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Rev. Fr. Adams Celebrates His Silver Jubilee.

Stephenville Parishioners Honour and Rejoice With Their Devoted Pastor.

Thursday, the 13th inst., was a day rendered memorable in the annals of the parish of Stephenville by the celebration of his pastor, the Rev. Fr. Adams, of the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.

On the previous day, his Lordship Bishop Renouf of St. George's and the priests from the neighbouring parishes who were to be present at the happy event, had arrived at the settlement and at an early hour on Thursday morning the good people of the parish were astir, eager to do honour to the devoted priest who for eighteen years had ministered to them with such zeal and devotion, and the number of communicants of all ages at the early morning Masses, which were celebrated by the visiting priests, bore gratifying testimony to the fruits of his labours.

The celebration of a solemn Jubilee Mass by the Jubilarian with Rt. Rev. Bishop Renouf presiding and assisted by Rev. Frs. Brennan of Bonne Bay and Kerwin of Bay of Islands as Deacon and sub-Deacon respectively, with Rev. Father Joy of Port au Port as Master of Ceremonies, opened the celebration. Rev. Fr. Pineault of Lourdes and Rev. Fr. Callan of Wood's Island attended his Lordship at the throne, and Rev. Fr. Nolan of Cape St. George was also present within the Sanctuary.

The preacher was Rev. Fr. Kerwin, who first read the following message from his Holiness the Pope: "The Holy Father congratulates the Rev. Fr. Adams on attaining the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination, also commends his zeal, courage and self-sacrifice in carrying out God's holy work. He also gives the pontifical blessing to the Rev. P. F. Adams and household."

(Sgd.) CARDINAL GASPARRI.

Then taking as his text the words of St. Paul, "You have not chosen me, I have chosen you," preached an eloquent sermon on the sanctity of the priesthood with its duties and responsibilities, and during the discourse paid a well-merited tribute to the Jubilarian of the day, whose twenty-five years' service in this diocese of the Master's vineyard, at first in the parish of Harbour Breton and later in that of Stephenville, had borne fruit an hundredfold.

In the afternoon Father Agamsten, retained at a banquet the Bishop and

clergy, visitors and friends. When ample justice had been done to the sumptuous repast provided, the Bishop proposed the health of the Jubilarian, and having paid a well deserved tribute to his work in the diocese, concluded by saying that the people of Stephenville were singularly blessed in having in the person of Father Adams, not only a good and loyal priest, but a genial and warm hearted friend as was evidenced by the progress, material as well as spiritual, that the parish had made during his pastorate.

Father Adams replied in his usual felicitous manner and expressed his deep gratitude to his Lordship for his great kindness and heartily thanked his brother priests and visitors for coming to rejoice and thank God with him.

Speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by Rev. Fr. Pineault, Dr. McDonald, and M. F. Hayes. Among the many objects of interest to attract the attention of the guests was the many articles of silverware displayed in the reception room, donated by the Rev. Jubilarian's friends in Bay of Islands, St. George's, Port au Port and elsewhere.

In the evening after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, there was a largely attended re-union in the Parish Hall, where a very enjoyable concert and entertainment was given by the young people of Stephenville assisted by a number of talented ladies and gentlemen from Stephenville Crossing.

At its close M. F. Hayes read the following address: "Rev. and Dear Father: Borrowed phrases embellished with flowery language are not necessary to convey to you the true loving sentiments which permeate the hearts and spirits of your parishioners today, when we meet here for the purpose of honouring you in our humble way on the occasion of your Silver Jubilee."

Your whole parish and loyal congregation without an exception, rejoice for and with you on the completion of the twenty-five years since your ordination to Holy Priesthood, all of which time has been devoted to the parishes in our island, Harbour Breton and Stephenville, to the great and lasting spiritual and temporal benefit of both places—fruits of which are abundantly apparent, and the good, noble and self-sacrificing work you have performed for us and as a matter of consequence to Newfoundland in general, will endure for all time and be a lasting memorial of your work and worth.

