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CANADA, BRANCH ed, 18th November, a 36 meets at St. all, 93 St. Alexander Monday of each gular meetings for sion of business are nd and 4th Monday t, at 6 p.m. Sprfwd M. Callaghan; Chas Curran, B.C.L.; Tre J. Sears; Recording J. Costigan; Finan- Robt. Warren; H. Feeley, Jr.; Mad- Drs. H. J. Harrison, and G. H. Merrill.

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FATHER VALENTINE, C.P.

Leader of the Missionary Band, now conducting Mission at St. Patrick's Church, Montreal.

Father Valentine is in the prime of a vigorous young manhood, and has during the greater portion of his ministry, been engaged in mission work to non-Catholics in the United States.

In our next issue we will publish an interesting account of his experience in this new and great field of endeavor.

We are not indulging in any attempt at "blarney" when we say that Father Valentine has made scores of friends among all sections of St. Patrick's congregation during his brief stay in our midst.

YEAR AFTER YEAR do the sons of the Irish race—and the daughters equally—celebrate, in a befitting manner, the festival of St. Patrick, the patron saint and the Apostle of Erin. While it is the real national day, the one set aside from all others days, for commemorations, patriotic and historic, at the same time, it is pre-eminently a religious festival. And the children of the Irish race being deeply and truly devotional in their sentiments and hearts, consider the anniversary, as does the Church, from the loftier and more spiritual standpoint. The very first act of the day is the attendance at Mass; a practice that has its origin in the days of St. Patrick, himself, and that has come down, without interruption through the long generations of persecution that followed the era of glory. In this devotion to St. Patrick, as a saint of the Church, there is an evidence of the fidelity of the Irish people to the teachings of their great Apostle; but in it there is nothing of hostility or antagonism in regard to the sons of Erin who do not participate in the same faith. It is with no small degree of

bration this year of St. Patrick's Day in Montreal. As is just and proper the day opened with the Grand Mass and all the religious ceremonies that are so dear to the Catholic heart of the true Irishman, satisfaction that we behold the celebration went up to the temple of God to offer invocations for the happiness and success of Ireland, and to breathe thanksgiving for all the boons bestowed on the race and the land by God.

In this one day of rejoicing do we behold the finest and most encouraging promise for the future. In it we behold the fidelity of Catholic Ireland to the faith of St. Patrick accentuated, and the perpetuation of the good understanding, the mutual sympathies, and the honest co-operation of all classes of Irishmen—both here and in the old land.

THE DAY.—There was a marked increase in the number of the various societies and this was particularly noticeable in the attendance at the Church, where every seat was occupied and the aisles thronged. The mother Irish parish Church is, without doubt, a

temple of which our people may be justly proud. The decorations were rich, varied and harmonious. A credit truly to the devoted hearts and hands that suggested and fashioned them. The High Altar was resplendent with bannettes and golden candelabra. On all sides shone appropriate mottoes—such as "Erin's Faith," "Faith, Hope and Charity,"—accompanied by emblems, such as the Harp, the Round Towers and the like. That magnificent altar seemed transformed into a veritable shrine. The ponderous candle-sticks, the wealth of massive ornaments, the rich and rare laces, the natural flowers—lilies, shamrocks and others—all lent a festive aspect to the solemn sanctuary wherein congregated a vast concourse of the clergy.

There were present: His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, V.C., Rev. Martin Callaghan, S.S., P.P., St. Patrick's; Rev. Father Valentine, C.P., Superior of Missionaries, now at St. Patrick's and his assistants, Rev. Urban Foley, C.P., and Rev. Joachim O'Brien, C.P.; Rev. L. W. Leclair, S.S., director of St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum; Rev. Dr. Gerald J. McShane, S.S., Rev. P. McGrath, Rev. J. Ouellette, S.S., Rev. M. J. McKenna, Rev. J. Ryan, St. Patrick's; Rev. J. Caron, C.S.S.R., rector of St. Ann's; Rev. E. Flynn, C.S.S.R., Rev. D. J. Holland, C.S.S.R., Rev. W. O'Meara, P.P., St. Gabriel's; Rev. P. McDonald, Rev. John E. Donnelly, P.P., St. Anthony's; Rev. M. L. Shea, Rev. T. Heffernan, Rev. P. J. Brady, P.P., St. Mary's; Rev. R. E. Callahan, Rev. P. Heffernan, Rev. W. Casey, St. Jean Baptiste; Rev. J. P. Kiernan, P.P., St. Michael's; Rev. T. E. McDermott, Rev. Charles Beaubien, Cure of Sault au Recollet; Rev. Abbe Lecoq, Superior of St. Sulpice; Rev. F. Lelandais, of Montreal College; Rev. J. St. Jean, S.S.; Rev. Father Godin, S.S.; Rev. Father Laporte, Valleyfield; Rev. Ed. Meehan, C.S.C., and Rev. M. Condon, C.S.C., St. Laurent College; Rev. Is. Kavanagh, S.J.; Rev. T. O'Reilly, Rev. Ph. McGinnis, Rev. A. Cullinan, Rev. Pere Leonardo, Rev. Jos. Boivin, Rev. Eug. Ecrement, Rev. J. Descarries, Rev. Chas. Descarries, Rev. Chas. Thibaudeau, Rev. Jos. Robillard, Rev. M. Roux, Rev. James Lonergan, Rev. P. McCroxy, Rev. F. Singleton, Rev. M. Reid, Rev. Jas. Killoran, and others.

