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**A GREAT LOSS TO THE CHURCH**

The Outlook of Higher Education for the Catholics of Ontario.

By the removal of Rev. E. J. Devine from his present charge in Montreal it is impossible to approximate the loss that the Catholic Church throughout Canada has sustained, for the influence which he exerted was not confined to the city of Montreal, but extended to almost every province in our land, for McGill University has been training men not only from every province in Canada but from several of the States in the Union and a certain percentage of them have been our co-religionists. There are, perhaps, no factors in a nation which may exercise greater and more beneficial influences than our educational institutions, and if the graduates from these could be sent out with high and true ideals, showing by their lives the lessons they would wish to inculcate, there would be less need of the sophistry which is paramount in the world to-day. In the present day every statesman worthy of the name emphasizes at every opportunity the necessity of lofty national ideals for he is well aware that such have the key notes of all true greatness, for an empire. And so it is in the student, for unless he be imbued with a keen sense of his duty toward society and toward himself, the fruitfulness of his life is lost. For this reason, therefore, did Father Devine interest himself in the students of McGill University with the gratifying result that both the number and the quality of Catholics who are in actual attendance in that institution, has been increased threefold, thus giving the Catholic population of our eastern provinces a greater representation in professional circles.

Too great importance can not well be attached to this marked increase in the number of Catholic students and therefore an increase in professional men. Here in the province of Ontario, although we are prone to regard ourselves as the "banner" province it seems almost incredible how poorly we are represented.

The following figures from Toronto Colleges will make it very apparent:

College	Total	Catholic
University College	975	30
University Medical	370	10
Sch. of Science	230	8
Dental College	180	7
Trinity Medical	215	6
Totals	1,950	67

This shows that speaking in round numbers out of 2,000 students in the various faculties and colleges in Toronto which are non-sectarian we have a representation of not more than 70 or 3.5 per cent. Take it you will along with this the attendance at the various denominational colleges and the comparison is made totally unbearable, or less that 2 per cent. But using the figures given above there is a ratio of 70 to 2,000, or approximately 1 to 30. Now the Catholic population of Ontario bears the relation of 1 to 6 or 1 to 5, that is 17 to 20 per cent. when compared

with the total population. So that one readily sees the discrepancy in our higher education. To examine our numerical representation on the teaching boards of the above-named colleges is even more disheartening, for it is even less favorable than a comparison of the students enrolled, when we remember that it is only a few years ago that in the whole university there were not more than 25 Catholics enrolled, we can not help but think that it is about time for our co-religionists to arouse themselves or else in the rapid growth brought on by the wave of prosperity under which the province now is moving, our ratio of professional men will be even less than it is to-day, or actually nil!

Now Father Devine is a native of Ontario, and his thinking mind could not help being impressed by the conditions existing around him. He lamented these conditions and recognized that it was a safeguard on our rights and liberties; that it was a duty which we owed to our native province and to ourselves as citizens of that province to see that we were contributing according to our abilities to elevate the standard of society and of education. He accordingly set himself to the task of organizing a club, the object of which was to aid and to exert a moral and religious influence on all the Catholic students entering McGill University. We need not here dwell on the success of that society. We need scarcely refer to the wide circle of influence which Father Devine has through these young men exerted over many a town and borough in Canada, what a lofty contribution he has given to the Church of which he is priest in sending forth an ever-increasing number of young men who thoroughly appreciate their duties as Christians and Catholics—men who will reflect credit on themselves and their co-religionists wherever they go and will stand as pillars to that religious freedom of which we as Canadians are so proud.

Not only did he organize this society for the students, but by the direction of a Catholic Free Library in Montreal he has given such an impetus to the dissemination of good Catholic literature that great numbers are entertained daily by a perusal of these volumes. This work alone should stand as a monument to his memory. It is by a study of the history of nations and their peoples, by a profound knowledge of their art and literature and science, that we form a true appreciation of their advancement. So it is, even in a broader sense, by reading works emphasizing the various admirable features in the Church to which we belong—books throwing light on its history and sacred traditions that we shall be led to appreciate its grandeur and its superiority. Catholic Free Libraries will become more numerous eventually but this end might sooner be attained if men of the stamp of Father Devine should attempt to guide and mould public opinion in its proper courses.

