- CONGRATULATIONS

Tendered to the Rev. Fathers Dowd and Toupin.

(Continued from First Page.)

Thursday afternoon at 3.30, the hour fixed for the presentation of addresses to Rev. Fathers Dowd and Toupin, there was a large attendance of the congregation in the church to witness the proceedings, which were very imposing of your ordination to the priesthood, to join its The first address was delivered by Hon. Mr. Thompson, Minister of Justice, who offered, on behalf of the Government, congratulations to the esteemed clergymen. The other addresses were then read in the order given below.

The following is the address presented to the Rev. Fathers Dowd and Toupin by the Mayor and Corporation of the city. It was beautifully illuminated by Mr. W. Greig, jr., of 232 St. James street, and bears the arms and seal of the city tastefully entwined with maple leaves and shamrocks:-

REVEREND Str,-It is with feelings of the REVEREND SIR,—It is with feelings of the utmost pleasure that we approach you to-day as bearers of a resolution unanimously passed by the Aldermen of Montreal, in council assembled, congratulating you on the fiftieth anniversay of your ordination to the priesthood, and in hearty appreciation of your long and fatthful services to the cause of religion and morality. As the highest and most beneficert qualities of citizenship are involved in a materiate such as citizenship are involved in a pastorate such as yours, the City Council speaking in the name of the citizens of Montreal, without distinction of race, creed or class, could not let this opportunity elapse without paying a deserved tribute to the admirable manner in which you dis-charged those functions and the good that has flowed therefrom.

In the hope that you may long enjoy continuous health and strength to prosecute the ennobling work in which you are still engaged, We remain. Rev. sir.

yours, etc., J. J. C. Abbor, Mayor, ALD. WHITE, ALD. STEVENSON. ALD. DONOVAN, ALD, GRENIER, (as committee.) Chas. Glackmeyer, City Clerk.

Address of the Congregation.

The following address, on behalf of the entire congregation of the church, was then read by Mr. Edward Murphy:—

REV. AND DEAR FATHER DOWD,-A half century ago you solemnly devoted yourself to the service of God and were ordained a priest of His Holy Church. The congregation of St. Patrick's Church, of Montreal, for whom you have labored incessantly during four-fifths of that long posied, approach you to-day with deep veneration and affection, to offer you their sincere congratulations on your attainment of the fiftieth anniversary of your priesthood and the accomplishment of fifty years of good, wise and noble deeds for the glory of God and the benefit of your people.

Forty years ago you entered the venerable and learned order of St. Sulpice,—an order which has rendered such incalculable services to the cause of religion in Canada, and has given to the Irish of Montreal such devoted pastors as Fathers Richards, Phelan, Morgan, Connolly, O'Brien, Bentley and Bakewell, and others who have died in their service, and an order to which they are still indebted for those who now labor so gaslends in their behalf. The who now labor so zealously in their behalf. The daily and nightly performance of your duties as a priest, to which you devoted yourself with all the generous self-denial of your holy order, making light of fatigue and hardship, cheer fully bearing trials, disregarding danger from contagion or exposure, and combating obstacles in the way—have secured to you the confidence,

esteem and affection of your people.

The visible monuments of your labors are numerous: The orphan children of Irish parentage first received (in 1849) your parental care, and the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, from a modest beginning, gradually assumed its present debt now weigning so heavily on this edifice, proportions; and its continued support has been bearing the name of the Apostle of Ireland, the proportions; and its continued support has been and infirm were the next to receive your foster-ing care, and the inmates of St. Bridget's Hone have daily invoked the blessing of God upon their kind and thoughtful protector. The to wander uncared for; and the St. Bridget's Refuge for destitute poor has tais and afforded shelter and food to persons of all croeds and nationalities. It was long felt that schools more in harmony with the wants of the people should be provided; and the St. Patrick's school for girls, established by you, has fully met that requirement. While providing ample accommodation for others, you neglected—too long neglected—your own comfort. and that of your co-laborers. The parochial residence was totally inadequate to house you comfortably. At length you have been com-pelled to give attention to yourselves. The presbytery now being built will afford you bet ter-although still modest-accommodation When it was judged necessary to divide the old parish of Notre Dame into several, you, Reverend and Daar Sir, ever watchful over the interests of your flock, obtained conditions which smoothed the difficulties pertaining to

that division.

