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## Father Gibney's Silver Jubilee

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On Wednesday, the 8th September, the few Henry J. Gibney, parish priest of Alliston, colobrated the silver sub-re-russ ordination to the priesthood. The Jahatants of the town, both Catholics shahtants of the town, both Catholics and Protestants, united in paying their tributes of respect and affection to the and priest who had labored so faithfully and kindly in their midst for nearly twenty five years. There was a spontaneous outburst of great good will from all creeds and classos which testified to the well merited popularity of Father things.

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From an early hour in the morning two church was packed to the doors with a large representative congregation from Miliston and the meighboring parishes. Many non-Catholic clergymen with members of their flocks were also presents with the surface of the contract of the c ent to witness the proceedings and to testify to their respect for the good

Amongst the priests present in the anctuary were Rev. Vicar-General Mecanu, Dean Egan, Father Sullivan, Ven. Aun, Dean Egan, Father Sullivan, Ven. Verchleacen Casey of Peterberough, Rev. Father O'Loau, S.J., Guelph; Fathers Labourcen, Kilcullen, McEntee, behickedr, Haud, McMahon, Duffy, Moyna, Whitney, Jeffcott, Gallagher, Kiernan, McHao, Carberry, Cantillon, McEachern. Telegrams were received from Dean Harris, Rev. James Walsh of Toronto and Rev. D. Morris of Nowmarker and Rev. D. Morris of Nowmarker and Rev. D. Morris of Nowmarker and the dendering their sincere congratulations. The Rev Father Gibney was colobrant of the Mass, assisted by Rov. Fathers hidelien and McEutee as deacon and sub-deacon. Rev. Dr. Tracy was master of coremonics. The choir was conducted y Miss Kolly of Alliston and was composed entirely of young girls, who saughed difficult parts of the Mass with feeling and expression.

After the communion the Rev. Father Ryan, Rector of St. Michael's Cathodral. Toronto, ascended the steps of the alliance and delivered an able and cloquent adverse in the communion of the Rev. Father Ryan, Roctor of St. Michael's Cathodral. Toronto, ascended the steps of the alliance and delivered an able and cloquent adverse in the step of the steps of the step of

in this heautiful altar which ho has presented to the parish, in this church and the surrounding ecclesiastical buildings are the evidences of your fath and the monuments of his zeal. We are all giad to be with you to day to testify to our love and respect for him and to be strongthened in turn by the good example of his priesthood. You may haven any difficulties to surmouth, many trials to undergo during life, but if you are distilled to him and obedient to his mid-tration rest assured that your lives will be blessed on earth and both pastor and people, the shopherd and his flocks will be undergoder to the surface of the Order of the

Roy. Father Moyna then read the following address on behalf of the priests of the archdiocese:

DEAR FATHER GINNEY—We, your brother priests of the archdiocese of Toutule, assembled on God's altar, around you to-day, tender you our sincere congratulations on the attainment of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your ordination.

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sont by our sides to console and comfort.

What is the fruit of that knowledge?

"The good shopherd gives up his life for his shoop." Yes, the good shopherd han given up His life for us on the cross and moreover Ho is giving up His life for us each day on the millions of Catholie altars throughout the world in the Holy Sacriflee of the Mass. Christwas a sacrificial Man. "He hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odor of sweetness." Without sacrifice there is no sacriflee. The priest is both pontific and minister. He is positive and at the same time sacrodes. He, like the land minister. He is positive and at the same time sacrodes. He, like the londing the History of the land minister. He is positive and at the same time sacrodes. He like the land he will be the land he land he will be the land he land he

presented the paster with a well-filled purse on behalf of the layuen of the parish.

