

The Famine Victims Of Forty-Seven.

Memorial Tribute by the Irish Catholics of Montreal.

Suggestion of a Monument in the Cote des Neiges Cemetery in Memory of the Martyrs.

MONTRÉAL, Sept. 20.—The Irish Catholics of Montreal yesterday paid a noble tribute to the memory of those of their fellow countrymen who fifty years ago, emigrating from their own famine stricken country, had found a pitiful death on the Canadian shore through the ravages of ship fever.

The Rev. Father Strubbe spoke of the neglected state of the sacred spot, and expressed a hope that the utmost would be done by those of the faith to have the cemetery secured to the Catholic Church, in order that the sacred duty of prayer for the dead, so long neglected might be fittingly performed.

Dr. Guerin, president of the St. Patrick's Society, after reading a letter of regret from Rev. Father Brown, who was one of those present at the time of the terrible occurrence, when the unfortunate immigrants had been stricken down, said if their forefathers or predecessors went through such suffering and died for the faith, they surely had established their position in the country.

Mr. M. J. F. Quinn said "hence, perhaps, would be more eloquent than any words that any of them could utter there to-day. But as history repeated itself, and they saw to-day the Archbishop of Montreal, leaving all his other sacred duties, in order to testify by his presence on that occasion his heartfelt interest and his warm sympathy with his Irish Catholic parishioners, who they flew back in memory to fifty years ago, to the time when his predecessor, Bishop Bourget, spent so many of his nights and days ministering to the spiritual wants of those whose demise they were come there to-day to deplore."

How Catholics Face Death. Oliver Wendell Holmes was once asked by a minister his opinion as a physician on the effects of beliefs on the minds of those approaching death. He replied, "So far as I have observed persons nearing the end of life, the Roman Catholics understand the business of dying better than Protestants. I have seen a good many Roman Catholics on their dying beds, and it always appeared to me that they accepted the inevitable with the composure which showed that their belief, whether or not the best to live by, was a better one to die by than most of the harder ones that have replaced it."

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any land. Speaking of the Irish Catholic community in Canada to-day he said in Toronto the venerable and eloquent Archbishop Walsh presides, at Kingston we have the scholarly Archbishop Cleary. We can point to Hamilton and Peterboro' and other places, and travelling down to the Atlantic coast we find Archbishop O'Brien by his zeal and splendid attainments casting new lustre on an already distinguished name. It had been said in some quarters that our people in this city had forgotten their duty. Not so. They had been true to their mission. Did they want monuments? Then look at the churches they had built and embelished, St. Patrick's and St. Ann's, St. Mary's and St. Gabriel's and St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum and St. Bridget's Refuge, all these and the people had not forgotten their generous hand from the sacred causes of religion or charity. The idea had been put forth that the fallen heroes of 1847 should have a monument. They might not consider the spot where they stood in any way suitable, but if the remains could be transferred to the Cote des Neiges Cemetery, then, as the patriots of 1897 and 1898 had their monumental shafts, so might our brethren have theirs in that consecrated ground, and let it be something worthy of commemoration. The Irish race in this country wished to be loyal to their happy home and live in amity with all men. They shed a tear over the graves of their departed kinsmen; their love of the old land would never diminish, but in such manifestations there was nothing that detracted from the performance of their whole duty to the land they lived in. As for the heroes who sleep their last sleep in the small enclosures beside which they stood, they had fallen in a worthy cause and their memories would be ever green in the hearts of their fellow-countrymen.

Mr. Davin said the future might see a monument which would reflect pride and pleasure upon the sacred name of the Irish, and show the love for those departed by a Canadian land mark that would stand to all time, and show to their descendants throughout the land that their several names were not forgotten.

The procession which included several thousands of people, was composed of the following societies: Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Order of Foresters, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, young men's societies, temperance societies, Irish Benevolent Society, St. Patrick's Society.

An Ancient Folkstone Custom.

There is a curious old manuscript in the British Museum which informs us that annually on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Blessed Lady, the inhabitants of Folkestone are to be called together by the blowing of a horn, in order to proceed to the election of a Mayor. The cross on which the ceremony was observed had long since been demolished, but the steps on which it had been erected remained, and a sundial had been placed on these. The Rev. Canon Woodward, vicar of Folkestone, and other prominent townsmen made many unsuccessful efforts to have the cross restored. Prejudices have, however, been broken down, and last week there was a special service in the parish church, the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Dover. The service was attended by the Mayor and Corporation of Folkestone, and by some thirty clergymen from various parts of the county Kent. After the service the civil and ecclesiastical authorities proceeded to the cross, where the Town Sergeant sounded the horn, in accordance with ancient custom, which has been preserved by the Council Chamber. At the invitation of the Vicar, the Mayor unveiled the cross, which was afterwards dedicated.

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