

said that, though he did not belong to the body of clergymen that remained from the period that Mr. McMaster began his career on the *Freeman's Journal*, he nevertheless was moved by the death of the brilliant writer and powerful defender of the Faith. He always was profoundly impressed with the strong honesty and high fervor that influenced him in the work which he did in behalf of the Church to which he was ardently attached. "He was always powerful, and he was always orthodox."

A great number of priests, both rectors and curates, spoke in the highest terms of praise of the good work done for the Church by Mr. McMaster, and there was a general feeling that in his death the Church and press and community have suffered an irreparable loss. His loss, they said, will be felt as a personal one to all who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance. It will leave a blank in many lives—in lives that have been connected with his, through the medium of the weekly paper for well nigh half a century. To many in distant places, who have never experienced the kindly influence of his presence, he will be mourned with a sorrow as deep and heartfelt as the sight of his cold and peaceful features awakened in the breasts of those gathered about his bier to-day. They will revere his memory with as much tenderness as if they had been connected with him in bonds of closer union, and all over the land prayers will ascend to Heaven for his repose, who so often invoked them for his unknown friends in their hours of trial.

In speaking of Mr. McMaster, some of the older priests of New York were overcome by the feelings of sadness which his death awakened. There are but few of his contemporaries any

longer officiating. They have passed away, one by one, and their places have been taken by younger men. Among these his death is universally deplored, for, although they were not bound to him by the memories and personal attachments that marked his relations with the few surviving men of former years, yet they cherish his memory and feel the extent of the loss which the Church has suffered.

In a letter to Mr. John A. McMaster, Mr. Thomas L. James, late postmaster of New York, said: "He was utterly fearless in the discharge of what he regarded as his duty, upright in his dealings, a Christian gentleman always. I mourn deeply his loss. A good, true, noble man has gone to his reward."

Hon. Wm. Dorsheimer, New York *Star*: "It was with great regret I learned of the death of Mr. McMaster. I have known his work in journalism for many years. His opinions on popular subjects were expressed with a fearlessness and candor that commanded the respect of even those who differed with him. Journalism has sustained a severe loss in his death."

Father Slattery, St. Patrick's Cathedral: "There is universal grief among us over the death of Mr. McMaster. He was undoubtedly the leading Catholic journalist of the day. Right in his ideas and fearless in their expression, he proved himself a powerful ally. His great reverence for everything Catholic was his most prominent characteristic. His loss is irreparable."

Rev. Father Healy: "I have met Mr. McMaster occasionally. He was very orthodox in his views, and always sincere and honest. A man of principle, who lived up to his religion."

Father McMahan, of St. Andrew's, on Duane street, expressed the deepest feeling of sadness at the death of Mr.