Twice during your ministrations at St. Patrick's you have given unusual evidence not only of humility but of deep attachment to your people. Your unaffected piety, ripe learning, ma-ture judgment, great administrative ability and untiring zeal and devotion, long ago marked you as qualified for the arduous and responsible functions of Bishop; but the coadjutorship of Toronto, to which His Holiness had named you, had to be otherwise filled. At a later period designated for the Bishopric of the Diocese of Kingston, you again declined the dignity which would involve separation from your people. To stimulate the ardor and zeal of your flock, you organized and zeal of your flock, you organized a pilgrimage to the Centre of Cauholicity and to Lourdes, to which the eyes of the devout have for many years been turned. It was accomplished, but not without misadventure, and the thoughts of those remaining behind were strained in your direction when the intelligence possible di aster reached Canada. citizens, as a whole, and your own congregation especially, offered up prayers for your safe re-turn, and when news of your safety came later the joy extressed was general. Who among your people has not had on questions of difficulty \$4,740,—forming up to the present the aggrethe advantage of your advice, and who has grate of \$139,840.

not recognized—though perhaps not at the May God grant you many long years to conmoment—that the advice was in accordance with the unchangeable principles of right and justice. Your wise counsel and guidance on questions of the general good have entitled you to public gratitude, and the citizens of Montreal, by the mouth of their civic representatives, have embodied it in their address. The maintenance of the institutions you have founded has, in a great measure, cea to give anxiety. The church, however, in which you have so long officiated and to which your congregation are strongly attached, has been recently transferred to them; from tenants they have become proprietors, and the amount of the inrough the long vista of years, and think of the obligation incurred is large and can only be met life of self-sacrifice and untiring zeal manifest-gradually. But your past wisdom, energy and ed towards us by you, our devoted Parish

Beloved Pastor.—Desirous of expressing in Beloved Pastor,—Desirous of expressing in tangible form the respect, veneration and affection which they entertain for you, your congregation beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse subscribed for the purpose of lessening the debt on the church, which you have assumed, trusting, to use your own words, that "God will open new sources of revenue." panying purse subscribed for the purpose of lessening the debt on the church, which you delivered with such lessening the debt on the church, which you have assumed, trusting to use your own words, have assumed, trusting to use your own words.

The Children of Mary.

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of their dear Apostle when making their last day. "will and preparing for eternity," and they fervently hope that the Almighty may be pleased to prolong your life for the interest of religion and for the good of society.

St. Patrick's Society to Rev. Father Dowd. A very misfortunate typographical omission occurred yesterday in the address presented by St. Patrick's Society to the Rev. Father Dowd. It changed the sense so materially that we here reproduce the address with the two lines

omitted vesterday: REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER DOWD .-- The St. Patrick's Society of Montreal, of which you are the respected and beloved Chaplain, desires to approach you on this, the fiftieth anniversary voice with that of the other members of your flock in joyous felicitations on this happy occasion. The membership of St. Patrick's Society, embracing, as it does, Irish Catholics from all parts of the city and district of Montager and and d real, entitles it to express the santiments of all, real, entitles it to express the sentiments of all including those who, though now under other pastoral care, still fendly look back to St. Patrick's and its priests as fostering parents of much of which Itishmen in this city and district feel justy so proud. You, as parish priest, have naturally been always in the yan, and for the fruits of your ministry we have only to look around and see.

Dear Father, we beg you will accept the Society's mite towards the general offering which is being made to you, knowing that your fatherly heart will understand the feelings of the members are not measured by the smallness of the amount, but that the many demands on the funds in the sacred cause of charity praclude them from making it commensurate with

their desire and your worth.

In conclusion, the St. Patrick's society prays that Almighty God may spare you for many years yet to watch over the interests of your congregation, and to witness the full fruition of your desires and aspirations for the well-being and success of the many institutions which you founded for the education of youth and for the protection of the infirm, the orphan and the homeless. On behalf of the St. Patrick's

D. BARRY, President, S. CROSS, Secretary. Montreal 19th May, 1887. St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER DOWD .-Amidst the general rejoicings on the occasion of your golden jubilee as a priest of the church, permit your affectionate and grateful children permit your affectionate and grateful children of St. Patrick's Total Abstinance and Benefit Society to approach you with our feeble words of thanks and our humble testimonial of appreciation. Nearly forty of the fifty years of your priesthood have been devoted to the St. Patrick's congregation, yet whilst laboring for the benefit of all and thus enhancing so emmently the glory of the distinguished order of St. Sulpice, to this test the state of heavy than the president of the state of the stat to which you have the privilege of belonging, you have found time to devote to the interest of the temperance cause in special connection with our Society, of which you were once the reverend and beloved President. Your solicitude has ever been evinced in our behalf by the judicious selections you have invariably made of worthy and devoted clergymen for the position of our chief officer; but in a marked degree you have given an impetus to our efficiency, and a wide scope to our usofulness, by a wise and compre-hensive revision of our constitution and by-laws, enabling us to do good, not only as a temper ance, but as a benefit association, placing both our branches on a firm and durable basis.

of your zeal and foresight originated the constitution of the Irish Catholic Temperance Convention, embracing the various total abstinence organizations of the Irish parishes of Montreal and its vicinity, the extent and value of whose labors may be seen in the daily increasing strength of the principles we profess, whose adoption will ensure results so beneficial, morally

and materially, to our people.
Under your paternal guidance Divine Provi dence has deigned to bless our efforts, and whilst comfort as well as peace and harmony have been made to reign in many a home through the adherence of our members to the rules of our association, we, as a body, without impairing our financial resources, are enabled to day to request your acceptance of a small token of our grateful appreciation, in addition to the other gifts that are now being pressed upon you, and which, with that self-sacrifice that has characterized your pastorate, you intend to apply, not to your own wants, but to the liquidation of the worship, living, we trust, in the practice of the virtues of which your life has been so exalted an example. God, in His goodness, has spared you, reverend sir, to see this happy day; not so long ago the hearts of your children were wrung in anguish when they witnessed you prostrate on a bed of sickness which threatened a lasting

Signed on behalf of the Society. E. MURPHY, President: P. DOYLE, Vice-President. JAS. J. COSTIGAN, Secretary.

