

"Your presence here today clearly expresses and calls to mind all these glorious records, these splendid pages of history past and present, and this is why our joy at your loving visit is so deep, so tender and so particularly paternal."

"We congratulate you, not only on these past glories of which you are so justly proud, but also on those which you yourselves have added to them, for we know from what we have heard and read, from what your Bishops have told us, from a thousand different sources, what an ardent faith glows in your dear country and what deep piety, what sincere practices of Christian life sanctify your homes. We know how intense is your devotion in the churches to the Most Holy Sacrament and how frequent your reception of Holy Communion and how loyal your attachment to the Apostolic See, to our Holy Mother the Church how filial, deep and characteristic is your attachment to the Holy Father, the Vicar of Christ, the Successor of St. Peter."

"Moreover your presence here manifests all this and in a most beautiful and most impressive manner, for we cannot help calling to mind the long journey undertaken with its inevitable pain, sacrifices and inconveniences. You have faced all with serene and generous hearts and your behavior, the filial devotion with which you have responded to the invitation to come to Rome, bears eloquent testimony to the sentiments by which you are animated, as likewise does the lively, heartfelt, intense devotion which you have manifested in the visits to the Basilicas. You have thus contributed largely and effectively to that rivalry of fervor which the Catholic world has brought, and still brings and shall continue to bring to Rome during this year of Benediction."

"Therefore, most dearly beloved, we earnestly desire that your pilgrimage to Rome and your stay in the Holy City may be replete with consolation, grace and heavenly favors so that the real meaning of the Holy Year, the year of sanctification may be realized in each of your souls."

"Let each and every one of you, then, coming here to the heart of the Holy Mother Church, to the home of the Common Father of Christendom, already so inspired with faith and piety and Catholic spirit, return to your dear Ireland, to your cities and to your homes, still more holy, still more pious, still more fervent and devout so that the Divine Heart already so pleased with you may be still more pleased and may more richly bless you as we now bless you."

"And so, beloved children, it is with all our heart we grant you the Apostolic Benediction, which you have come to seek from the heart of your loving Father, as the crowning grace of your holy jubilee. And as such we wish to grant it to you, as the crowning grace of sanctification and salvation for your souls."

"We wish to bless all near and dear to you: your families, your homes, your relatives, your children, and particularly the aged, the sick and infirm, left behind in their sufferings. You shall take them our blessing, telling them of our heartfelt sympathy and encouragement."

"We feel an earnest desire to bless the priests, splendid representatives of the regular and secular clergy. We know that in blessing each one of these good priests, we bless our great family of those who go to them to seek spiritual food, and all the holy works in which each of them exercises his priestly mission. But in a more special and in a more privileged way, as we are accustomed to say, we bless these seminarians, these beloved aspirants to the sanctuary, the priests of tomorrow, your hope O beloved children of Ireland, the hope of your episcopacy and of the whole Church. May this blessing aid them to respond ever more generously to the very special grace which already draws upon them the veneration of their people."

"In a more particular manner we wish to bless the Bishops here present today and with them the whole episcopate of Ireland whom they worthily represent, because we feel that in blessing their sacred persons we bless their churches, their dioceses, their priests and their people."

"We wish, in fine, to bless all Ireland, with its past as full of glory as of martyrdom, with its present so peaceful and happy, Ireland with its great future which cannot fail where faith and piety—those true founts of Christian life—are such strong and lively evidences of the blessing of the God of nations and peoples. All Ireland, all dear beloved Ireland and its government, we wish to bless in blessing now its head and President here before us."

IRISH BISHOPS CONDEMN "IMPORTED" DANCES

Dublin, Ireland.—Just at the opening of the dancing season, the Irish Bishops meeting at Maynooth have issued a grave warning to the Irish people on the moral dangers that render some modern dancing a menace to social and spiritual well-being.

"There is danger of losing the name which the chivalrous honor of Irish boys and the Christian reserve of Irish maidens have won for Ireland," says the Bishops. "If our people part with the character that gave rise to that name we lose with

it much of our national strength, and still more of the high rank we have held in the Kingdom of Christ."

The danger comes from pictures and papers and drink, but more from the keeping of improper company than from any other cause, and there is no worse foe of purity than the dancing hall, the warning continues.