We are fully aware, Dear Father, that the people of Harbour Breton,

who received the benefit in full of the first years of your holy ministrations are very dear to you and will be ever green in your memory, and we know only too well that their hearts beat in unison with yours today.

Your numerous friends, especially in your distant loved homeland, are all with us in prayerful spirit in congratulating and felicitating you heartily and sincerely with a strong hope that the omnipotent one may extend your years of blessed usefulness to His Holy Church into the far distant future, and we trust that a large majority of us now present with a happy memory of this occasion, may assemble again for the celebration of your Golden Jubilee.

When we look back over the eighteen years of strenuous work wholly and freely given by you for the spiritual and temporal welfare of this parish and review the enormous cost of time and labour necessary to accomplish so much with so little means at your disposal, we ask ourselves can it be possible that all this is applicable to one man?

When we compare our Church properties of eighteen years ago with the noble pile of buildings and magnificent church grounds of today—when we contemplate and view with pardonable pride and admiration the graceful outlines of our stately church its interior impressive rich furnishings and adornments, with the humble, small and wholly inadequate equipment necessary to Divine Service when you arrived in our midst. When we see the new globe-house, just completed, replace the old one, our fine spacious hall and classrooms where once stood the only little schoolhouse in the settlement with its lone teacher, whereas to-day we boast of four school and five teachers, showing the deep interest you always manifested towards the improvement and education of our children. When we see the many acres of well-kept and artistically laid out church grounds unsurpassed for picturesque location and natural beauty in this or in any other country, which your trained eye and mind took full advantage of in your building plans.

Knowing well that this whole transformation is due to you solely, to your indomitable courage and optimism regarding our future, but above all zeal in your holy calling, not one cent of debt encumbers any of our church properties either here or at Stephenville Crossing.

Bearing all the foregoing in mind, Dear Father, it is no wonder that the people of Stephenville both at home and abroad are proud of their true "Saviour Aaron." And right here we must raise our hats once again in fond memory and respect to the Rt. Rev. Archbishop McNeil, to whom we owe a deep and everlasting debt of gratitude for his good judgment and keen foresight when he appointed you to this parish.

We can realize in a measure only your devotion and strong allegiance to the sacred pledges you made when taking Holy Orders twenty-five years ago, because we have ample proof of your ideals of what a true disciple should be, fully personified in yourself.

During twenty-five years of assiduous, continuous work in this country, you took only one short holiday to visit your family and those dear to you in Canada, to renew once again the fond memories and scenes of childhood. Even this one slight respite you were prevailed upon to take by our ever-loved late Bishop Power.

Knowing full well, Dear Father, that you have borne bravely the burden of the day and completed the more weighty undertakings you set out to accomplish, and that it is your wish to take a trip abroad and enjoy a little relaxation, your parishioners have collected a little amount to assist you in doing so. Dear Father, we know how little you value the goods of this world for their intrinsic value, your wish to give with a living hand far more than you receive, nevertheless we must request you now to accept this little purse as a very slight token indeed of the regard in which we hold you and as a souvenir of this auspicious occasion in your holy life.

In conclusion, Dear Father, we wish you health, strength and happiness in the years to come and pray that Almighty God may grant you "Ad multos annos."

Signed on behalf of Stephenville Parish. M. F. HAYES, R. J. MCISAAC, JOHN V. DEVINE, JUSTIN J. FLEET, JUSTIN DOWNNEY, ALBERT SIMON.

A pleasing event in the evening's programme was the presentation to the loved pastor by a little lad of about ten years, of a well-filled purse contributed to not alone by his Parishioners, but by friends of other denominations as well, showing the admiration and esteem with which he is regarded by all sections of the people.

In reply to this demonstration of affection and love—love because all the world over Catholics are known to love their priests on account of the sublime office they hold. Father Adams was deeply moved by this expression of loyalty and good will and extended his heartfelt thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the celebration. He had spent a most delightful jubilee day and its memory

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