

OBITUARY

FATHERS RONALD B. AND PIUS McDONALD

The long procession which followed the remains of the late Rev. Ronald B. McDonald and Rev. Pius A. McDonald yesterday afternoon from the Charlottetown Hospital to the St. Dunstan's Cathedral, was unprecedented in the history of the city and testified more strongly than any words could do to the love and respect with which the deceased clergymen were held.

At the hospital yesterday afternoon, after Prayers for the Dead had been offered, the remains of the deceased pastors were taken to the Cathedral, followed by a clergy and a very large procession of members of the congregation and citizens in general.

At the Cathedral the bodies were received by the Reverend rector of the Cathedral, Father Maurice MacDonald, assisted by Rev. Richard St. John and Rev. James Rooney, escorted by acolytes and altar boys.

Vespers for the Dead were then sung and the Rosary chanted. The caskets were opened and the vast congregation which filled the Cathedral to overflowing filed past them where they reposed in the Sanctuary.

In the Sanctuary during the service were the following clergymen: Rev. Dr. G. J. McLellan, Rector of St. Dunstan's; Rev. J. A. MacDonald, (nephew of the late Rev. R. B. McDonald); Rev. Owen Kiggins, Rev. Jas. Murphy, M. F. H. J. McIntyre, Rev. Alphonse Simeon, Rev. Chas. McDonald, Rev. Laurence Smith, Rev. Nazaire Poirier.

His Lordship Bishop O'Leary was prevented from being present in the Sanctuary as he is at present undergoing treatment in the Charlottetown Hospital.

In the procession yesterday the pall bearers for the late Rev. Ronald B. McDonald were Messrs. Michael Moran, J. J. Hughes, M. F. H. J. Murphy, Simon Paoli, Sextus McLellan, Gilbert Gaudet.

The pall bearers for the late Rev. Pius McDonald were from the League of the Cross Messrs. Jas. Brown, Louis McMahon, Geo. McQuaid, (returned men) Messrs. C. F. McDonald, R. A. McDonald, F. J. McDonald.

After the evening service at the Cathedral the caskets were again opened and the remains viewed by the large congregation.

During the night members of the League of the Cross Society remained as a guard of honor with the bodies.

The remains will lie in state until taken to the Eastern Train this afternoon. Mass of Requiem will be chanted at the Cathedral at 10 o'clock this morning.

The funeral services of Rev. Father Pius will be at St. Georges Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. At the procession this afternoon to the station a firing party and the Regimental Band will be supplied from the 105th Overseas Battalion.

The following sketch of the life and work of Father Ronald as he was familiarly called appears in the book entitled "Prince Edward Island Priests" by Rev. James Donahue, a Prince Edward Islander and city missionary of St. Paul.

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entered the novitiate of this Order at Frederic City, Md.; and at the close of the supplementary studies he was appointed to the Missionary Band and continued giving missions for a period of ten years.

His success in the largest cities was so pronounced that no matter how capacious the church or auditorium in which he spoke, both seating and standing capacity of the building were taxed to the utmost. His congregations were the more pleased with him on account of the power of his voice which carried every word so that it was distinctly heard by the most distant listener.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 8.—St. Francis Xavier, a young Spanish gentleman in the dangerous days of the Reformation was making a name for himself as a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Paris and had seemingly no other ambition, when St. Ignatius of Loyola won him to heavenly thoughts.

Monday, Dec. 4.—St. Barbara, virgin and martyr, was denounced before the tribunal by her own father who was enraged to find that she had been secretly converted to Christianity.

Tuesday, Dec. 5.—St. Sabas, abbot, who was one of the most renowned patriarchs of the monks of Palestine, was born in 439. After a number of years of monastic life he sought the wilderness and took up his dwelling in a cave high up on a mountainside above the brook Cedron.

Wednesday, Dec. 6.—St. Nicholas of Bari, the patron saint of Russia, was born toward the end of the third century. His uncle the archbishop of Myra in Lycia ordained him to the priesthood and made him abbot of the monastery.

Thursday, Dec. 7.—St. Ambrose, bishop, was of a noble family and was governor of Milan in the year 374 when a bishop was to be chosen for that see.

Friday, Dec. 8.—The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On this day is celebrated the moment in which Almighty God showed Mary, through the distance of the ages, to the first parents as the Virgin Mother of the divine Redeemer.