Many other societies of ever-growing popularity, such as the Young Ladies Circle are evidences of the keen grasp he had of the social needs of the people among whom he was placed. It does not require any genius to criticize the shortcomings of existing conditions, but it is a better criterion of a man's inventive ability to be able to supply the long-felt want. Father Devine had a great capacity for such work as this, as is illustrated by the crowning achievement he gave the Student's "Loyalty Club" when he rented one of the finest houses then obtainable for a boarding and club-house for the members. This also has grown in popularity and has taken a unique position in the history of such organizations in so far as it is a financial success not only self-sustaining but a source of revenue as well. In this work as in the others Father Devine has had the hearty co-operation of the wealthy classes of Montreal as well as material assistance from other quarters in the Province of Quebec. The English Catholic paper printed in Quebec City, which is perhaps the most important Catholic organ in that province has published an editorial in praise of this work and at the same time expresses the hope that similar organizations may soon exist in every university city in Canada.

For the benefit of people to whom the present lamentable circumstances of the higher education of Catholics in Ontario appeal, our papers would do well to copy that editorial.

Furthermore, Father Devine was most anxious to see that the Catholic Student's Society of Toronto be provided with a house similar to the one which he established in Montreal for the students' boarding and club-house, for after some years of actual experience he recognized that the benefit to be derived from such a house could not be estimated. If the introduction of a similar house in connection with the Student's Society in Toronto is going to employ



ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE RUGBY TEAM, '01-'02.

the present conditions by increasing the number and character of those entering our universities for the learned professions, such an innovation would be extremely welcome. 'Tis true that it has proved a great boon in Montreal and it will remain to be seen how effectual it may be here in Toronto. Catholics have done a great deal for education in Ontario. They have provided and maintained an excellent system of Separate Schools for the ordinary education of the Catholic child, and there is no doubt whatever but that active steps will be taken to encourage higher education for Catholic young men and women as well. Whatever is the reason it is not due to any lack of talents or means that we do not pay greater attention to our being fairly represented among professional classes, and it is true that we Catholics are willing to have almost all our university and college professors, almost all our professional men, both medical, legal and scientific, all the men who are writing their names across the pages of history in Ontario—willing to have all these men belonging to other denominations and that we should be content to swell alone the ranks of labor and of toil. We must rise to meet the exigencies of the occasion and in this we ought to be encouraged by observing the dignity and high positions that Catholics in Canada have attained through their talents and industry. We must seek to encourage Catholics to enter our colleges and universities; we must assist and encourage and do our best to provide for them when they are there; and above all must we endeavor to mould their lives in such a way that instead of exercising a baneful influence in later life, they may become models of honor, of stability and of Catholic piety. The results of such encouragement will be manifold, for example, instead of retaining almost totally unrepresented, as we are, we shall have a fair proportion of our men competing for and winning laurels in art, in literature and in science and then the Catholics of our province will be regarded as more important members of society, in its broadest sense, and progressive and indispensable citizens of Ontario as well.

To the man of sufficient energy and of such unflinching devotion that higher education for Catholics may receive a proper impetus and encouragement, so that we may some day hope to assume our proper position among the professional and other classes of Ontario—to that man awaits a threefold reward, viz.: the praise and undying esteem of his co-religionists, the gratitude of every right-thinking fellow-countryman and what is better far, the knowledge that he has done his duty by himself, his country and his God. The

**MARRIAGE OF WM. H. MURPHY.**  
Mr. Wm. H. Murphy, formerly of St. Paul's Parish, this city, was married at St. Patrick's Church, Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 11th last, by the Rev. Father Moran, to Miss Margaret L. Nolan, of Cleveland. Mr. Murphy has been a resident of Ottawa for the past few years, where he is the manager of the district branch of the Pesco Furnace Co. The company's business in Ottawa has steadily progressed under Mr. Murphy's efficient management. The Register extends to Mr. Murphy its congratulations and wishes him further success in his business career.

