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THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1906.

"Build the house and it shall be acceptable to me. I shall be glorified." These words of Holy Writ carry us back, in imagination, to that 17th March, 1847, when the first pastor of St. Patrick's, the gifted and lamented Rev. J. J. Connelly, on the occasion of the dedication of the then new temple, made use of them as a text for a sermon that will for all time remain memorable in the annals of the good old Irish Catholic parish. On that day the Right Rev. Mgr. J. C. Prince, first Bishop of Montreal, presided at the ceremony of dedication. It was a solemn occasion, and it was a critical period in the story of the Irish Catholics of Montreal. Half a century, or less, earlier, there were no representatives of our race in this city. Two decades earlier, about the time that O'Neill's masterpiece of architecture—the Church of Notre Dame—was being completed, about half a hundred Irish Catholics worshipped in the little Church of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, or in that of the Recollets. The years sped onward, and from the green isle, the "Isle of Saints and Martyrs," numbers of exiled children of the "Ancient Race" found their way to Canada. At last they numbered fully twelve thousand within the limits of Montreal.

"From the winter of 1846," said Meagher, in one of his fervid passages of Celtic eloquence, "to the summer of 1848, the wing of an avenging angel swept our sky and soil; the fruits died as that shadow passed, and men, who had nurtured them into life, saw in the withered leaves that they, too, must die." The famine years were on, the potato crop had failed, the country was in a state of political turmoil, and thousands were flying to the seashore and setting sail for the New World. Emigrant ship followed emigrant ship across the Atlantic. But the scarlet bird of fever hovered above them, and in the deadly flush of his typhus-dripping wings, these Irish exiles reached our shores. It was on St. Patrick's day of that sadly memorable year that the first Catholic temple, built by and for the Irish population of our fair city, was dedicated. It was on that occasion that the first parish priest, Father Connelly, delivered his epoch-making sermon, from the text with which we commenced this article.

Had the officiating prelate and the eloquent pastor of that day been endowed with prophetic vision; could they have seen through the veil that

hangs between our human sight and futurity; were they able to take in, at a glance, the fifty-nine years that have since elapsed, what astonishment would they not have felt and what assurances would they not have expressed. During the six decades that have been told on the rosary of time, they would have seen the Irish Catholic population of Montreal multiplied by tens of thousands; their sons occupying the highest ranks in church and state, entering the halls of legislature, passing through the portals of the Senate, ascending the Bench of the Superior courts, occupying the highest judicial position in the gift of the Canadian Parliament, taking rank foremost amongst the first in the spheres of commerce, and in all the professions. They would have beheld the grand spectacle of the 26th June, 1906; the church of their hopes, of their great faith, of their heart's love, filled with the immense concourse of devoted and prosperous Irish Catholic population, and the Archbishop of a magnificent and wonderfully developed diocese officiating at the unique and most solemn ceremonial of the Consecration of St. Patrick's Church. How their hearts would have rejoiced could they have thus anticipated such a sublime consummation to the efforts and the zeal that they displayed in the initial stages in the upbuilding of the great central Irish parish.

St. Patrick's is now the consecrated temple of God. Not every church enjoys that unique distinction. In fact, the number of these churches, throughout Canada, that have been consecrated is very small—they could be counted on the fingers of one hand. There is a greater significance attached to this ceremony than the general public imagines. This is not exactly the place, nor is it our province to enter into those interesting details, so ably explained by the members of our clergy, and especially by the present beloved pastor of St. Patrick's—Rev. Father Martin Callaghan; yet we may remark that the consecration of a church must (if at all possible) be performed by the Ordinary of the diocese; the day of a church's consecration, like a Feast of obligation, is preceded by fast and abstinence on the part of the faithful; no church can be consecrated until the last cent of debt upon it has been paid off; from the day of its consecration the temple belongs entirely and exclusively to the service of religion, and no profane concerts, or other such like entertainments can be given within its walls—under pain of sacrilege; in fine, so thoroughly does the edifice become the house of God, that it can never be alienated, no matter under what circumstances or for what consideration; it cannot be sold, nor yet exchanged, nor bequeathed, nor again placed in debt by means of mortgage or hypothec. To do, or to attempt to do, any of these things therewith, would be a desecration of the temple and tantamount to a sacrilege.