Saturday, Dec. 9.—St. Eusebia, virgin, martyr, was a native of Toledo who was apprehended by order of Dacian the governor under Diocletian.

Prague, Nov. 6.—Scholars from all parts of the world met this year at the monastery of Brno, or Brno, as it is now known, to celebrate the centenary of Mendel, the Augustinian monk whose laws of heredity have revolutionized the study of biology.

Czechoslovakia is proud to claim Mendel, on account of his Silesian origin and his long sojourn in the Augustinian monastery of Brno, where he was abbot for many years, and where he conducted his interesting experiments.

The University of Prague and the "Eugenicka Spolecnost" (Society for moral and physical hygiene) held a solemn session in honor of Mendel under the chairmanship of the Rectors Nemeš and Horacek.

In addition to this solemn session, the University has made plans to give a series of conferences which will later be published and distributed to various foreign scholars in honor of Mendel.

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"In the provinces, wherever Protestantism is represented by an active pastor who has become generally known and esteemed, the pastor is always invited to patriotic celebrations. But in many places the pastor is not known personally to the authorities; frequently he does not live near the place where the ceremony is to be held, and local organizers fail to invite him to a t. d. And still more often, even if the pastor accepts the invitation he passes unnoticed in the crowd."

"After having on various occasions followed up the omissions reported to us, the Council of the Federation has been forced to recognize that there was no object for a recommendation to the pastors and consistorians, urging them to see that they are not overlooked, and, above all, to accept all invitations extended to them."

NO INJUSTICE TO PROTESTANTS

The above letter explains the situation perfectly. No injustice has been committed towards Protestantism. There has been no arbitrary action on the part of the government, and no discrimination in the part of the Catholics. The truth is that the neutrality proclaimed by the law has never been intended to destroy a fact. The immense majority of the French people, by practice, or by tradition, belongs to the Catholic faith.

When they unveil a memorial to the dead, they demand the benediction of the monument by the clergy. This is why M. Poincare, M. Deschanel and M. Millerand attended the Masses of Thanksgiving at Bordeaux, Orleans and Meaux. This is why the violet, red and black robes appear side by side with the uniforms of prefects and generals.

PROTESTANT CLERGY IN FRANCE

LAMENT PROMINENCE OF CATHOLIC PRELATES AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS

Various prominent Protestants, for some time, have appeared to be greatly disturbed by the part played by prelates of the Catholic faith in official celebrations. They have carried their complaints to the President of the Republic and the President of the Council.

Reasonable Protestants understand this and feel no indignation. As the Secretary of the Protestant Federation writes in concluding the letter mentioned above, "The situation does not appear to us to be deserving of the qualification of scandal."

Unfortunately, however, all Protestants do not show the same "moderation." The Protestant deputy, Escoffier, who belongs to the radical party, demands the absolute exclusion of all ministers of worship from public ceremonies. And this is not all. While his Protestant colleague pastor, Soulier, deputy of the Department of the Seine, paid a public tribute in the Chamber to the heroism of the Catholic missionaries during recent events at Smyrna, M. Escoffier made violent protest against the maintenance of chaplains with troops stationed outside of France.

The Council of the Protestant Federation decided to ask the President of the Republic and the Premier for an audience in order to present a formal request that Protestant ministers be invited to official ceremonies.

Although the exact terms of the answer made by President Millerand and M. Poincare are not known, the general sense of their answer is made plain in a letter of the Secretary of the Protestant Federation quoted in *Evangile et Liberté*.

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THANKS FRENCH ADMIRAL Paris, November 4.—Rev. Father Lobry, of the College of Saint Benedict at Constantinople, has forwarded to the vice-admiral in command of the naval division of the Levant a letter of congratulation and thanks for the part played by the French navy during the destruction of Smyrna. He says: "From all sides, by letter and by personal messages, I hear that your sailors gave proof of the most complete and admirable devotion."

GERMAN WORKINGMEN Cologne, November 6.—Statistics showing the growth of the Christian Workingmen's Union during 1921 have just been published as a part of the annual reports of their central office. The reports show that on January 1, 1922, the Christian unions numbered 1,082,900 members which was an increase of 100,408 during 1921.

IN MEMORIAM Anniversary High Mass will be sung in St. Dominic's Church, Montreal, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, at 7:30, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Michael Mahoney (nee Mary Potter) who departed this life Dec. 6th, 1921. May her soul rest in peace.

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