Montreal, Feast of the Ascension, May 19th,

The Ladies of Charity.

Address of the Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's Congregation, and their friends, to the Rev. Father Dowd, on theoccasion of his Golden Jubilee Celebration :-

REVEREND AND BELOVED FATHER DOWD:— The Ladies of Charity of St. Patrick's Congregation, in their own name, and in the name of their friends, join your numerous children in congratulating you on this blessed and joyous secasion, the Sacerdotal Jubilee of your ordination, a glorious epoch, reached only by a privi

leged few.

The holy inspiration of providing a happy asylum for our little orphans, a confortable home for our aged and infirm, has grown under your fatherly care and guidance beyond human expectations; like the grain of mustard seed spoken of in the Gospel, "they have in-deed multiplied a hundred fold." The bazzars (38 in number), the principal support of these institutions, held yearly (with only one interruption, have had wonderful success, which is due, in no small measure, to the foster ing care and heartwarm encouragement of our venerable and dear pastor. These bazaars, like many other good works, sprang from small beginnings; we find in the records of the society that the first one took place in 1849, when the modest sum of \$520 was realized,—the nett proceeds of the last, that of 1886, amounted to

tinue your good works, to watch over these in-stitutions and to guide your loving flock. The many ferrent wishes breathed for you

to-day, dear pastor, ascending, like incense, to the throne of the Most High, form, as it were, a chain, the links of which are composed of the prayers, the grateful tears and eighs of the widows and orphans and many others in affliction whom you have comforted and strengthened

The church, however, in which by kind words and wise counsels.

The sweet words, "Soggarth Aroon," have strongly attached, has been re-ever been dear to the Irish heart, but never with more reason than when we look back ment, aided by that hearty co-operation on the part of the congregation which you have a right taken in the works of the Ladies of Charity, and accept this offering towards would remain the works of the Ladies of Charity, and accept this offering towards your last great undertaking, the liquidation of the debt of St.

Patrick's Church.

M. G. Munphy, President.

EMILY MURPHY, Secretary. "Montreal, May 19th, 1887.

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We, the children of Mary, gather around your venerable person and hasten to lay at your feat the homage of our since est congratula-tions and the threefold tribute of our reverence, Fratitude and devoted affections.

Since the establishment of our association

severed and scattered our members far and

near.

Many have been harvested into the celestial granary and are, let us hope, enjoying the reward of their good works; others have yielded to the attractions of divine grace and anchored in the harbor of the religious state, anchored in the harbor of the religious state, where peace and security reign with undisputed sway. Anxiously did we anticipate this day and most earnestly did we supplicate the Throne of Mercy when during your pilgrimage to the Chair of Peter, and during your protracted illness, the phantom of doubt kept us hovering between hope and fear. But our prayers pierced the clouds, and the ever faithful sogarth, whose clocks have been silvered, and whose sters have grown feeble whilst tolling in the vineyard grown feeble whilst toiling in the vineyard Our Lord, seems to regain something of his former strength and buoyancy of spirits, as he lends an ear to the festive lays which his loving children are rehearsing on all sides upon this day of days, which it is granted only to the privileged few to behold. Ah, yes, favored chi'dren of St. Patrick! well may you sing your joyous song. Make these walls reverberate with strains of your most enchanting melodies. Let the tones of the organ break in the most soul-stirring appeals; still in our midst is our father, our pastor and our friend. Half a century ago on a bright and glorious May morning, when nature was arrayed in its loveliest garb and all creation seemed aglow with beauty, he vowed an everlasting farewell to the world with all its prospect, with all its riches, pleasures and honors, and in his dear native land, on the island sanctified by the prayers and tears of St. Patrick, he pledged himself solemnly to follow closely in the footsteps of the Divine Master. Did he regret his engagements? No, never; annually he re-news his clerical promises at the foot of the altar on the feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin, and with what rapturous delight must not the angels of heaven have listened as they heard hun repeat once more, in this his golden jubilee festival, "The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; it is Thou that wilt restore my inheritance to me. But why seek in language to find utterance for the sentiments which overfl w our hearts? Must we deprive silence of its golden eloquence? But one word more—one fervent prayer. Reverend and dearly beloved father: You have a great and all absorbing wish at heart; may you be spared to see this realized, and then, O Blessed Mother of God, thou whose de cut client he has ever been, into whose core and tender solicitude he has so often commended his dear and grate ful children, from thy sterry throne gaze upon him now, guide his fcotsteps, till, safe in the haven of eternal rest, thou shalt deck his brow with the laurels of victory.

