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Death of the Parish Priest of Brudenell.

A Noble Character and a Noble Career—Pioneer Work in Remote Settlements—Hard Work That Gave Him the Life of the Priest

On Thursday, the 10th instant, after a protracted illness, there died a good man and zealous priest in the person of the Rev. James MacCormac, P. M., Brudenell. Having for several months, and at times with life despaired of, it was yet hoped by his friends that his naturally robust constitution would conquer, but in the inscrutable designs of Infinite Wisdom it was otherwise decreed, and he has already laid his final cause, having as true son and a faithful servant of Mother Church prepared to answer the summons of his Maker. Death has thus removed from the scene of his ministrations one who for nearly thirty years had labored with so noble a purpose, and so kindly a manner that his audience made itself beneficently felt, not only among those committed to his spiritual charge, but through the entire community in which he lived. For Father James, as he was affectionately called, was one of those who, when and where sympathy was required, did not pause to ask to what creed the person seeking it belongs. Hence, he not only won the love of his own people, but also the respect and esteem of those not of his communion. To his breadth of view and genial nature are largely due that tolerance and liberality, which so happily prevail in that part of the county of Renfrew in which he served. In a maternal sense, too, and, as might be expected, the district in question has been benefited by his preaching, and unselfish interest he took in its affairs.

The late Father MacCormac was born October 4, 1843, at Ballinacree, county Limerick, Ireland. His preparatory educational course was made at St. Manchan's College, Limerick, which, under the management of the Jesuits, has long enjoyed the distinction of being one of the most efficient schools in the South of Ireland. Thence he proceeded to the College of Mount Mollary, where he read his philosophy and prepared for the course of theology, which he made in All Hallows', that prolific alma mater of Irish ecclesiastics, destined for the foreign mission. During his stay in these institutions he proved himself a painstaking and clever student. In the year 1863, he was ordained by the then Bishop of Kerry the late Most Rev. Dr. Moriarty. In the Autumn of the same year he came to Canada, attaching himself to the diocese of Ottawa—a field of labor in which his brother, the late John MacCormac, had preceded him, and where, as the beloved pastor of Mount St. Patrick, he has left the memory of a devoted priest and a martyr to duty. Father James had remained but a short time with his brother at Mount St. Patrick when he was appointed parish priest of Brudenell—a charge he held to the time of his death. The limits of the mission to which the young priest was called then included a district out of which two other parishes have since been formed. In the life of the late Father MacCormac in Canada, even at this day, is one of labor and no little hardship, it represents but a tithe of what it was a quarter or half a century ago, particularly in remote settlements, where priests were few and churches scarce, and in which Brudenell, at the time he spoke of, was a typical instance. Railway communication was among the luxuries undreamt of. Sick calls were long, if not hazardous, and over rough roads. An appointment to perform some office of the Church, not infrequently in the most desolate physical strain when the weather was inclement and the ways almost impassable. But never did the faithful priest shrink; enough for him to know that some poor soul stood in need of his ministrations, and that, by a life spent in their service that the late Father MacCormac took a place in the hearts of his parishioners.

But even the most vigorous of constitutions have their limitations, and so the hard and constant work of the early years of his pastorate, told when illness finally came, and carried away all too soon one who, had his labors been performed under less rigorous conditions, would have been still only in his prime. It is no wonder, therefore, that in his death the people who he has so long and faithfully served should feel, as they doubtless do, the sense of a personal loss, the severing of relations as binding as those of family.

During the pastorate of the deceased clergyman, two substantial churches and a commodious presbytery were built, and the schools attended by the children of this mission have, considering the difficulties inherent in sparsely settled districts, been remarkable for their efficiency, a result largely attributable to the sympathy between speaker and audience was complete, and chance eavesdroppers have told the writer that on these occasions when Father MacCor-

mac delivered a sermon in the proper sense of the term, the impression produced was visibly profound and resonant.

During his illness every means that medical science or affection could suggest was tried to him, but the waning strength or relieve pain. His last hours were brightened by the devoted attention of his reverend assistant, Father French, who for some months past has been acting as vicar at Brudenell and by the occasional visits of his brother, Mr. M. MacCormac, of the Parliamentary Library Staff, Ottawa, who had the consolation of being able to visit the end came, and to whom and to whose family the sympathy of a large circle of friends now goes out in the hour of bereavement. The funeral which will be marked by solemn obsequies, will take place on Tuesday morning, the 13th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the residence of the late Father MacCormac, who is greatly missed. He was loyal as a subject and steadfast as a friend.