Rev. Dr. McGarry, C.S.C., Superior of St. Laurent College, was the celebrant at the solemn High Mass, attended by Rev. James Casey, as deacon, and Rev. Ed. Polan as sub-deacon.

The seats of honor in the body of the Church were occupied by His Worship, the Mayor, James Corbrane, M.L.A.; Mr. Justice Doherty, president of St. Patrick's Society; Hon. J. J. Guerin, M.L.A.; Ald. D. Gallery, M.P.; Ald. M. J. Walsh and the officers of the various Irish societies.

THE CHOIR rendered Professor Fowler's Mass, No. 4, with grand effect. The voices were well balanced and the shading was observed all through the execution of that beautiful composition. Messrs. G. A. Carpenter, D. McAndrew, J. Walsh, F. Cahill, W. L. Walsh, and J. Quinn rendered the solos. Mr. John P. Kelly sang Gounod's Gloria at the Offertory, Professor Fowler presided at the organ, and Mr. G. A. Carpenter acted as leader. Prof. Fowler is to be congratulated on the efficiency of his choral organization.

THE SERMON.

The sermon, which was preached by Rev. Urban Foley, C.P., was an eloquent and touching tribute to the life and work of St. Patrick and to the loyalty, through all persecution, of the Irish people to their Faith. Taking for his text Psalm cxvii, 32, "God is wonderful in His saints," the Rev. preacher said:—

Most Rev. Archbishop, brethren of the clergy, dearly beloved brethren, The works which God has performed outside Himself are the mirrors in which are reflected His own divine nature and attributes. Whether we take an angel in heaven or the smallest particle of dust, we will discover traces of the divinity of the architect who planned it, of the workman who made it. We cannot cast a glance at the heavens above our heads or the smiling fields at our feet, without seeing traces of God's nature and God's attributes. When we gaze at the millions of starry worlds that roll above our heads, we come to the conclusion that God is all mighty and all wise. In the beautiful landscape, in the golden sunset, we see the beauty of God, the uncreated and ever new beauty of the Almighty. The destructive tornado, the crash of the thunderbolt and the majestic dash of the cataract all speak to us of the power of that divine hand which sets them all in motion. The seasons, as they come and go, with their successive heat and cold, rain and sunshine, and the different atmospheres, all speak to us of an all-wise ruler of this universe. So it is that this universe is a mirror, in which we see and read the attributes of the God who created it.

Now, if we cease to contemplate simply material nature and come to consider man, its lord and masterpiece, we will find that God's attributes stand out, shine forth more luminously than in the material creation. Take man as he is, composed of soul and body; why beneath that heap of rubbish which original, and actual sin placed upon him, we see the diamond sparkling; and if we go further and examine the human heart, as it opens and expands in the spring time of youth. Oh! how we are convinced of the destiny, the divine destiny, for which God made man, when he created him in His own image and likeness. But if we consider, not the general excellence of man, but take those sublime types, those masterpieces of humanity that occasionally stand forth before us, we shall see this truth in still brighter coloring. Take the philosophers, who, from time to time, stand forth, with their varied knowledge of God and nature. Consider the great statesmen, the great warriors, the great commanders, the great orators and poets. What are these but still more brilliant manifestations of God's attributes, merely because they are the gifts of the God who created them.

Among all these attributes which have been contemplated, you will observe there is one which has been missing, which does not beam forth with that brightness and grandeur which belong to the others. I refer



REV. URBAN FOLEY, C. P., Preacher of the Day.

Father Foley was born in Coolaney, Co. Sligo, Ireland, 32 years ago. In his fifteenth year he came to the United States where, after having completed his course of studies, he was ordained in 1900, by His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, in the historic Cathedral of Baltimore. He is a splendid type of an Irish missionary. Tall in stature, possessing a powerful and melodious voice, kindly and sympathetic by nature and endowed, in a marked degree, with the eloquence and courage of his race. His scholarly and patriotic discourse will hold a place of distinction in the record of panegyrics of Ireland's Apostle, in St. Patrick's pulpit.



REV. JOACHIM O'BRIEN, C.P. Now engaged in Mission at St. Patrick's Church, Montreal.

Father O'Brien is a favorite with all sections of the old parish, in and out of the pulpit. He is justly entitled to share in the great success of the Lenten Mission now drawing to a close.

to the attribute of sanctity, so it follows that those who are endowed with sanctity must be, and in reality are, the masterpieces, the noblest specimens of our race. Men are constantly looking for the beautiful in nature and art, but they seldom think of studying the immortal beauty of a sanctified human soul. In

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