Children of the Cathechism.

REVEREND FATHER,—I have come to represent and to speak in the name of all the boys and girls who attend the Sunday Catechism of this parish. It would indeed look strange if we let this occasion pass by unouticed—if we were to be left in the shade and doomed to remain silent. We readily acknowledge that we are not perfection and may prove at times a trifle tronblesome, but still we claim to be your children and should avail ourselves of this opportunity publicly to express the manifold sentiments with which we have been always sentiments with which we have been always animated in your regard and which we realize more vividly upon this thrice blessed day. Once you saw the days through which we are passing. Education was vested with charms which you could not resist and did not fail to appreciate. Thanks to the most favorable of home influences, religion experienced no difficulty in stamping upon your particular mind and hoart an incorpus luminus. youthful mind and heart an impress luminous, distinct, profound and indelible. You grew in the knowledge of supernatural truth and rapidly advanced in every Christian virtue. Your standard became the Divine will. have always cherished and followed it. called you to the super-eminent dignity of the priesthood. You responded to His call, and already fifty years have chapsed since, crossing the threshold of the Sanctuary, you dedicated to His service all your faculties, energies and resources. With the inspired Psalatist did you exclaim in all the fervor of a heaven-born energies.

The Lee Ciub's Address. the object of your constant solicitude. The old and infirm were the next to receive your fostering care, and their children's children may continue to ing care, and the mantes of St. Bridget's Hone worship, living, we trust, in the practice of the chosen to be an object in the iterate the profound sentiments of loyalty and house of my God. For better is one day in Thy affection so universally and so spontaneously courts above thousands." We congratulate you upon all the glory which, through your instrumentality, has accrued to the Most High; upon all the inestimable graces with which you have enriched the various flocks committed to your charge: upon all the beautifully diversified forms which your piety has assumed, upon all the humility, charity and zeal which you have accomplished; upon your sterling worth, unimpeachable integrity and unswerving allegiance to principle; upon the almost unrivalled reputation which you have won for yourself by ex-celling in all that is true, just, honorable, noble and magnanimous. For more than a decade of years you were engaged in cate-chizing the little ones of our parish. You knew how to descend to their level and esteemed your self regulary happy in their midst. You solidly instructed them in the tenets of our holy faith trained them in the practical love of duty, and inspired them with veneration for the Sacra ments. You dug deep and wide the foundations upon which the superstructure of happiness both temporal and eternal, should rest. W owe you a special debt of gratitude. You furnish us with striking evidences of the interest which you take in our cathechet cal instruction You may justly pride in the magnificent result through the doctrinal system of St Charles Borromeo, which you introduced into the city, and frequently do you advocate our cause in the pulpit. You provide us with a band of teachers eminently qualified by their intellectual culture and disinterested zeal for the important task which they volunimpose upon themselves. You nothing to encourage us and an tarily sp re nually you preside at the distribution of our premiums. We promise not to be ungrateful for the many precious favors which we have re-ceived at your hands. In whatever circum stances we may be placed, we will comply with all our obligations as Christians and Catholics. We will always cling to the teachings of our infallible Church, and to the traditions of the dear old land where you spent the earlier por tion of your life, and where the spirit of St Patrick still prevails in all its beauty, strength and splender. We have been plying a variety of ingenious industries, and succeeded in gathering the sum of no less than half a thousand dol-We are delighted to have it in our power to make you a golden offering, and the only thing we feel like regretting is that alchemist have not yet discovered the philosopher's stone which we would greatly like to have a littl whils in our bands, so as to cancel the whole of

> hildren who represent all the different sections of our Catechism. Address of St. Patrick's Choir.

> the debt weighing upon our dear old St. Patrick's Church. Please accept our gift from

REV. AND RESPECTED FATHER,-The members of the choir of St. Patrick's church beg to express their gratitude at being permitted the opportunity of tendering to you and to your very worthy condiutor, the Rev. Father Toupin, their sentiments of the most profound veneration and esteem upon this joyful occasion. It has always been our ambition to contribute in our humble way to the impressive rendering or the Divine service in the church, and if our efforts in this regard have been in any degree successful we may confidently attribute it to the unceasing interest you have always manifested in our progress and the kind and gener-ous encouragement you have over seen fit to bestow upon us. In a similar manner

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days to continue the great and noble work of charity and education which you have so successfully inaugurated and promoted since your connection with the parish of St. Patrick.