The church was as the festival gold, the church, not overbold, the church, not overbold, the church, not overbold.

Dramatic Entertainment.

The students of St. Michael's College, as many of our citizens are aware, have frequently given in the College hall dramatic entertainments, which were pronounced by competent judges to be of a high order of histrionic merit. These performances attracted large audiences, and became so popular that their recurrence was looked for with eager expectancy. And all this pleasure was afforded by the faculty and the students without cost to those who participated in it, although it cost in time and money was not inconsiderable to those who billed the plays and paid the bills.

The students are preparing another dramatic treat for their friends—no less than Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, which will be given in full character in the spacious hall of the College on the 16th of April. From what we know of the dramatic talent of the students of St. Michael's, we can safely say that the coming effort will be worthy of its predecessors—worthy of the College and the city, and worthy of the young gentlemen who have already scored success before the foot lights.

St. Mary's Fancy Fair.

St. Mary's Fancy Fair will open on Friday evening, with music and entertainment, to be given by the St. Mary's Boys' choir at 8 p.m. It will be held at 565 Queen West, near Portland st., in the building known as the Campbell Furniture Co. Every evening there will be a program of music and song. On Wednesday evening the concert by the Angels' choir will be a delightful surprise. The Trust Society will have charge of Thursday evening's entertainment. Other evenings will be in charge of St. Mary's choir, Young Ladies' Literary Association, &c.

The ladies of the parish are making every effort to secure an unequalled success. Fancy tables will be superintended by Mesdames Lamb, Goswami, Clark, Malouin, Miss Devine, and Miss Biddy. Miss Hart and others. The ladies of Our Lady of Good Council are making strong efforts to carry off the palm. The refreshment table will be controlled by Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Dr. McMahon and Mrs. Gallingier. A committee of gentlemen will look after the welfare of all visitors. Vicar-General McCann will be glad to meet his friends during the week of the Fair.

The Confederation Life.

We publish in to-day's REGISTER the twenty-fourth annual report of the Confederation Life Association, whose block on Yonge (between the Board of Directors, in view of the annual statement of the Confederation Life, appear to result advantage, as factors in the results obtained, and are entitled to the highest praise which can be given them by the shareholders of the Company.

Holy Week at the Cathedral.

The various religious ceremonies of Holy Week will be carried out in a very imposing manner at St. Michael's Cathedral. The office of Tenebrae will be read, and the lamentations will be chanted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. On Thursday the Archbishop will bless the holy oils in the presence of the priests of the archdiocese.

REGISTER JOTTINGS.

Manager of Boston Archbishop of Lincoln Hill

On last Sunday night Rev. M. J. Hoban was made coadjutor Bishop of Saratoga P.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the foundation of the Archbishopric of Lincoln took place on the 19th.

March 19th was the first anniversary of the consecration of Archbishop Langens.

Mr. James Wyman, an Irishman and a Catholic, has been elected Mayor of Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Mr. Agius, papal nuncio at Vienna will receive the Cardinals' benediction from the Emperor at the time the next embassy is held in Rome.

English exchanges deal with the advancement of the Catholic cause in Canada, London. Father Dooley the pastor is a native of Waterford and was ordained at Maynooth.

Mr. Verdon, President of St. Patrick's College, Sydney, has been appointed Bishop of Dunedin, New Zealand, in succession to the late Bishop Moran.

The death of Prof. Armetini at Rome is a great loss to Christian Archaeology. He was a great friend of the students of the Propaganda University when he was seized with paralysis of the heart.

The Letario medal, conferred each year by the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, upon some distinguished American Catholic, was this year presented to General Wm. Stark Rosecrans.

The Hon. John Gavan Duffy, who represents the Victorian Premier at the Sydney Conference on Australian Federation, is the eldest son of a former Premier. Sir Charles Gavan Duffy and he was born in Dublin just over half a century ago. At the very time when his father was being tried with O'Connell for sedition.