The Bishops condemn in particular "imported" dances. Asserting that "Irish dances do not make degenerates," they urge that this native form of amusement be fostered, even though it "may not be the fashion in London or Paris." Properly supervised dances, ending at a reasonable hour, are not to be condemned, they add.

HON. J. D. RYAN, M.L.C., K.C.S.G., PASSES

St. John's, Nfld., Evening Telegram, Nov. 4

The city lost one of its most esteemed citizens and the country one of its greatest patriots when shortly before six o'clock last evening the soul of the Hon. James D. Ryan winged its flight to realms celestial.

For about a year he had been failing, though even in that time he was not wholly confined to his home; but it was not until a fortnight ago that he became seriously ill and his life became despaired of. Yesterday he lapsed into unconsciousness, and with the going down of the sun passed into eternal rest.

The Hon. J. D. Ryan occupied an enviable position in the community; no one was more generally esteemed and admired and his friends were legion. His quiet, unassuming, genial, gentlemanly manner, made an irresistible appeal, and no one failed to be attracted who came within reach of his magic spell. With his passing, a long active, and useful life has ended. Eighty-one years ago, on September 6th last, he was born in Kedra, County Tipperary, Ireland, and he had just reached manhood when he emigrated to this country, coming to Carboneau. For a while he was employed with the well-known firm of Donnelly, at Harbor Grace, and then came to the city, taking a prominent position with the firm of O'Brien. In 1880 he opened business as a general grocer, and the business is still a flourishing concern.

Mr. Ryan's public activities were many, but perhaps his most notable work was associated with the Benevolent Irish Society, in all the varied undertakings of which he took a deep and practical interest. For forty-two years he occupied official positions in the Society, and for twenty-five years, he was esteemed President. During his presidency, the organization grew rapidly, and through its splendid educational work, exerted a big influence in the community. The fine building in which the Society carries on its activities and in which the Christian Brothers are rendering such excellent service to the youth of the city, was largely the result of his labors. When the hall was built in 1877 he was Secretary of the building Committee, and such was his success and popularity in that office that after the fire, he was chosen as Chairman of the Building Committee. It was under his presidency also that the splendid O'Donnell wing was planned and completed. The labors of the Christian Brothers in the St. Patrick's Hall Schools, for which the Society holds itself responsible, ever found in Mr. Ryan a sympathetic and generous friend, whose time and counsel and ready assistance were ever theirs to command. Through his activities in the Benevolent Irish Society the late Mr. Ryan left an impress on the life of the community that will be felt for generations.

In 1900 he ventured into the political arena, and under the leadership of Sir Robert Bond successfully contested the District of Ferryland. To one of his placid disposition, however, the hurly-burly of active political life held no attraction, and he was glad to receive his appointment to the Legislative Council Chamber, whose sedate and serene environment was more to his liking. There he took an active interest in public affairs, taking part in debate when he had advice or suggestion to offer, and generally winning the regard of his fellow members.

In 1920 he was appointed President and for five years occupied the position with dignity and honor. In February last when failing health necessitated his retirement, his resignation was received with general regret. His uniform courtesy, impartiality and kindness had won for him not only the respect but the admiration of his fellow Councillors. His tenure of the Presidency had been comparatively brief, but it was one in every way had been a credit to him and to the high office, the duties of which he had so well filled.

Mr. Ryan was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church; a generous contributor to its support, and prominently identified with its many activities. His worth as a Catholic layman, and his efforts, only slightly known, in the cause of charity and education, won for him recognition and distinction that come to few. In 1919 he was signally honored by His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, when he was decorated with the order of St. Gregory the Great and made a Knight Commander of that

most noble order which entitled him to add the letters K. C. S. G. to his name. Mr. Ryan was the first and only resident of this country to receive this honor. His life was marked by unselfish devotion to his church and all its interests.

In his home life Mr. Ryan was a devoted husband and father. There the sorrow will be greatest and there he will be mostly missed. He is survived by his wife, at home, and an only daughter, Mrs. F. J. King now residing at Winona, Minn., U. S. A.

The funeral took place at 2.30 p. m. Thursday, at his late residence, Bee Orchis Terrace, Queen's Road.