As a sight tribute of our gratefulness, and as the result of our efforts on behalf of the celebration of your Jubiles, we have your accountage of

tion of your Jubilee, we beg your acceptance of the accompanying, being the proceeds of the entertainment given in the Queen's Hall on last Tuesday evening, and which was reodered doubly enjoyable by the presence of yourself and of Rev. Father Toupin. twenty-three years ago, you, our Reverend Father and deeply cherished friend, have ever been our guiding star, guarding and safely directing our frail bark on the perilous sea of life. The viscissitudes incidental to time have

Very respectfully, THE MEMBERS OF ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR, Catholic Young Men's Society. REV. AND DEAR FATHER.-In the midst of

this vast concourse of happy hearts, none ought to rejoice more than the members of the Catholic

Young Men's Society of Montreal. The very pleasing duty of gratitude, apart from the higher and more exalted sense or justice and equity, has awakened in us a thrill of grateful equity, has awakened in us a thrill of graterial emotion. You are indeed, Rev. Father, the founder of our association. We owe our social existence to your creative genius. I wenty years ago the pious zeal which you had on all previous or casions displayed in the performance good works suggested to your mind a new field of useful lator. The institution and organization of our receivty and its consolidation upon the basis of wise and prudent con-titutions are the precious relies of your intellectual industry in our behalf. Year after year your love and affection for the male Catholic youth of our young and prosperous city grew more and more intense, and kept on in-venting new and attractive farms of innocent smusement and recreation so ind sper sible par ticularly at our period of life. Your long-tried experience and deep observation of characle had signalled out to your keen and watchful eye the dangerous and delusive snages held out to an inexperienced youth. Accordingly you have embodied in our rules the very essence of the important lessons which the glorious past had taught you. Your far-seeing prividence saw, likewise, the avenues of material prosperity open out in brilliant colors before the gaze of Catholic youth. Without a moment of delay, you established on a firm and solid feeting those literary conferences that have contributed so powerfully to bring into bild priminence the many sterling qualities which, sill then, had remamed dormant and silent in he solitude of their beings. If, to-day, so many young men of Catholic parents fill positions of trust and responsibility in our midst, they owe their elevation and promotion to your indefatigable efforts in procuring them the mans of progres sing in everything advantage as and profitable To encourage the members in the carrying out of their thoroughly religious reission, you accepted the director-h p, which you held for years and which you transmitted afterwards to a succession of priests of you excellent order, who, by their learning and piety, have continued and are now continuing to follow up the

work so nobly and so generously inaugurated by your marvelous activity.

Your admirable spirit of self secrifice has been largely shated by the army of presidents and other officers and members whose count esnumbers are now scattered over the broad continent of America, and whose true and genuine principles acquired in youth are still their beacon light in the viscissitudes of life and forcible argument of persuasiveness for their

fellow-citizens. To foster and develop the empire of religion amongst us, you approached the Chair of Peter and humbly craved the spiritual intervention of the immortal Pius IX. This august Pontiff hearkened to your pressing entreaties and lavished with an unsparing hand his indulgences upon our association, whose principles and tendencies you advocated with all the carmstness of an apostle of youth.

In a word, you have neglected no resources whereby you might realize the words of the illustrious Leo XIII. in his eminent encyclical letter, dated the 20th April 1884. He writes: That the objects of our desires may be the more easily obtained, we once more urgently commend to your fidelity and watchfulness the care of youth, as the hope of human society. To its ormation give your greatest care

Receive, therefore, Rev. and Dear Father, the expression of our sincere gratitude, and please accept as a tribute of our unalterable devoted ness this small gift which we joyfully present to our exceedingly kind benetactor and loving

We, the last-born of your spiritual children, iterate the profound sentiments of loyalty and voiced by the senior associations.

We lawfully pride in being ca'led your Benjamin, and we flatter ourselves with the thought that we do enjoy an unusually large share in the big heart of our affectionate parent. Your love for us, dear Father, done not fall upon a barren and sterile ground. No. It has brought into play the echo of sweet gratitude "Excelsior" is our motto, whether we are praised or censured. If, at times, the playfulness of our age has betrayed us into some little reaks of what we thought a peculiarly funny nature, your justly merited reprimand always camein time to season the exuberance of our

We appreciate your corrections, slways giver with gentleness and firmness. To say the least, they have made us none the worse. We ever presume to say that we are on the advance line We do not forget the lessons of wisdom which you have ever incul: ated to us. You have taught us particularly to love our holy religion. We have followed your inspirations. We have selected for our chieftain and leader the immortal Leo the Thirteenth. Under his guidance and direction we are sure to be on the right side, and were we to become like him we uld be far from being pitied.

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To knit together the various elements which enter into the composition of our Leo Club, we glory in being the bodyguard of the sacred Tabernacle where resides in glorified though hidden splendor the Holy of Holies. Each suc cessive month since our organization in 1884 has witnessed in our parochial church a heavenly sight. We have vied with one another in zeal to approach the Holy Communion. Union, strength and mutual happiness have been the recompense of our close union with the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Our young minds have not been left in the shade. Our mission here below is to shine by the brightness of our intellects as by the purity and innocence of our lives. Our literary academy has always given you intense pleasure. Perhaps, dear Father, we are talking too much about ourselves and not enough about our kind Father, whom we cannot speak enough

about. You will therefore pardon us, but bear in mind, dear Father, that when the heart is overflowing with joy, as on this day, there is a neces sity of speaking even at the cost of being a little resome. Please accept, dear Father, our little offering,

Ever yours, LEO CLUB.