Other addresses were presented by the findies and children of the congregation, to which Father Gibney replied, thanking them one and all for their kindeess to him and praying that the good relations which had therefore subsisted between them might continue to the ond. He also thanked their separated bruthren of other denominations who had presented him with a valuable expression of their esteem and loped that athough divided in religious principles they would always be united in the bonds of Christian charity. This closed one of the most eventful days in the annual of St. Paul's Church, Alliston, Alterwards the Rev. Father Gibney culertained the visiting clorgenen at a sumption to St. Paul's Church, Alliston, Alterwards the Rev. Father Gibney culertained the visiting clorgenen at a sumption of St. Paul's Church, Alliston, Alterwards the Rev. Father Gibney culertained the visiting clorgenen at a sumption of the parish of the Bodges Restaurant and catering establishment of Toronto. The Very Rev. Vicar General McCanu, in the basence of the Archbishop, complimented the Rev. Faster on the great honer that was shown to him by the presence of so many priests that had come from far and near to present their congratulations to him on this the occasion of his silver jubilee in the priesthood, and he only voiced the sontiments of those present when he hoped that the Rev. Paster of Alliston might long be spared in the archdiocese of Toronto to continue his priestly career, which had always been a source of edification to both priests and people as well as to those who did not belong to the Catholic Church.

### Their First Anniversary.

Their First Anulversary.

The Daughters of Erin (Ladios Auxiliary Division No. 5) held their first anulversary in Hilbernian Hall, Red Lion Block. Yongo street, on Monday ovening. The attendance was large, including as it did soveral of the Daughters from the other Divisions of the city; and there were also present a number of members of the A. O. H., with which order the Daughters of Erin are affiliated. Bro. A. T. Hornon, Vice President of Division No. 2, ably filled the chair, and called out in their order the following pieces on the programme: Selection of Irish Airs, Miss McGabe; Recitation, Miss Mary Loe; Club Swinging by the Juronile Daughters of Erin; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Recitation, Miss Ida Wallace; Song, Mr. Salone, Song, Master Willio Faboy; Recitation, Miss Ida Wallace; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Recitation, Miss Ida Wallace; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Recitation, Miss Ida Wallace; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Recitation, Miss Ida Wallace; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Recitation, Miss Ida Wallace; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Mr. Malone; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Mr. Malone; Song, Master Willio Faboy; Mr. Malone; Song, Mr. Malone; Song

The LC.B A. at St. Michael's Cathedral
On Sunday last the quarterly communion of the Mon's League of the Sacrod Heart took piace in St. Michael's Cathedral. A large number of men and boys were present and it was a source of great editication to see the large crowds who availed thomselves of the privilege of approaching the sacred table. The numbers of the state of the privilege of approaching the sacred table. The numbers of the state in the sacred table. The numbers of the state in the sacred table. The numbers of the state in the sacred table. The numbers of the sacred table, and the sacred table and approached the holy communion. The flow, Father Treacy, in the absonce of their chaplain, Rev. Father Ryan, delivered a short address to them. The flow were all edited, he said, by the large numbers, the orderly bearing and the picty and devotion of them of the League of the Sacred Heart and the Frish Cathelle Roncovlent Association. The priests of the parish that reason to be proud of the magnificent profession of faith on their part. The League of the Sacred Heart was essentially a religious society, but the LC.B.A. combined both religion and harticitism. The love of country and the love of God should always be the better frishmen and Canadians for being more dowoted children of the Cathelic Church.

#### Ada Rehan at Stratford-on-Avon.

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Miss Ada Rohan, who played the part of Rosaliud in "As You Like It" at Stratford-on-Avon in aid of the Shakespacro Momorial Fund, is a Catholic-She was born in Limerick, of which her parents were natives; but her father, at one time a prosperous shipbuilder, meeting with roverses, the family sailed for New York, taking with them the little and the sail of the sail o

#### Archbishop Bruchesl's First Decree

MONTRIAL, Sept. 13. — The Quebec Official Gazette of this week contains a decree by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi creeting the new parish of St. Eusebe de Verceull, in the East End. The decree is interesting as boug the first issued by Archbishop Bruchesi.

# A esson from the Big Meeting

(WRITTER FOR THE REGISTER )

The jubilce year will be memorable for a great many reasons, and amongst those not the least by any means must be reckened the meeting of the great

be reckeded the mosting of the great Association It is landly to be expected that the average in scientific ability or attainment is greatly affected by this event, nor that devotion to science is going to make any sudden changes in the habits of our people. A little deeper insight on the part of a few and increased onthusiasm in the noble pursuit amongst a greater number may be looked for and counted, along with the henor done our city, as sufficient return for the pains and money we spent.