The signature of the only English Pope, Nicholas Breakspeare—as Pope Adrian IV.—to a Papal Bull—an extraordinary rare autograph—was sold on Friday in London for £75. The whole of the text of the Bull is in the writing of Pope Alexander III., then Cardinal Bandinelli who succeeded Adrian IV.

The new Italian commander General Baldassera, was picked up on the streets as a child by the Archbishop of Ultime and recommended to the charity of Empress Mariaanna of Austria. He fought in the service of Austria against his own country; but after the proclamation of independence of the Italian army and won rapid promotion.

The Holy Father has honoured Mr. Stephen Joseph MacCormac by graciously presenting a copy of his recently published translation of the "Imitation of Christ" (Eason and Son, Dublin), and has been pleased to convey to the translator, through Mr. Morry del Val, his affectionate blessing upon himself, his family, and the work.

In Mr. MacCormac's new book he tells a story of Ulster's grandeur. Not in Belfast, but in the county of Down, a somewhat officious inspector found fault with a farmer for having his name on his cart in ordinary writing letters. My man, he said, you must know that the streets are one of the "gains" of Toronto that, once seen, is not soon forgotten. None but an institution with unlimited means could erect so costly a structure, which is at once an ornament to the city and a monument to the enterprise and public spirit of the Confederation Life directors.

In the face of stringent times of no ordinary character the Company, in the matter of business, has held its own and increased its income and assets, as well as its surplus, though out of the receipts for the year from premiums, the interest and rent totals \$1,002,642, leaving a balance, after payment of all disbursements, of \$141,187. The assets and liabilities tally \$5,824,138, and the cash surplus, with capital stock added is held as security for the policy holders in the sum of \$1,301,254.

Managing Director Macdonald and his efficient staff, together with the Board of Directors, in view of the annual statement of the Confederation Life, appear to result advantage, as factors in the results obtained, and are entitled to the highest praise which can be given them by the shareholders of the Company.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan M.P., himself no mean poet, defends Alfred Austin from mere ridicule. The laureate, he says is not gifted with the strength, the grace, the charm possessed by his predecessor; but the line of genius from age to age never runs level; there are elevations and depressions, waves of brilliancy, and recesses. The poet men in every department of literature are always liable to be compared unfavorably with others who have gone before. A lecturer discoursing to a village audience on the virtues of the English literature is said on one occasion to have asked indignantly, "Where now are our Chaucers, and Shakespeares, and Miltons and Spencers, and Macaulays?" To which a voice from the gallery indignously replied, "We don't know; they've been dead for a long time."

Mgr. Nugent of Liverpool, England, summarizes as follows the moral lessons drawn from the Catholic Winter School at New Orleans. First, a zeal for Catholic education, both primary and advanced; secondly, the banding together of Catholics for the purpose of making a more thorough study of the subjects treated; thirdly, the encouragement of Catholic publications and Catholic literature; fourthly, a practical response to the exhortation of the apostle to the epistle of the day, "Walk as children of the light," "Walk as the brethren of the faith might be thus

shortly, and bright, and better way of living, and that of their good example.

Menelik II. of Abyssinia, claims to be descended in the direct line from the Monklul Emperor of Ethiopia. He succeeded to the throne in 1889 on the death of his father, and concluded in that year the treaty with Italy which placed his kingdom under Italian protectorate. He has quarrelled with the Italians over the text of that treaty. He seems to be a statesman of great power of will for he has consolidated the semi-independent viceroyalties into one homogeneous and powerful empire, so far from abandoning European ideas, he has cultivated them, he has cultivated relations with foreign powers, notably with Russia, and it is said that there are Italian officers serving in his army who will show how to make excellent use of the sixty years captured from the Italians.

Mr. Annot M.P. read a telegram in Latin of which the following is a copy in the House of Commons on Thursday to the Archbishop of St. Boniface to Rev. Father Laboure to the Rev. Father J. A. O'Connell, M.A. University.

The bill is workable, efficacious, and satisfactory. I approve of it. All the bishops and all true Catholics ought to approve of it. There is life in the bill. Success to you and Lariviere.

I fully approve of your written declaration.

His Eminence Cardinal Moran, of Sydney, some time ago called a meeting to take the necessary steps for the bettering celebration of the Irish National Festival, and to invite a number of representatives to wait upon the Premier with a view to the formation of an Irish rifle corps in the colony.