May 19th, 1887.

Confraternity of the Holy Rosary.

We, the members of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, re-joice on this day. It recalls to our minds the epoch of the introduction of this salutary devo-tion into our English-speaking Catholic congregation more than forty years ago through your pious instrumentality. For that length of time you have watched over the interests of our Sodality with a fervor which the latigue of your Sodality with a rervor which the largue of your ministry or the multiciplity of your enterprises of charity could neither relax nor diminish. You were our first director and you have always held out to us a protecting hand. The thousands of familiar ministry with sight and the state of the protecting hand. The thousands of familiar instructions which you delivered with such such paternal unction had a telling effect, and

dressed to Our Lady of the Rosary. within the last few years Pope Leo the Thir-teenth called upon His children to storm Hea ven with the powerful weapon of the "Hail Mary," in the recitation of the Beads, your energetic and decisive co-operation admitted of no bounds. Your exhortations ceased only when all your flock, young and old, rich and when all your flock, young and old, rich and poor, lettered and unlettered, jo ned their voices in one common and general in vocation to Mary Immaculate. The month of October, each year, is one of intense consolation in our parish. The thirty-one days are spent within the precincts of our church in honoring, by special evening exercises, the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Often times we have been encouraged, in giving our small monthly fees, to hear you say, with a small monthly fees, to hear you eay, with a smile of delight, that our little contribution, though individually insignicant in appearance,

S. Patrick's Church the vestments and sacred vesse's used in the ce'ebration of the most august sacrifice of the Mass.

Frequently you have spoken to us about the importance of being faithful to the devotion and meetings of the Soda ity to which we be-

No hieg inspires you with a more sensible and palpable love of the osary then the progress which the Ho y Catholic Church is making in the scale of human aggrandizemen. Some would fain attribute the increasing preporderance of Las the XIII, to a kind of ungovernable fa'a'i y, or to the natural course of events, without any special concurrence of supernatural agencies, but your pi-ty, founded upon your affection for Our Laty of the Rosary and upon the marvellous results obtained in the days of St. D. min'c and in other trying times of the church's history, d scovers in the pleasing and agrees ble form of prayer of the Rosary the secret explanation of this strange phenomenon.

Thanks, then, reverend and dear Father, for your kindness in our negard, and receive, if you please, this token of our appreciation of your eminent qualities.

SODALITY OF THE ROSARY. The St. Patrick's Society to the Rev. Father Toupin.

REV. AND DEAR FATHER TOUPIN,-The St Patrick's Society of Montreal desires to join with the many who offer their congratulations to you this day on having attained the fitieth anniversary of your wedding to Holy Mother Church and the service of the Sanctuary. It would be superfluous to descant on the

It would be superfluous to descaut on the rany sacrifices you have made in those long years of your ministry. They are known, and will be fondly remembered, by those to whom you have devoted your life; for gratitude is the characteristic of the Irish heart, and the Soygarth Aroon is, it possible, more dear to them from the fact that he, in your person, has sundered the ties of kindred and race to labor for the in their hour of need.

To these greetings the Society adds a prayer:
That those whom God has placed in your car may, for many years yet, have the benefit of that charity for them. which is a part of your existence, your reward for which can only be fully known on that day when all secrets shal be revealed. On behalf of the St. Patrick's

D. BARRI, President.

S. CROSS, Secretary.

Montreal, 19th May, 1887.

In addition to the addresses published yester day as having been presented to Rev. Fathers Dowd and Toupin. Dr. Hingston had one in French to read to Rev. Father Toupin, but at the request of the reverend geutleman, he read it in English. It core testimony to the self-sacrifice of Father Toupin and to the apprecia-

tion of the congregation for his n ble works and his great charity in their midst. Mr. Riordon also read an address on behalf of St. Mary's congregation.
Mr. M. P. Ryan then read the following

address :--Rev. and Dear Father Dowd :

A most gratifying part in the happy proceed ings of this joyous and memorable occasion has been assigned to me to offer you, and your es-timable and indefatigable colleague, Father Toupin, on behalf of a large number of your fellow citizens, clergy and laity, who are not members of your communion, their cordial congratulations on your attainment of your Sacerdotal jubilee.

So rare and signal a favor of Divine Providence conferred upon the congregation of St. Patrick's church as the celebration at the same time, in the same parish, of the fiftieth anniversary of ordination of two priests whose lifelong services in this community have given such general edification, has been rejoiced in by all your fellow citizens with ut distinction of race or craed.

In proof of this general feeling I have the great honor of presenting to you this tangible testimonial, the spontaneous and voluntary ex-pression of the respect and esteem of those citizens who so gratefully appreciate your long, distinguished and successful labors in the cause of religion, charity, unity and peace,
M. P. RYAN, Treasurer.

Montreal, 19th May, 1887. The address was accompanied by a cheque for \$600.

