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REV. FATHER MOLPHY'S DEATH.

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Ingersoll, *Loves Its Pastor.*

Widespread and profound was the sadness experienced in Ingersoll and vicinity on the afternoon of Wednesday last, when the report became general that Rev. Father Molphy was no more. The honest sincere grief at the loss of a pastor so highly esteemed and loved by all who knew him, was not confined to that parish; it was shared in by priests and people living at remote



THE LATE FATHER MOLPHY.

distances and in every portion of the dioceses of London. Rev. Father Molphy had done good work and brought comfort and sunshine into many families in the other parishes, previous to his appointment to Ingersoll, where he toiled zealously and unsparingly of his time or health, and where he laid down his burthen, to receive the rich reward promised to every faithful servant.

The late Father Molphy, was a native of Mullingar, County Westmeath, Ireland. Being of a studious and pious disposition of mind, he devoted his earliest years to the acquisition of a thorough knowledge of the classics and other branches necessary for promotion to the priesthood, for which he felt even then that he had a special vocation.

On the invitation of some relatives in New York city, he crossed the Atlantic in 1870 and entered the College of St. Francis Xavier, where two years subsequently he received the diploma of Bachelor of Arts. Continuing his serious studies of history and the classics, he was promoted later on to the honourable distinction of Master of Arts. Philosophy and theology were then entered into with such diligence and earnestness that his health broke down, and after some months rest and recuperation he went to Cincinnati, where he continued under able masters to make himself familiar with all the difficult questions discussed in the schools in Moral and Dogma in Mount St. Mary's Grand Seminary. Owing to his delicate state of health, induced by continuous brain work, he desisted for a time from college work, and finally came to London Diocese, where, after spending a few months of rest and confinement at Assumption College in Sandwich, he was adopted by Bishop Walsh and sent to the Grand Seminary at Ingersoll, where he

cal course, and was ordained priest by Right Rev. Bishop Walsh in his Lordship's private chapel, London, on the 16th July, 1875.

Father Molphy's first appointment to pastoral work was made a few days after his ordination, when he was sent as assistant to Rev. Dean Laurent of Amherstburg. Here he won all hearts by his retiring disposition, his courteous kindness to all, and his unflagging zeal in the pulpit and confessional.

In the important parishes of Strathroy and Maidstone Cross, of which Father Molphy was successively pastor, there are lasting monuments of his energetic zeal and sterling piety. In both parishes he erected costly parochial residences and improved the appearances of church and school, and left not a single cent of debt upon any undertaking of his care and forethought. The people of those parishes hold in cherished remembrance his many deeds of benevolence and God-like charity to all who felt the pang of want and the need of sage advice. The Parish of Ingersoll is especially indebted for many and untold blessings. In twelve years he almost extinguished a debt of \$10,000, which he found hanging over the church erected by his predecessor; he remodelled the schools and convent and brought back the Sisters of St. Joseph, who are now continuing the good work of training in practices of piety the youth of the whole parish entrusted to their charge.

It would be difficult to exaggerate, or even tell the whole truth, in speaking of the many noble traits that distinguished Father Molphy's character as a man, a priest and a citizen. His surviving sorrowing friends may be counted to-day, not only among the parishioners over whom he presided spiritually and morally for the last nineteen years, but among the priests and bishops of Ontario, who knew him but to admire his manly qualities and respect him for his priestly virtues.

Father Molphy was in the 44th year of his age, being born in June, 1851. He was an efficient member of the C. M. B. A., and, as President of the Grand Council in 1884, helped much towards promoting the speedy and wonderful success of that charitable and truly Catholic organization.

The funeral obsequies were held on Friday, the whole population of Ingersoll and vicinity, seemingly being interested in the melancholy proceedings. Protestants intermingled with Catholics in doing honor to the memory of the deceased priest.

At the conclusion of High Mass, his Lordship the Bishop of London, preached a very practical and impressive discourse from the text: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them." The Bishop spoke of the many claims their deceased pastor had on the gratitude of his people, whom for so many years he had edified by his piety. To how many families had he not brought comfort, consolation and happiness during his administration? Especially was he entitled to their affectionate remembrance for the zeal he displayed in the religious education their children were blessed with in his parish. The future of the Church in this country depended upon the training given to the children of our day and time. Father Molphy had spared no pains or expence to make their schools a model

in equipment and thoroughness, and he was assured the good and faithful pastor had already received his great reward. Yet their Catholic faith and piety should incline them to earnest prayer to God, that should any venial debt or imperfection remain unatoned for, He in His infinite mercy would shorten his hour of probation, and admit his soul to eternal rest.