But it is not for this we introduce the topic; it is too early to make any calculations as to the real value of the meeting. But there is one losson it taught unmistakably, oven if indirectly, to which we wish to direct attention.

Tortullian said the human soul was naturally Christian, by which, we take it, he meant, amongst other things, that overy fact of divine teaching meets an each in the sail and is, in great part. echo in the soi I, and is, in great part, its own sufficient ovidence. Sin and

overy fact of divino teaching meets an echo in the sot I, and is, in great part, its own sufficient ovidence. Sin and virtue, repentance, the need of a Saviour, and so on, have only to be rightly pictured before a well-balanced mind in order to be accepted at once as true. When they are rejected, it must be from some fault in the presentation, or some twist in the facellities of the receiver, and this holds true, in a more striking degree, with regard to the principles of Christianity, they always approve themselves to the candid, unprejudiced mind. Now there are the saving and some interest of the saving and some interest of the saving and th

what may be called the fathers of geological science.

Along its lines—so far as it is science—Along its lines—so far as it is science—Along its lines—so far as it is science—the science of the student works his own way of clearing up difficulties and though the may hope to add something by way of clearing up difficulties and dissipating doubts, he is quite sure at least that he will never disprove what has once our really proved. Hence his great respect and deference for the high amost that went before him. He has their books always open, and tou to one also their pictures or statues are set up in a place of honor in his study. And then when he himself, by a life of mingled zeal and devotion, has risen to eniuence, and comes before the common public, all hats are off and heads bowed, and overy ear open to hear, undoubtingly, the words of thoughtful wisdom that flow from his mouth. Just look at the crowd that assembled in the various halls wher a great scientist was speaking.

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How intent they are and respectful, almost reverential? The silence is conveiled to the visit a view to criticize, or object, but to clear up doubt, and obtain further information. Nobody thinks his liberty is imperified, or the freedom of his judgment insulted, by the teaching of the distinguished professor. If such a statement were made it would be laughed to score, and the silly object called down at once, if not indeed ignominously expelled as unfit to assecuate with somitions of expelled as unfit to assecuate with somitions of expelled as unfit to assecuate with somitions of the distinct and the control of the distinct of the control of the distinct of the control of the distinct of the control of the c

once. For they are there in the character of disciples, that is of persons knowing their own ignorance, and seeking to be taught. No other attitude but would be ridiculous and self contradictory.

If their reason and good sones, and through them the consent of mankind, proclaim this as the only suitable relation between a teacher and his disciples, if when loft to their own instinctive guidance, all men act as the Toronto audiences, and mer proud to get instruction from the acknewledged masters of carthly science, why is it that in the matter of a far more difficult science, they completely reverse their principles and mentiod? Why do they insist—for this is the meaning or private judgment—that there is no need of a teacher in-religious things? Why, whilst laughing to score the simpleton who with nothing but his own bad spade, declares his intention of reforming geology; why I say do they not only not condomn, but praise and exatt the still greater simpleton, who with less effective instrument than the absources mattock, gives out his fitness and determination to reform religion? I sid wine revolation more easily mastered than the accrete of the bruto earth? And if for an understanding of those latter, we look not the our instructed many, but to the acleet few who have made it the study of their lous it seems to expect knowledge of the former from oven Tom, Dick, and larry, who has a book, and therefore claims infallibility. In the sum and the sum of the control of t

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The funeral of Rev. Father Lynch, of Niagara, took place on Sunday, Sept. 11th, and, was a most impressive ecromony. The body of the dead priest was laid out immediately outside the sanctuary, and when Father Morris of Newmarket began the Requiem Mass, with Father Kilcullen as deacon, and Father Smith as sub-deacon, the large congregation many of whom were Protestants, were deeply moved. Vicar-General McCann at the end of the mass, taking as his text: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, after a brief introduction on the necessity of being prepared for death, dweit on the end of the faithful priest. He briefly outlined the labors of Father Lynch in the work of the presthood; apoke of the fidelity with which he discharged all the duties of his sacred calling, paid a splendid compliment to his personal character as a priest and a man, and ended an eloquent and offective discourse by an appeal to the people to remember their dead pastor in their prayers.