Among those who attended were the officers of the Benevolent Irish Society and the Total Abstinence Society, who formed the Guard of Honor; Major Shand, representing His Excellency the Governor; the members of the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council; the judges of the Supreme Court, and the pupils of St. Bonaventure College, St. Patrick's Hall and the Holy Cross Schools, who preceded the hearse.

In the absence of His Grace the Archbishop, who is at present in Rome, on his Ad Limina visit, Rev. Dr. Kitchen, Administrator of the Archdiocese officiated at the obsequies in the Cathedral. He was assisted in the Sanctuary by Rev. Dr. Carter, Fathers Ryan, Savin, P. J. Kennedy, M. Kennedy, Sullivan, Murphy and Summers.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Nov. 29.—St. Saturninus, by direction of Pope Fabian went into Gaul to preach the faith about the year 245. He fixed his See at Toulouse where there were a few Christians. He brought many converts to the Church. It happened that to reach his church he was compelled to pass daily through the Capitol, the high place of worship of the heathen deities. One day a great multitude was gathered there and a bull stood ready for the sacrifice. A man in the crowd pointed out Saturninus and the people sought to force him to idolatry. When he refused he was fastened to the bull which was then driven down the Capitol. The Saint's brains were dashed out against the steps and his mangled body was later picked up and buried by two devout Christian women.

Monday, Nov. 30.—St. Andrew, Apostle, was one of the fishermen of Bethsaida and a brother, perhaps an elder brother, of St. Peter. He went forth upon his mission to plant the Faith in Syria and Greece and at the end of years of toil won his martyr's crown. After suffering a cruel scourging at Patras in Achaia, he was left, bound by cords to die upon a cross. For two entire days he remained hanging on the cross alive, preaching with outstretched arms to all who came near.

Tuesday, Dec. 1.—St. Eligius, was a goldsmith at Paris who was commissioned by King Clotaire to make a throne. With the gold and stones entrusted to him, Eligius made two thrones instead of one. Struck by this rare honesty the King gave him an appointment at Court. At Court Eligius fortified himself against its seductions by many austerities and continual ejaculatory prayers. His striking virtue resulted in his selection, while still a layman, as Bishop of Noyon. In that office his sanctity was remarkable. He possessed gifts of miracles and prophecy.

Wednesday, Dec. 2.—St. Bibiana, virgin and martyr, was a native of Rome whose father and mother were both martyred for their Faith. Her property and that of her sister Demetria was confiscated and after her sister's death Bibiana was placed in the hands of a wicked woman named Rufina who was instructed to bring her to another way of thinking. When this method failed, she was tied to a pillar and scourged to death.

Thursday, Dec. 3.—St. Francis Xavier, was a young Spanish nobleman in the dangerous days of the Reformation who was making a name for himself as a professor of philosophy at the University of Paris when St. Ignace Loyola won him to heavenly thoughts. He was sent to the Orient where he labored for twelve years preaching the Gospel to Hindostan, Malacca and Japan. He died on a small island off the coast of China when about to extend his mission to that country.

Friday, Dec. 4.—St. Barbara, virgin and martyr, was reared as a heathen by a tyrannical father, Dioscorus, who kept her secluded in a lonely tower which he had built for that purpose. She contrived to receive instruction and baptism from a Christian priest and when Dioscorus discovered this, he was so enraged that he himself denounced her before the civil tribunal. She was horribly tortured and finally beheaded, her own father acting as executioner. Just as the fatal blow was struck there was a flash of lightning and Dioscorus fell dead.

Saturday, Dec. 5.—St. Sabas, Abbot, was one of the most renowned patriarchs of the monks of Palestine. He was born in the year 439 and when quite young forsook the world and entered a monastery. After ten years, when he was still only eighteen, he went to Jerusalem to visit the holy places and there attached himself

to a monastery under the control of St. Euthymius. Later he retired into the wilderness and others came to him desiring to serve God under his direction. At the age of fifty-three the Patriarch of Jerusalem made him Superior-General of all the anchorites in Palestine. He died at the age of ninety-four in the year 632.

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THANKSGIVING BY THE PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving is the act of expressing gratitude for mercies received, and it is but natural that there should be some manifestation of thanks to those by whom great favors have been granted.