**LAPRARIÉ-M. CONVEY.**  
In St. Mary's Church, Bathurst street, on Tuesday, the marriage took place of Mr. Adolphe Robert Laprarié and Miss Sarah W. McConvey. Rev. Vicar-General McCann performed the ceremony, which was witnessed by a large number of friends. The bridesmaid and best man were the sister and brother of the bride.

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beginning has been made by Father Devine; a magnificent foundation has been laid, but as happens generally in the world in which we live, the praise will be given not to the man whose hands have smoothed and prepared and bulged deep below the level of the eye but rather to the man whose work it has been to fashion on that foundation tower and turret and gable into one attractive and enduring whole. This, therefore, is a work which should satisfy even the highest ambition and the reward is indeed an ample reward. D. J. S.

**FLANNERY-O'NEILL.**  
At the early Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday morning Miss Isabel Hildegarde O'Neill became the wife of Mr. M. Edward Flannery, of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company. Rev. Father Gannon performed the ceremony. There was a large number of friends present to witness the ceremony. The bride wore a beautiful costume of lawn tulle de voile with white chiffon applique medallion trimming and a large picture hat. She carried a large shower bouquet of bridal roses.

Miss Marion Florence Cosgrave attended the bride. She was gowned in blue organdy over white tulle and also wore a picture hat. She carried a bouquet of American beauties. Little Miss Ethel Raymond, attired in blue chiffon, was a pretty flower maid. Mr. Frank J. Flannery supported the groom.

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**THE ROCK AND THE JESUITS**  
London, June 15.—In the King's Bench to-day the hearing was continued before Mr. Justice Wills of the action brought by Father Bernard Vaughan, a member of the Order of Jesuits in London against The Rock newspaper to recover damages in respect of an alleged libel contained in a letter which referred to plaintiff as a member of the Order of Jesuits in London, who were described as outlaws and steeped in sedition.

Justice Wills said it was a pity to make the court an arena of these religious disputes, and to take the opportunity to say unpleasant things about a whole body of men.

The plaintiff, in reply to His Lordship, said that if the Order attempted to teach such doctrines as Mr. Macaskie had referred to, namely—old Canon Law made 200 years before the Jesuits came into existence—it would do more harm to the teachers than to the community.

Father Vaughan added that his family for 1,000 years had been loyal to the sovereign of this country. He was loyal to his King, and as an English gentleman he utterly repudiated the foul libel against him (applause, which was suppressed).

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The relations of the Toronto Street Railway Company and its employees just now appeal to the public in a dual sense. In the first place the prospect of a strike affects the citizens generally, whilst the efforts of the parties to impute widespread dishonesty to the conductors touches the investing class with whom Toronto Ralls had been a favorite stock.

With regard to the definite charges laid against many of the conductors we do not propose to say anything for the present. Whatever evidence may be available will be laid before a jury. There is a point, however, which is not affected by the reserve challenged in the name of Justice, that is the importation of American private detectives and the methods which these men employ when in Canada—methods that would not be tolerated in the United States.

It is highly desirable that no time should be lost in expressing the public antipathy to the practice of drafting a Pinkerton force into Canada every time a corporation suspects dishonesty in its employes, or sees a strike ahead. We do not hear of French detectives being called upon every now and then to expose crime in England or Germany or protect property from native workmen.

Depend upon it that just as soon as the administration of justice in any country, be it in England, France or Canada, begins to limp and totter; just as soon as it threatens to collapse unless foreign props are obtained to sustain it, that moment social order stands condemned in that nation. Have we arrived at this stage in Canada? The heads of our Canadian corporations are the loudest shouters of loyalty amongst us, and they are the first to deride the administration of justice in the Dominion, when they telegraph to Chicago for foreign detectives on the faintest intimation of wrong.

When the present troubles have been disposed of, a public investigation of this evil before the Attorney-General should be demanded; and the position of the Crown lawyer, particularly towards the Toronto Railway Company should be made a leading feature of the inquiry.