These few facts may suffice to give an idea to our readers of how grave and important is the event that marked the 26th of this month in regard to St. Patrick's Church. And it should be a source of special pride and thanksgiving for the Irish Catholics of Montreal, to feel that their own church, the temple of the old mother parish, the sacred edifice in which—throughout half a century or more—so many of their kith and kin have been baptized, have made their first communion, have been united in the holy bonds of matrimony, and have finally been placed in funeral pomp, while the last solemn requiem was chanted over their remains, that their own dear church should be the first one in all the vast city of churches to be consecrated. It has been remarked that the Irish Catholic element has made but little progress within the last couple of decades. Considering all they have had to contend with, the vast competition, the extensive emigration that obtains between different sections of our Canadian population, it would seem that in every sphere they have not only held their own, but

have even outstripped their neighbors. In the domain of religion, which is, after all, the most vitally important, the consecration of their oldest and most important church speaks volumes. While clustered around the great central parish are six other Irish-Catholic divisions of the city, and some of them very important, in every sense of the word, it has been reserved for the mother of their parishes to be the first to receive the enviable honor of possessing a consecrated church.

While the reports that we give of all the solemn ceremonies in connection with that unique occasion will interest our readers and instruct them fully in all that has taken place, we feel, as the oldest Catholic organ in Canada, as the one which is almost coeval with the origin of St. Patrick's, that we should voice the sentiments of gratitude to God and of respect and love for the beloved pastor and assistant priests of the parish, which fill the souls and pulsate in the hearts of the people to-day. We are taught by Holy Church that there is a chain of union, called the Communion of Saints, binding together the faithful who still "fight the good fight" in the ranks of the Church Militant on earth, with the faithful who have gone to enjoy their rewards in the bosom of the Church Triumphant in heaven. Confident, then, that the spirits of the departed pastors smile down in happiness upon this realization of their dreams and this consummation of their labors, we seem to see the beams of unending happiness that halo their sanctified heads grow still more glorious in the contemplation of this supreme triumph.

Over the battlements of God's mansions of glory lean the beloved forms of Fathers O'Brien, McMahon, McCullough and their predecessor, Bishop Phelan; and beside them, in a heavenly delight that no human words can paint, the great and good Father Dowd looks down upon these events of sublime significance. When, in 1887, that memorable pastor announced the payment of the first portion of his church's debt, he had prayed to behold the day when that debt would be entirely effaced. It was not in the designs of Providence that he should live to participate in that triumph; but, in his abode of happiness, where he has been joined by his devoted and noble successor, dear Father Quinlivan—and where he is now associated with his faithful contemporary, good Father Toupin, and his ever faithful assistant, the lamented Father James Callaghan, he has the glorious satisfaction of knowing that, under the care and direction of his old-time co-worker—Rev. Father Martin Callaghan—the church of his predilection, the temple of his affection, the edifice of his heart, has become finally free from all encumbrances and lifts its grand spire proudly to heaven—in reality, in every acceptance of the term, the Consecrated Church of God.

What sublime and potent prayers have gone up to heaven, to the throne of the Most High; what hearty invocations have winged their flight to the saintly abode of the great Patron Saint of Ireland, and of this Parish; what pious aspirations, like incense curling upward, have arisen from grateful and faithful hearts on that great day! We could not attempt their enumeration. And what hundredfold blessings have flown downward in response to those petitions, what graces have been showered upon both pastor and faithful, no language can ever tell. Truly was it a day of unbounded jubilation—and the central figure in that never-to-be-forgotten scene, was the venerable and zealous pastor, whose life has been devoted to the interests of his native parish, and whose labors and sacrifices have been so eminently recompensed in the attainment of his grandest object in life.

After all the others, the old organ of the Irish Catholic people comes with its note of congratulation and rejoicing and desires to convey its sentiments to both the pastor and the congregation, and to re-echo the

feelings of all its readers on the occasion of the consecration of St. Patrick's Church. May the blessings of health, happiness and prosperity be the share of each and all, and may the oldest temple long continue to witness the faith and devotion of the good Irish Catholics of Montreal and long behold the encouraging presence of the one, under whose guidance and inspiration events have been so shaped that the Irish Catholics of Montreal can proudly point to their majestic temple and proclaim to the world that it is Consecrated.

They Rest From Their Labors and Their Works do Follow Them.

CONNELLY
McCULLOCH
HALLEY
HOGAN
BAKEWELL
O'BRIEN
O'FARRELL
SINGER
TOUPIN
DOWD
CALLAGHAN
(James)
QUINLIVAN

CLOSING MEETING OF ST. ANTHONY'S JUVENILE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The last meeting for the summer of the Juvenile Temperance Society connected with St. Anthony's Church took place under the presidency of the Rev. T. Heffernan, the zealous director. In the evening the different temperance organizations of the city united with the young boys. The Rev. Director was the preacher. The singing of the boys during Benediction was highly commented upon.

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MR. P. J. COYLE SEVERES HIS CONNECTION WITH CITY HALL.