There were present: Bishop O'Connor, London; Rev. Dr. Kilroy, Stratford; Rev. Dr. Flannery, St. Thomas; Rev. Father Ryan, the Cathedral, Toronto; Rev. Fr. Walsh, Our Lady of Lourdes, Toronto; Very Rev. Fr. Kehoo, V.G., Paris; Rev. Fr. Craven, Hamilton; Rev. Fathers Brennan, St. Mary's; Scanlan, Windsor; Lennon, Brantford; West, Goderich; Conolly, Biddulph; Corcoran, Lasalleto; Gahan, London; Brady, Woodstock; Quinlan, West Lorne; McCormack, London; Tiernan, London; Bayard, Sarnia; Mogan, Corunna; Ronan, Wallaceburgh; McKewen, Strathroy; Cummins, Botwell; Northgraves, Windsor.

After the Office for the Dead was recited by the Bishop and priests in the sanctuary, High Mass of Requiem, Coram Episcopo, commenced; celebrant, Rev. Fr. Tiernan, Deacon, Rev. Dr. Flannery; Sub-deacon, Rev. M. J. Brady.

The church was crowded with a deeply impressed and solemn audience. The priests in the sanctuary alternating with a very effective choir, under direction of Rev. Fr. Bayard and Miss Allen, who presided at the organ.

DIIDYMU8.

Ingersoll Chronicle.

Rev. Father Molphy passed peacefully away yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon at a quarter to four o'clock. He was attended in his last illness by Rev. Father O'Brian, one of the Jesuit fathers who associated in the missions here a few weeks ago, and by Rev. Father Tiernan of the Cathedral, London, who has been the bosom friend of Mr. Molphy for the past twenty-five years. His death, which was a most edifying one, although not unexpected, will bring sorrow to all hearts. The funeral will take place on Friday, 23rd instant, at 10 o'clock a. m., to be conducted by the Bishop. About twenty priests of the diocese will be present.

Peter's Pence Collection.

An important letter has been received from Rome by the Apostolic Delegate, Mgr. Satolli, to be forwarded by him to the Archbishops, who are to distribute it to their suffragans. Heretofore, the Peter's Pence collected each year in every diocese have been sent directly by the Bishops to Rome. Now those collections must be transmitted to the Delegate. Moreover, any individual who wishes to make in his own name a more liberal contribution than he would ordinarily put in the diocesan collection, may do so by addressing directly to the Pope through the Delegate.

HOW TO CURE HEADACHE. Some people suffer untold misery day after day with Headache. There is rest neither day or night until the nerves are all unstrung. The cause is generally a disordered stomach, and a cure can be effected by using Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, containing Mandrake and Dandelion. Mr. Finlay Wark, Lyssander, P. Q., writes: "I find Parmelee's Pills a first-class article for Bilious Headache."

Senator Hoar on Archbishop Ireland.

"Although a dweller in Massachusetts, I claim property as an American and a countryman in Starr King of California, as I do in George Washington of Virginia. If I were a Presbyterian, I would claim a like property, as a Christian, in Starr King, the Unitarian, as in George Washington, the Episcopalian. No Athanasian creed can shut out my soul from the soul of George Herbert. No church politics can make my senses numb to the fragrance of that wreath of lilies, 'The Christian Year' of John Keble. When Archbishop Ireland, then Bishop of Minnesota, announced that, of the liquor-sellers in his diocese, less than 5 per cent. were of the Catholic faith, I wished to pay my profound homage to the man who had brought this to pass; I felt that his Christianity and that of my revered and beloved master, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, were, in essentials, very much the same. When somebody told Abraham Lincoln, during the war, that General Grant drank whiskey, he said he should like to send a barrel of the same kind to each of the other generals. I should like to send a barrel of Archbishop Ireland's theology to the other bishops. When the same man uttered in Washington, two or three years ago, his brave rebuke to the men who despoil our Southern fellow citizens of the glory of their American citizenship, I felt I should like to send some of our Protestant clergy to his Sunday-school. If the dear theologians have said anything unkind of us, let us hope they will think better of it when we meet them hereafter, where they will know even as also they are known."

A Bishop's Leisure Moments.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Maes, has for several years, utilized his spare moments in arranging for the Bishops' Memorial Hall at Notre Dame, Indiana, an Ecclesiastical Genealogical Chart, showing the line of the episcopal descent in the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States. On the occasion of his recent visit to Notre Dame, Bishop Maes requested Professor Edwards to assist him in completing the work, and then the good prelates presented the fruit of his researches to be placed in a prominent position in the Bishops' Memorial Hall. The chart shows two principal lines of descent, both of which are derived from Rome. One comes through Archbishop Carroll, our first American Bishop who was consecrated in England by Bishop Walmesley, O. S. B. The latter was consecrated at Rome by Cardinal Lanti, in 1756. The second line received the Apostolic succession from Bishop DuBourg, second Bishop of Louisiana, who was consecrated at Rome by Cardinal Doria Pamphili in 1815. Archbishop Purcell, of the Carroll line through Bishop Fiaget and Archbishop Whitfield, and Archbishop P. R. Kendrick of the Du Bourg line through Bishop Rosati, each consecrated sixteen bishops, the largest number elevated to the episcopacy by any one American prelate.

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