Whether the employes of the road strike or not, enough has happened to warn both the general public and the investing class that the Toronto Railway Company is not managed on safe principles. It is clearly wrong that paternalism should be made the motto of a joint stock company. When conductors have to advance the money upon which the daily sales of tickets are made, when they have to buy their clothing and other supplies in stores nominated by the company and at exorbitant prices, it is time for the citizens who have given the company its franchise, and the individuals who invest their savings in the deep waters of its stock to assert themselves. The franchise was given to a supposedly competent company of modern-minded men.

The franchise is short and uncertain in proportion to the shortcomings of the company, and the franchise is after all the only security of the stockholders.

The employes should not at the same time ask too much in striving to secure an adjustment of their real grievances. There must always be a distinction between the observance of union rules by employes and the union assuming to stand wholly in the place of the employer—except that the latter may retain his privilege of paying the wages. The unions in Toronto are working harmoniously with all descriptions of employes, and there is no apparent cause why the Toronto Railway Company should not recognize the union of its employes, like all the shops and factories of the city that are living up to union conditions. This is the one point in regard to which the committee of the street railway employes should be moderate. The men have real grievances, they are subject to many pressing exactions which the citizens condemn without any qualification. It may be—and doubtless is—necessary to their future security from the re-imposition of similar exactions that their union should be recognized by the company; but let the recognition not be defined in language which appears to the public as if the union were ordering the company to go back and resign the conceded rights of all ordinary employes.

management has been following the lines of the Newfoundland ring who tried the fishermen of that colony, and of the coal barons of Pennsylvania who mortgage the earnings of their foreign-born miners. A Toronto civic franchise must not be operated by such a management one moment longer than can be helped. Whether the men strike or not, the evils that have grown up under this company must be corrected in the interests of the public.

**MRS. JOHANNA KENNEDY.**  
On June 7 the death occurred of Mrs. Johanna Kennedy, of 35 Carr street, at the age of 69 years. The deceased lady was born in Kilsrush, Ireland, and came to Canada in 1851 and has been a resident of this city ever since.

Shortly after her arrival here she was married in St. Mary's Church by the late Archbishop Walsh, who was then parish priest.

The deceased was well known and highly respected in the West End, and especially among the people of St. Mary's Parish, with whom she had been associated. In her early days and even up to the time of her death she was always found helping and assisting those in sickness and other troubles. The deceased leaves a family of four to mourn her loss, two sons and two daughters.

The funeral, which took place on June 10th from St. Mary's Church to St. Michael's Cemetery, was largely attended. The Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Arthur O'Leary. The pallbearers were four old friends of the deceased: Messrs. G. Lafrancis, Michael McNeill, Francis O'Rourke and James Cunneen.

The family of the deceased has the fullest sympathy of their many friends and many a silent but fervent prayer is offered for her in her old parish church that God may reward her for her many deeds of kindness during her life.

**FUNERAL OF FATHER HEALY.**  
The funeral of the late Rev. Father Healy, of St. Michael's, took place on Thursday morning last to Mount Hope Cemetery, where the deceased priest's remains were interred. At 8 o'clock Solemn Requiem Mass was sung by the Rev. Dr. Treacy, assisted by the Rev. Father J. Mianhaia as deacon, and Rev. Father Beach, sub-deacon. His Grace Archbishop O'Connor presided, and associated with him in the sanctuary were Rev. Fathers Cruise, McIntee, Williams, Kelly, O'Leary, Smith, McCarron, L. Mianhaia, McElaheen, Flanagan, Murray, Frazer, Chancellor Rohleder and the Christian Brothers.

The pallbearers were Rev. Fathers Canning, Cline, Flanagan and L. Mianhaia. At the end of the Mass and before performing the last absolution His Grace Archbishop O'Connor approached the altar and paid tribute to the deceased.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE.**  
The Register directs attention to the announcement made by Rev. Father Twomey, of Tweed, of the forthcoming annual pilgrimage from Ontario to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre. Increasing numbers from all parts of the province are availing themselves of the facilities provided each year by Father Twomey, and all may depend that nothing will be overlooked in regard to their convenience and comfort next month.

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