Rev. Father Maguire, belonging to the Ottawa diocese, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 1st, at the Hotel Dieu in Montreal. The deceased was born at Quebec in 1839, being a son of Judge Maguire, one of the best lawyers and most respected residents of the ancient Capital. Young Maguire pursued his collegiate studies at Laval, and, in 1860 was called to the priesthood. Finding that life as a member of the secular clergy was not in touch with his tastes, he entered, some years ago, the order of the Holy Ghost, a religious order, but the poor condition of his health did not permit him to follow the vocation which to him seemed the best. At the thirteen years ago he moved to the city of Quebec, where he was ordained priest, and since that time he has faithfully and energetically done the work which was allotted to him.

Rev. Father Kennedy, one of the Jesuits who addressed the Catholic Winter School at New Orleans made the following remarks to all Catholics who have any dealings with non-Catholics.

The harshness to be avoided in our dealings with non-Catholics is manifested in signs of dislike, intemperance of language, offensive remarks, and everything that savors of contempt. Such weapons, far from doing us good, do us harm, and they tend to do us injury. In using them we belittle ourselves, make ourselves hateful, and, as it is an easy step, and one commonly made, from the Catholic to the non-Catholic, we draw upon the church abuse that should be meted out to our folk. Let us never forget that faith can never be thrust on those who are unwilling to receive it. Let us remember the calmness, dignity and majesty of Christ.

John Wolloughby, a Wicklow farmer, died lately leaving £100 in his will, Sarah Kearney, if she married so as to please the Lord, of the parish where she lived, and the Wesleyan preacher. The Freeman sympathizes with Miss Kearney but assures her the conditions are not as difficult as the farmers of Kerry had to put up with before the days of the Land League when the young men could not marry without obtaining the consent of Lord Lansdowne's agent, Lowson's French. In a huldara similar state of things prevailed and the candidates for matrimony had to get the consent of a handful of the name of Val de St. Michael's. Kearney, it appears, is not to be consoled by pure sympathy and has taken her vows to the Master of the Rolls who has decided to pay her the £100 as soon as she marries the man of her own choice.

A lady correspondent of The New Orleans Times Democrat had an interesting chat with Miss Eliza Allan Starr. Describing this gifted lady, she says: "Instinctively you take her hand and ask, as though you knew she will answer: 'Tell me something about your self, Miss Starr.' The soft, spirituelle look that has in it so much of the other world grows thoughtful, as with all most childish pleasure she recalls that wonderful story of the little girl born in the quaint old town of Deerfield, Mass., and the childhood and girlhood spent among the woods and vines of the picturesque surroundings and traditions of her New England birthplace. She recalls her descent from a Puritan family which had helped to rock the cradle of Harvard University, this was a fact of which she was proud, and how she was educated by Unitarian teachers in Unitarian schools, surrounded by the choicest artistic, literary and social influences under Unitarian auspices, a girlhood inspired by such a scene as William Wordsworth and a reputation into womanhood in a country of culture, where Carlyle, Emerson, Longfellow, Whitier, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Lowell were the philosophers, essayists and poets that dominated thought.

THE REMEDIAL BILL.

Gets its Second Reading in the Commons—A Few French Liberals Change Over

The Remedial Bill was read a second time on Friday morning after two days had been taken, an analysis of which showed that the following Conservatives voted for Mr. Laurier's amendment: Cockburn, Craig, Henderson, Hodgins, McNeill, Hammond, Sproule, Tyrwhitt, Wallace and Waldon—10. Also the following Third Party men: MacCarthy, O'Brien and Stubbs—3. Total, 13.

On the other hand, the following Liberals voted for the Government: Angers, Beauoulet, Delisle, Evelyn, Fremont, McLeasas and Vallancourt. Total, 7.

Thus had the Liberals voted solidly with Mr. Laurier, there would have been a change of 7 votes, or 14 on the division, leaving the Government with a majority of 10, so far as the six months' hoist is concerned.

On the second reading of the Bill, which followed, the change of the three Conservatives, Hughes, McGillivray and Ross, against the Government, made a difference of six votes more on the division. This still would have left the Government with a majority of 11 in favor of the Bill, had every Liberal voted with Mr. Laurier.