Rev. Father Toupin then ascended the polpit and expressed his thanks to those who had so highly honored him and remarked that many of the eulogies bestowed upon him were entirely undeserved. He would leave the task of thanking the various societies to his more eloquent co-worker, Father Dowd.

RRV. FATHER DOWD'S THANKS.

The esteemed pastor of St. Patrick's Church then delivered his reply. Addressing Hon. Mr. Thompson, he said:

HONORABLE SIR,—I need not say that the presence of the Minister of Justice, bringing assurances of good will from the Federal Government, is, on this occasion, an honor I apprecinte in the highest degree. The puny efforts I may have made, from time to time, to protect and to promote harmony amongst our varied population, did not, certainly, merit such distinguished approbation. Permit me, however, to say it—this rubbic approval of even however, to say it—this puone approval of even my humble efforts in the interests of peace, does you honor. It shows that your Government is based upon the principles of peace, and, consequently, upon the principle of impartial justice to all, without which there cannot be possibly either peace or harmony amongst the peoples of this country. Do not believe, honorable sir, that your Government is in the least my debtor. What I did was done in the interests of society, what I do was done in the interests of society, and from a conviction of duty slone. My conduct would not be different under any other Government. I know nothing of party divisions, nor of party struggles. I am, in fact, a blank in politics. But I earnestly desire, and even pray, that the interests of our dear young Dominion may be always entrusted to the care and midmay be always entrusted to the care and guid ance of men of ability and good will. My illness of last year brought me under heavy per sonal obligations. Your honored chief was constant in his enquiries. You, honorable sir, and others of your colleagues came to my sick room. To duly appreciate this kindness one must be seriously sick, as I was. This duty of comforting the sick is too sacred for politics to meddle with it. It is a duty of pure friend-ship, and of thoughtful and disinterested

charity.

Accept my lieartfelt and lasting thanks for your honored chief, for yourself and for your honorable colleagues. May God bless you and give you long life to labor for the good of your

TO THE CITY COUNCIL. The honor of this presentation was not expected by me. I could not hope that a body so epresentative and so important as the Corpor representative and so important as the Corpor-ation of Montreal would notice our little family feast in so extremely kind and complimentary, manner. My not deserving this distinction does not, I assure you make me less grateful. One thing gives me real pleasure; in your in-dulgent appreciation of the little good I may have done for Montreal in my position, I have a guarantee of the forgiveness by my fellow citizens of my many shortcomings. I will add with sincerity that I value this compliment the more because it comes' from men I particularly esteem. The late flood, a time of public suffer-

When I them to be worthy of their position, men of charity, of tenderness of heart and of selfcharity, of tencerness of neart and of sein-sacrifice. Mr. Mayor and geatlemen, I thank you for your friendly wishes. Be assured of my gratitude and of my affectionate remem-brance of your great kindness. Father Tourin cordially adopts these sentiments as his own. TO THE CONGREGATION.

