

A GOOD WILL GESTURE

Dublin, Oct. 30.—Although Catholics are still subjected to hardship and injustice in the six northern counties, ill-treatment and persecution are not as general and common there as they have been. The feeling of bitterness between north and south has subsided considerably.

A recent incident, important as an indication of the trend of public feeling, was the presentation of a plain linen hand loom to Father Conefrey of Killoe by the Lisburn Technical School in County Antrim. The loom is to be used in the demonstration given at the Dublin Horse Show of the village industrial development carried on in Killoe under the direction of Father Conefrey. Such looms were formerly in general use but have now been almost universally superseded by power looms. Father Conefrey has succeeded in reviving the industries of spinning and weaving in Killoe to such an extent that the Royal Dublin Society became interested in his work and gave him a special hall at the Horse Show for exhibition purposes. In order to complete his exhibit he tried to find a hand loom but was unable to do so until finally one was located at Lisburn.

The school was asked to loan the loom for the exhibition but after a consultation between the principal of the school and the original donor of the loom, it was decided to present it as a free gift to Father Conefrey. An interesting feature of the affair is the fact that Mr. Harold Barbour of Lisburn, the donor of the loom, is a member of the Northern Parliament. The gift was made as an expression of appreciation for the work done by Father Conefrey to revive spinning and weaving in the South of Ireland. In a letter to the Royal Dublin Society announcing the gift to Father Conefrey, the Principal of the Lisburn Technical School wrote:

"Hasten the day when men such as Harold Barbour and Father Conefrey may be allowed to play their proper part in helping to direct the destinies of Ireland."

OBITUARY

THE LATE FATHER HODGKINSON

Rev. Father Edmund Joseph Hodgkinson, after forty years of active service in the priesthood, died at his brother's residence, 49 Gorevale Ave., Wednesday November 1st, at 3 o'clock. The body was escorted to St. Francis of Assisi Church, where it lay in state until after the Mass of Requiem at 10 o'clock Friday morning. In announcing his death to the congregation of St. Francis, the pastor, Rev. W. A. McCann, made special reference to the priestly zeal and saintly character of Father Hodgkinson, whom he had known for the past twenty-seven years.

Deceased was born March 19th, 1860, in Braidswood, Australia. He received his early education at Halifax, England, and later attended the Public and High schools of Strathroy, Ont., from which place he passed on to Assumption College, Sandwich, Ont., and finally finished his theological course in the Grand Seminary at Montreal.

He was ordained to the holy priesthood in St. Mary's Church, Toronto, August 13, 1882, and said his first Mass the next day in St. Paul's Church, Power Street. His first charge was as assistant priest at St. Thomas, where he remained until 1884, following which he spent six months in Maidstone, Essex County. His next charge was St. Patrick's Church, Raleigh, County of Kent, and after three years he was transferred to Woodsee, Ont. There he remained until about six years ago, when, his own request, he became chaplain at the Christian Brothers' Novitiate, Aurora, Ont.

While in Woodsee he erected a church and school, equipped in every detail, and conceded to be one of the finest in the diocese of London.

The deceased priest was the son of Dr. E. J. Hodgkinson and Margaret Carr, who came to this country some years ago and were well known and highly respected in Toronto. Of the forty years of his priestly life thirty-three and a half years were spent in the London diocese, and the balance in Toronto diocese. Deceased is survived by his brother Charles, and a sister, Mary Ann.

The funeral Mass of Requiem was chanted at ten o'clock Friday morning in St. Francis Assisi Church by the Very Rev. Dean Hand, of St. Paul's, Toronto, assisted by the Rev. Father Ford, of the London diocese, as deacon; Rev. Father Barcello, of Toronto, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Dr. Morrissey, of St. Augustine Seminary, master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were a number of priests from the London diocese, in which the deceased labored so long. Among them were the Right Rev. Mgr. O'Connor, V. G., of London.

Headed by the Right Rev. Mgr. M. D. Whelan, V. G., were some 80 clergy of the Toronto diocese, also a large group of the Christian Brothers, for whom the late Father Hodgkinson labored at the Novitiate for the past six years at Aurora.

The pall-bearers were Rev. Fathers Callaghan, McGrand, McCabe and O'Donnell.

Talents are nurtured best in solitude, but character on life's tempestuous sea.

TELLS OF MISSION CANADIAN HEADS AGAINST ISLAM

Penetanguishene, Nov. 3.—That between no less than two to three hundred Canadians are carrying on the Christian Apostolate among the blacks of Africa, this with reference to Catholics alone, was the striking statement of Right Rev. John Forbes this evening in the National Shrine commemorative of Huronia. His Lordship is the Bishop of British Uganda, incidentally the first Canadian the Holy See has raised to the episcopate for jurisdiction outside the Dominion.

Robed in the burrows, gandoura and full Arab dress of a distinguished African, the presence tonight of this stalwart strong-faced Canadian missionary in the memorial church of the heroic missionaries of New France amounted to the significance of an historical incident. What Huronia was to Breboef, with its lodges of Caraghouha and Ibonitria, all the immensities of Africa from Algiers and Ethiopia to Nyanza and the jungle lands with their one hundred and thirty millions of Zulus, Matabeles, Basutos, Bedouins and Arabs are to Bishop Forbes and the white fathers of whom he is a leader.

THE STRUGGLE IS WITH ISLAM

In this enormous sphere of conquest for the Cross the great struggle is with Islam. No more difficult missionary territory can be found than through the Sahara regions when Mohammedanism has secured a foothold.

Since the coming of Stanley and Livingstone and the great Christian religious orders undoubtedly the achievement has been extraordinary. It has put an end to local wars, slave raids, and to a large extent, of infanticide and human sacrifice. This lesson has not been lost, said Bishop Forbes, on the black, brown and red peoples of the continent, and the triumph of the Cross over the Crescent is practically an accomplished fact. In Uganda the White Fathers founded by Cardinal Lavigne at Algiers, have been working for forty-three years. A most bloody persecution under the reign of King Mwanga in 1886 destroyed in martyrdom 128 Christians out of an actual total of 200.

The reaction of this took a most marvellous form in the expansion of the faith. Today there are no less than 245,000 in Uganda alone professing Christianity.—The Globe.

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DIED

MURPHY.—At Souris West, P. E. I., Sept. 10th, 1932, Mrs. Mary E. Murphy. Aged eighty-two years. May her soul rest in peace.

DUFF.—At Walford, Ont., on August 21st, 1932, at the home of Mrs. George Gattie, Mrs. Caroline Duff, wife of the late Hugh Duff, aged sixty-two years. May her soul rest in peace.

TWOHEY.—At Buffalo, N. Y., Sunday Oct. 29, 1932, Dr. John J. Twohey, beloved husband of Mary Hirsch and eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Twohey of Pt. Colborne, Ont. Funeral from his late residence, 2162 Main St., to St. Vincent's R. C. Church. Interment at Pine Hill Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace.

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