P. J. Coyle, K.C., who has represented the city as its attorney for the Revenue Department during the past 25 years, has within the past few days severed his connection therewith. He was much esteemed by the civic employees generally and especially his legal conferees. On leaving our City Fathers handsomely recognized his long and useful term of service during which he successfully conducted many important cases in all our courts, being considered an authority in matters of expropriation and on city by-laws. He has now opened an office for himself in the Street Railway building, and we willingly bespeak a successful future for one of our oldest supporters.

A Cure for Rheumatism—The intrusion of uric acid into the blood vessels is a fruitful cause of rheumatic pains. This irregularity is owing to a deranged and unhealthy condition of the liver. Anyone subject to this painful affection will find a remedy in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their action upon the kidneys is pronounced and most beneficial, and by restoring healthy action, they correct impurities in the blood.

DOMINION PARK.

Lovers of good music will appreciate the treat which awaits them at Dominion Park on Monday afternoon and evening. M. Henry Morin, the genial and able leader of the French military band which bears his name, has selected two programmes which contain rare gems of classical and modern composers. With the wonderful performances of De Renzo and Ladue in their comedy revolving pole act, and the several other attractions, there certainly will be the customary immense crowds.

Its Power Grows With Age.—How many medicines loudly blazoned as panaceas for all human ills have come and gone since Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil was first put on the market? Yet it remains, doing more good to humanity than many a preparation more highly vaunted and extending its virtues wider and wider and in a larger circle every year. It is the medicine of the masses.

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HYMENEAL.

DONNELLY-DELANEY.

On June 20, in the chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Patrick's Church, the marriage was solemnized of Mr. Patrick Donnelly, son of the late Mr. John Donnelly, Longueuil, and Miss Margaret M. Delaney, daughter of the late Mr. J. Delaney, Kingston, Ont. The bridesmaid was Miss Mollie O'Rourke, Lowville, N. Y., and Mr. Rudolf Donnelly performed the duty of best man. The groom is one of the partners in the firm of W. Dangerfield. The wedding was strictly private, only immediate friends of both parties being present. The bridal couple left on a trip to Rochester, Niagara Falls and Toronto, followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

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NEWLY APPOINTED CHAPLAIN FOR A. O. H.

Division No. 1, A.O.H., will tender a banquet on July 8 to their newly appointed chaplain, Rev. G. O'Bryan, S. J.

Very many persons die annually from cholera and kindred summer complaints, who might have been saved if proper remedies had been used. If attacked do not delay in getting a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial the medicine that never fails to effect a cure. Those who have used it say it acts promptly, and thoroughly subdues the pain and disease.

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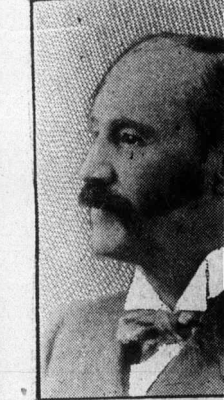
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On the exterior might ample green flag flying belfry, while flung across way from parish hall green and Dominion flag apiculous. The presbyter gala attire. A huge gr draped over the main entrance from each window pen a welcome to the nomen who sought admission. tions connected with the vicinity did their share ing the day, and the sombre walls were only the green and the tri-colored.

At the conclusion of Archbishop announced ences and spiritual granted on the occasion tion ceremonies. Those were made dependent on receiving the sacrament the church, and there pr intention of the Sovereign

ADDRESS TO HIS

His Grace was then n eipient of the following the churchwardens, and read by Mr. Felix Casey den: "The Most Reverend P. D.D., Archbishop of May it please Your Gr "The fond dream of a reality. With trans do we halt this day, consummation of the l



MR. CHARLES F.

bors of those with w linked by the endearing ture and of grace.

This temple, erected t the Most High, and of Erin's national ap stamped with the of consecration. We are fact that it was You beloved and distinguish who took the leading consecration of this n Your Grace are we d for this manifest toke gard for the Englishs tion of the vineyard as Divine Providence. Ir Grace may at all th our undying gratitude allegiance.

"It behooves us on occasion to revive the the saintly fathers wh deeds are enshrined who labored in our m tolic zeal and fervor, us the Master's messa thrones above, where, enjoy the reward of w they have been and st ing over the destinies St. Patrick's. As the 'Writ assures us that and saints rejoice earth, we feel confide thers in Christ are w rejoicing over the ever memorable day, and s blessings upon the w they lived and died."

"St. Patrick's has al vileged to have for guides, Soggartha, A tive of nationality, me by their exemplary tion, were instrument mation of a sturdy ra women, loyal subjects ther Church. To You to your illustrious p happy memory do we in a special measure. "When the pioneers lish-speaking Catholic on these hospitable s with a most cordial the French-Canadians Never shall we of forget their heroic de the destitute and th Irish refugees. They letters of gold, and tured in our hearts in remembrance.

"The men and won a century ago, laid th St. Patrick's parish, numbers, but strong and hope. They have to the silent majori