ever open for the alleviation of distress. Religion, by presenting to our minds the loftiest ideals, leads us to naturally expect the possession by our clergy of the high virtues, to which we have referred, but which you so abundantly possess, and which we have referred, but which you so abundantly possess, and which we have referred, but which you so abundantly possess. Hamilton, Aug. 9, 1899." Artistically engrossed copies of these

addresses were handed to Rev. Fathers Craven and O'Reilly by St. Turner, and Mr. Smith presented the purses, which contained a total of \$555.

FROM THE C. O. R. The testimonial from the choir was read by Miss Annie Stewart, and accompanying it was another purse of gold. This address was as follows:— "Rev. and Dear Father Craven,—We scarcely know what to say to you this evening. However, in looking through memory's glass, a few thoughts arise and present themselves. We see you as the young man, coming to dear St. Patrick's on your first mission: It is not necessary to ask how that mission proved on church and people. The dedication of this sacred office, under your supervision, certainly merits the praise of a true artist, and where throughout the Province of Ontario can we find boys better fitted to serve at God's Holy Altar than those generally known as Father Craven's? Not only have you administered to them the bread of eternal life, but assisted materially in preparing many to earn their daily bread. The mother singing her child to sleep, the boy bending over his school work, and the old man approaching a better world, all have cause to rise and bless you. However, in all that you have done, there is nothing in which you have taken a greater interest than in the choir. The Scriptures tell us to praise the Lord, praise Him with timbral and choir, praise Him with strings and organs. You have certainly fulfilled the Word, teaching the little ones to sing, and providing us (sometimes at a sacrifice) with the best vocal and orchestral music in the city, and you were ever present at our rehearsals with a kind word for all. The many pleasant incidents of the practice-room will not soon be forgotten, and in reviewing these it is any wonder you are truly grieved at your departure? Surely we can never sing a mass in this church, for any of the festivals, or hear the children sing, without remembering you, and although you desire no earthly recognition for work well done, we ask you to favour us by accepting a memento of our love, respect, and gratitude, hoping to find a place some time in your memory when ascending the altar."

The address was signed by James A. Cox, M. F. O'Brien, Miss Minnie Cox, Miss Annie Stewart, and Mr. J. F. Murray, on behalf of St. Patrick's and St. Cecilia's choirs.

IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Rev. Chancellor Craven made the first response to the shower of testimonials, and before he finished his address was visibly affected, and there were many wet eyes throughout the congregation. He said he found it impossible to reply fittingly to the many kind references made to him and his work. In St. Patrick's parish he had always found a people loyal, filled with devotion to the Church, and obedient to those in charge of the parish. If improvements were noticeable in the Church and people, the credit was not due to him, but rather to the congregation. St. Patrick's congregation had not only a widely-known reputation for docility, but also for reputation in all good works. What he had done had been done for the love of his people. His success with the younger members of the flock was due in a great measure to the hearty co-operation and encouragement of the parents. He could safely say that St. Patrick's was a pious, God-fearing parish. It had always been a pleasant duty to take an interest in the music of the church, and he hoped the choir would continue its present good work. In all the years of his ministry he had never had any trouble with any person in the parish. Personally he failed to see why all religious denominations in this world could not live in amity. He was glad to be able to say that representative men of other denominations in this city had always treated him with marked kindness, and he had endeavoured to reciprocate this kindly feeling.

Rev. Father O'Reilly, in expressing his appreciation of the address presented to him, said the congregation's treatment of him since he entered the parish had been practically one continued act of kindness. To the ability and good judgment of the Rev. Father Craven he ascribed much of the earnest faith of the people, and the strong union which existed between priests and people. It had been no labour to minister to such a people. He hoped that God would bless in many ways the congregation of St. Patrick's church.

"Salve Maria" (Mercuriale), was admirably rendered by Mrs. Martin-Murphy, and "Gloria in Excelsis," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, sung by the choir. Mr. J. F. Murray presided at the organ.

The purse presented by the choir contained \$50, and two other societies, the Young Ladies' Sodality and League of the Sacred Heart, have presented pastor and curate with purses containing a total of \$160.

The committee in charge of the congregational testimonials consisted of John Roman, A. T. Filigiano, B. Cauley, C. Shields, M. Hanley, G. Goyette, M. D. Sullivan, M. McLaughlin, Chas. Bourque, E. J. Skelly, Thomas Lawlor, John W. Coffey, John McManon, Thos. Murphy, John T. Brick, John Galvin, P. S. Rotaman, W. H. Lovering, Geo. Lynch-Staunton, John F. Shea, Lt.-Col. Moore, J. O'Brien, D. Stuart, P. Ronan, M. A. Elliott, Samuel Barker, C. J. Bird, and T. W. Lester. At the close of the service the congregation shook hands with hundreds of their parishioners. Rev. Father Craven will go to quit his week, and Rev. Father O'Reilly will take up his residence in Bradford.

TRIPPING EXPORTS FROM TORONTO.

An English contemporary has the following:— "The humour associated with the undertaker is a thing 'an' gentia." A St. Lucian undertaker, however, provides his own humour—as in the following advertisement:—

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THE WARFARE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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SCOTTISH RITUALISM.

The Glasgow Mail printed a curious article the other day on Ritualism at Kilmore. The article was a remarkable composition—from a literary as well as from other standpoints. The gist of it was that Ritualistic innovations have lately crept into the service of the Church of Scotland at Kilmore and elsewhere, which make some adherents sigh for another Jenny Geddes, and others "wipe the dust of the church from their feet and vow never again to enter it." Finally, it is complained that the Church of Scotland clergy are taking to wearing "black protectors," and apparently referring to the "stocks" worn by the Catholic clergy. Some ministerial aspirants have been boycotted lately for the wearing of the "bibs."

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CONTENTMENT.

My Lord rides out at castle gate, And liveth lackey on him wait, My Lord hath golden cups of wine, And purple rich and linen fine, The sunbeams to me shine bright, Obedience to my lord is my delight, When nips thy frost, Adversity.

My purse is small, my friends are few, But each is loyal, staunch, and true, Should I but have misfortune bring, The closer to my side they cling, And one there is with angel eyes, Doth rule my life—kindness and grace, I seek peace, and lo! I have it here, In darkest hour bids grief depart.

My Lord hath hands as soft as silk, And soft-smooth and white as milk, And cloaks of fur to fold him warm From rain and snow, and from the storm, From morn to eve with bronze he wears, I pace the furrow of the plow, And, rough of coat and hand, I row My riches o'er his high estate.

For, surfeited in silken halls, The feast upon his palate falls; And rural plenty's modest wealth Affrays the sleepless sycarite. But I for peace of mind and health And rural plenty's modest wealth Affrays the sleepless sycarite. Thank God, at every set of sun.

Yea! thank Him for my happy lot, My simple fare, my lowly cot, My loyal friendships and the eyes Of love that light my pathway; For friendship's jewels, gold of love, Though humble, crown me king above The prince who, in his palace hall, Feels the soft cushions of the wall.

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