Musical Vespers at Lourdes.

Musical Vespers were sung on Sunday evening in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Mrs. O. E. and J. V. McCann sang the "Quis est Homo." Miss McCann sang "Fugite Peritiam." Messrs. Mercier and Anglin also assisted. The feature of the Vespers was the rendering of the solo from the "Inflammation" by Miss Theresa Tymon. Rev. Father Walsh delivered a very instructive sermon on the "Stabat Mater." Miss Fannie Sullivan, the leader of the choir, is rapidly bringing the music at Our Lady of Lourdes to perfection.

The Memory of Father James Hogan.

By Dr. McDONNELL, O.S.A.

A voice is stilled, a life is closed,
A soul has gone to rest,
A pastor loved, a shepherd true,
Now sojourns with the blest.
We fondly hope he might be spared
For many years to come,
To counsel, guide and comfort us,
To aid us Saluta become.
With kindness rare and constant care,
He led his flock astray.
The Cross of Christ to seek to bear,
To strengthen them in grace.
By word and deed, example too,
To cherish well in time,
The love of patience, meekness, truth,
The virtues most sublime.
For forty years he plodded on,
His cheerful path of love,
Exhorting souls to lean upon
The treasures from above,
The grace of God, the blood of Christ.
Which was for sinners shed:
To preach, to teach, to watch and pray,
The light of Faith to spread.

Nor did he falter by the way,
Nor weary in the strife:
But garnered souls from day to day,
To sweet eternal life.
For them he gave his health and strength,
For them he wrought and prayed,
The Master's work must needs be done,
And duty's debts be paid.
And when ordained a Priest of God,
At perfect life he aimed,
The souls of earth he sought them not,
But souls for Christ he claimed,
At duty's shrine he bowed his knee,
To duty men he prayed,
His life, his love, his every act
On duty's altar laid.
And when it seemed to mortal men,
His work was yet undone,
His God, his Master, said: Amen,
"Your crown of joy is won,
You've labored in my vineyard long,
My faithful servant true,
Come, enter this abode of bliss
I have prepared for you."

The Late Lady Smith.

At the regular meeting of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association it was unanimously resolved.

That the Association tender the expression of their most sincere and heartfelt sympathy with the Hon. Sir Frank Smith and family in the great and irreparable loss which they have sustained in the death of a beloved wife and mother, a loss by which all classes of this city are deprived of a devoted, zealous and charitable friend, and this association of one of its most honored members, whose valued assistance will be ever remembered with the deepest gratitude. Also resolved that in accordance with the constitution of the Catholic Young Ladies' Literary Association, a Mass of Requiem be sung for the repose of the soul of his late member, Lady Smith, in St. Patrick's Church, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 8 a.m.

BOOK REVIEW.

THE HISTORY OF THE SEVEN HOURS OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO, BY J. M. FOSTER. New Edition. New York, Harper & Brothers, 1895.

The story will especially feel a sense of obligation to the publishers of this edition of the history of the Battle of Waterloo. A book of a modern nature naturally compares its style with the universally read *Following the Christ* of Thomas a Kempis, but any just comprehension of the merits of both books will suggest that the directness of one writer and the beautiful power of the other bear a certain character relationship. Whilst each is essentially complete and satisfying as a companion of daily meditation, there is that particularly that step-by-step progress in devotion to the Sacred Heart all through the imitation that we do not look for in the following. The work contains a summary of a social theory, embracing the doctrine, and in a more emphatic sense, the practice of the spiritual life. The book we understand was originally composed in America, and the author himself explains the plan of his work in a manner that fully discloses his aims.

For weighty reasons, things are not proposed in general and taken up as it usually does in books for meditation, but everything is laid down specially and in particular, both in regard to the evil to be avoided and the good to be practiced. First, that the reader may not be in uncertainty, or beating the air, aiming and grasping at whatever presents itself by the way and yet gain or secure nothing. Secondly, that having seen clearly the nature of something determinate, he may direct his strength and efforts, as well in time of prayer and meditation as during self-examination and the performance of good works, to that that is substance that is to be acquired. Lastly, that by destroying separately those things which are the causes, that the reader may not be in uncertainty, or beating the air, aiming and grasping at whatever presents itself by the way and yet gain or secure nothing. 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