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Father Lynch was a comparatively young man, being only 35 years old at his doath. He was educated at all Hallows Collego, Dublin, famous for the number of missionary priests it has sent to every part of the Euglish-speaking world, and ordained in 1887, since which time he has laboured faithfully as a priest of the Archidiocese of Toronto.

Perhaps the finest compliment that could be paid to the memory of Father John Lynch was the large number of his brother priests present at his funeral many of them coming from the most distant parishes in the diocese to pay the last tribute of house and respect to their dead brother in Christ. Requisecat in pace.

Tho following priests were present at the funeral:—Vicar-deneral McCann, Smith, Trayling, McColl, Grogan, Best, O.C.G., Allano, McDermott (Buffalo), Cruise, Grogan (Redemptorist), Bronnau (Basilian), Guinauo (Basilian), Avery (Buffalo), Mullanoy (Buffalo) McEetee, Hand, Walsh, Rohleder, McRae, Laboreau, Gallagher, Ricullon, Duffy, Whalen, Mondalon, Morris.

England.

Loxbox, Sept. 13.—The International Reman Catholic Conference, under the auspices of the Catholic Truth Society to commemorate the 18th contury of the handing of St. Augustine on the shores of Kont, was profaced yosterday with a special service at the Brompton Oratory, the sermon being preached by Cardinal Perraud. This morning The delegate to the number of several hundred, and including all the English bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, journayed to Rausgate, where the conference was opened in Graw-illo Church, journayed to Rausgate, where the conference was opened in Graw-illo delivered au imagural address. A number of papers were atterwards read and discussed. The conference is to be in session for soveral days.

The Mail reviews a former rumor that the beaut Metershy was a former rumor that the total the Catholic Metershy was a former rumor that the total Metershy was a former rumor that the metership of the control of the conference is the control of the control of the control of the conference is to be in the control of the control of the conference is to be in the control of the conference in the conference is the control of the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference is to be in the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the conference in the conference is the conference in the confer

The Mail reviews a former rumor that Dalton McCarthy may enter Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government as Minister of Justice.

# Ceremonial The Legal Oath

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A Toronto lady named Mrs. H. Hardy had occasion to appear in the Dryssion Court the other day, and availed herself of the opportunity to exhibit her familiarity with things scriptural and bacterial. Upon being asked to "kies the book," as the customary form of taking oath requires, she declined to place the greasy court Testament near her breathing apparatus; but producing her own family Bible. which igh her own family Bible. which is carried tucked beneath her arm, performed the necessary act of symbolic invocation upon it.

This incident may serve to call attention to the still general but now somewhat endangered custom of calling upon God to witness the truth of statements made respecting matters of law and equity. It is evident that people who take sath in court often do not comprehend the real significance of the act A Toronto lady named Mrs. H. Hardy

and oath in court often do not comprehend the real significance of the act of image-worship they perform by kissing the Bible. The wonder is that Protestantism has not long since abolished it from legal as from religious ceremonial. No Protestant will kiss a crucifix or plain cross, in a church. But when making oath in a court of law he will without compunction kiss the Testament, which is but a paper image of the Word of God.

Invariably those who kiss Testaments used in courts also, without being aware of it, kiss the sign of the Cross. Take up any book employed by court official in the ceremony of swearing, and it will be seen that it is tied round both ways with a string so that the string or tape forms on either cover the sign of the cross. This is one of the oldest of ical usages; but fow are now aware that it had its origin in medieval times, and that the intention was to make the deponent "kiss the Cross." The ceromonial of the eath was oftener performed on a crucifix attached to the Look.

Those ancient traditions are fast losing their significance. The other day a court "cryer," whose duty it is to present the book to the winters, was observed to be fussing about, looking this way and that for something he had apparently lost. The delay called the actions of the property of the cross of the court was the manufactual to the court of the co

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