As creatures of God it behooves us to be constantly mindful of His goodness, since everything we have, body and soul with their senses and faculties are from Him. What a wonderful fact is that of our existence, with the capability of knowing and loving God and the possibility of enjoying the happiness of seeing Him for all eternity. Our life here is for the very purpose of determining whether eternity will be for us one of indescribable joy or most excruciating suffering. There are immense difficulties to be surmounted in the spiritual and temporal order and upon the overcoming of which, our future happiness depends.

One of the first requirements for the conservation of our body is food, which the earth produces when it has been cultivated and good seed sown. A bountiful harvest is necessary that our wants may be supplied, for a shortage of food is always attended by great hardship. The farmer prepares the soil, and in the spring time sows good seed; but his success is contingent upon many things. Sunshine and showers are required, but there may be too much or a scarcity of each; frosts may occur and ever so many things come, bringing destruction and failure, while nothing is certain until the harvest has been gathered.

But we are under the watchful providence of God whom Mother Church invokes to bless and render fruitful the seeds. With deep interest the progress of their growth is observed. There is joy at first sight of a tiny green shoot striving upward from the earth and gladness or anxiety abounds as its growth is favorable or otherwise. Apprehension awells as the danger of frost increases, but when all hazard is past and an abundant yield is realized, our gratitude for His Providence bursts forth in acts of praise and thanksgiving to God.

So natural is the desire to make manifest our gratitude that there has been proclaimed for each year a public holiday as a reminder to men of God's goodness and their obligation of offering Him special worship.

Since the Great War we have passed through difficult times, but as a bright day is breaking and plenty once more smiles upon the land, Thanksgiving Day this year should stir up in our hearts the deepest gratitude for what we have received.

Our souls like the field must be cultivated, carefully watched and tended to lest they bring forth good and abundant fruit. We cannot afford to risk failure in our spiritual life and in this, if we mean at our disposal certain of us, we may be absolutely certain of success. What a consolation to have a proper amount of sunshine and moisture in God's grace which flows into the soul through Holy Mass and the Sacraments! While offering sincere thanks for temporal favors, ask for a realization of the spiritual prosperity which may be enjoyed by making use of the wonderful means of grace.

But all men are not so favored. Many there are with everything necessary for the care of the body whose spiritual harvest is parched and dry because the necessary moisture of grace is wanting. So great is the desolation of their souls that they forget it is to God they owe what they have of temporal things. Success for them is as important as for us. The tender solicitude of the Master for their souls is as great as for ours. He paid for them the same price that our cost and wants to save them as He does us.

Is this any concern of ours as long as we save ourselves? To be sure it is our business because it concerns the Master. What can we do? Do you really want to thank God for His goodness to you? If so, try to express your gratitude in a way that will please Him. Our Blessed Lord obtained things for you by making sacrifice—by suffering in your stead. If you would thank Him in the most acceptable way, suffer for Him that others deprived of them may receive the blessings you enjoy. Suffer by giving the temporal things you possess and treasure—money and the things that money stands for—that God and His religion may be brought into the lives of men and women and children too, who are now outside their influence. Send money to Extension Society to aid its work on Western missions, of bringing to parched and withered souls the refreshing and vivifying showers of God's grace. Do this for Him who estimates love for

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Our love for these suffering souls compares in some measure with the longing desire which Mary, Queen of Apostles, has for the souls of millions of pagans who have yet to know the sweet Name of Christ. Souls that are precious to her, because God made them to love Him, and her Divine Son shed His Precious Blood to redeem them. But how can they love God if they know Him not? An abundance of Apostolic men can win them from the power of Satan, so the pleading of this multitude of abandoned ones for priests, "Have pity on me, have pity on me!" opens a way for us to win merit for our own dear departed.

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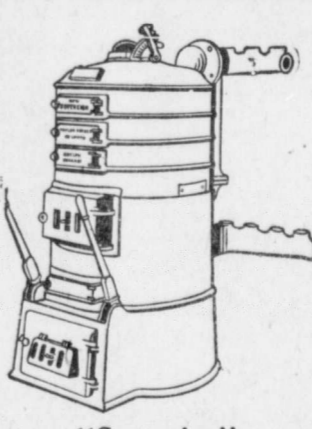
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