Gentlemen of the committee, representing St. Patrick's congregation:—Gentlemen,—It is not Patrick's congregation:—Gentlemen,—It is not in my p wer to find suitable words to express my thanks for the great kindness of your beautiful address. Warm friendship diminishes the faults of a friend, just in proportion, as it magnifies the least good he dies. This is exactly what your friendship has been doing for me. All my faults have disappeased, and the little good I have done has grown into such proportions that I must look at it twice before I can recognize it as my own. Fifty years ago such kindness would likely have been dangerous to me. The "old boy" would no doubt whisper into my ear something like this:—If you were not somebody; if, in fact, you were not a great man, these friends, so serious and so enlightened, would not say such things of you Fifty years ago this would have been a real danger; taday, if I know myself, it is have collectively bequeathed in great part to the real danger; t day, if I know myself, it is not so. Behind, and not far behind, the orinion which your affection and your kindness form which your affection and your kindness form of my actions, I see the judgment or another trib hal. He ore long, I cannot say how soon, I shall have to stand before that tribunal and I shall have to stand before that tribinal and answer to an all-seeing, an all-knowing God, for the thoughts, words and deeds of my fifty years of priestho d. You, my dear friends, will not be there to excuse me. I shall be there all alone with my works, by which I must stand or fall for eternity. Poor silly vanuty has not much standing noom here. vanty has not much standing noom here. You speak of the institutions of the roy and of education that have come into the stateme during my time in St. Parrick's. Yes, institutions that now prosper, under the thesis good work in the couse of the poor and of religion. The St. Patick's asylum, our orphans' home, the St. Patick's asylum, our orphans' home, the St. Bridget's refuge, the home of our old and helpless poor, and the night shelter of the homeless stranger; and St. Patrick's school, the pet nursery of our little girls;—these stand around nurse y of our little girls ;-these stand around St. Patrick's church as so many outposts to St. Patrick's church as so many outposts to complete and to guard the work of religion. Yes, my dear friends, you may indeed thank God for selecting you as instruments to do His work, and for giving you a docile spirit to obey the impulse of that charity with which He filled your heart. It is through you that God is a father to our fatherless littl orphans; it is through you His loving providence provides for all the wants of our old, and feeble, and helpless poor. Will not God bless you for thus using a generous portion of the means He gave in doing His own work? I do with all my heart congratulate you, for in thus doing your duty you secure a great reward for yourself and you leave a bright example to those who will come after you. But you seem to think that I have had a principal to the product of the seem to think that I have had a principal to the seed that her bear down. This part in the good that has been done. This my dear friends, is a mistake. Give me a cool shade from which I may look on; and do you take the burden and the heats of the day; then our positions will be about correct. When there was question of our different enterprises I had of necessity to lead and to suggest; this was a necessity of my position as your past r. But is it not a pleasant thing to lead when a multitude of willing hands follow you? When, in fact, you are followed by many willing to take you us upon their own shoulders and to carry you on fast-r when you commence to lag? This was my happy position as your paster. I led you by just one little pace in advance of the mu titude that pressed on from behind. Were I to delay or become indolent I would have to hear the shame of your zeal and energy, and besides I would have my heels tripped up without mercy. The suggestions I had to make were always received in a good spirit, and when examined and matured by your practical wisdom and experience they were always promptly carried out. You stopped at no sacrifice of time or money to complete the work once begun, and to secure for it a prosperous future. You now commence to enjoy the fruits of your sacrifices. God has evidently blessed the institutions you raised to His honor, and for the relief of His suffer-ing members. They are in full work, owing no debt, and consequently are no longer objects of over-anxious solicitude. But what am I to say of your offering of to day, intended to diminish the debt on St. Patrick's church? When the project of taking hold of this enormous debt (\$124,000) was first sprung upon the St. Patrick's congregation, I was staggered and I lost all my courage. I at once asked my superior to place this unexpected charge in younger hands. I felt that the responsibility of such a debt would soon crush me into the grave. My superior would not listen to me, so I had to remain in harness, and to do my work the best I could. It is with a certain amount of confusion I now make this confesion. Long as I lived in your midst, and worked with you. I did not thoroughly know you—there were depths in your charity that I had never sounded. It required my old age, my very feebleness, and the decline of my facul ties, to bring out fully the resources of your charity, of your love for your holy religion, and of your goodness of heart. The hundredfold and life everlasting shall certainly be your, for you make God Himself your debtor. What you give out of your substance to his His house God will accept as given to Himself, and He will reward you accordingly. You allude to my services on the occasion of the division of the old parish of Notice Dame. As this matter can now be approached without any undue feeling of any kind, I will state the simple truth. I gave such advice as I believed to be in harmony with the laws of the holy church. This, I did as a simple truth is a simple truth. duty, being your pastor. You followed my advice in the spirit of true Catholics. The Holy Father spoke, all obeyed, and ever since we are happy and content. As you have put me on this ground I ask you to do an act of justice, late though it be. You sent two de'egates to Rome to explain your case to the immortal and loving Pius IX. Their action had, probably, a determining influence on our question. The determining influence on our question. The delegates undertook the labor and the hardships of that long journey at their own sole expense, and yet they never received a word of public thanks. I venture to thank them to day in your name. One of them is dead, poor D'Arcy McGee, we will pray for his soul. The D'Arcy McGee, we will pray for his soul. other is yet spared to us, so I shall name him-te Hon. Thomas Ryan. On an occasion like the present I may be pardoned if I go back a little in the history of our people in Montreal A few facts on the testimony of an official, if not an eye-witness, may be usefully put on record. When I came to Montreal in 1846 the Irish Catholic population numbered about

12,000 souls, and amongst them there were only a few proprietors, say half a dozen, more or less. Now we may put down the number of our people at 30,000, and the proprietors by hundreds. When in 1849 I under took to build the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. I gathered contributions from the Irish Cathering of the public set of the public sets. ics of the whole city, who gave me cheerfully according to their means; only three gave me \$20 each. Now, in order to reduce the debt of St. Patrick's church, five heads of families living in St. Patrick's parish, have contributed \$5,000—\$1,000 each. Let us go back a little further. When in 1848 I arrived in Montreal three of the contributed the contributed start of the contributed start o I mee an Irish Catholic who, when a boy, at tended the first Sunday services of the Irish Catholics, conducted by a priest of the Seminary, the Ven. Father Richards. This man attended the Ven. Father Richards. This man attended Mass and religious instruction in the dear old Bonsecours church in 1817. The congregation was small, though it contained all the Irish Catholics residing in the city. A few years earlier it was not known that there were any Trish Catholics in Montreal. Most probably the Trish Catholics in Montreal. Most probably the fact of their existence became known to Father Richards by his being called to attend a dying Irish Catholic. I he kind father enquired of the messenger if there were other Irish Catholics in Montreal? On being answered in the affirmative, he said: Send word to them all to meet hie in the Bonsecours church, at a time his named. When, at the appointed time, the good father came to the church lie found there exactly thirty persons. He conducted them into the sacristhirty persons. He conducted them into the sacris ty, where he gave them advice and instruction