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DEATH OF MRS. JAMES SADLIER

History of Her Life and Services to Catholic Literature

Early Recollections of Montreal

Montreal, April 6.—By the death of Mrs. Mary A. Sadlier, which occurred yesterday at her late residence, 96 Burnside Place, Canada loses the foremost of her Catholic writers, and one of its most noted women.

Although eighty-three years of age, Mrs. Sadlier, up to a short time ago, was able to continue her literary labors, and at different times her personal reminiscences furnished material for interesting articles. Her long illness was born with remarkable Christian fortitude. She retained possession of all her faculties right up to her last moments, and took part in the different religious services. At her death were Rev. Father Turgeon, rector of St. Mary's College; Sir William Hingston and the members of her family.

BORN IN CAVAN.

Mrs. Sadlier was the daughter of Francis Madden, of Cottenham, County Cavan, Ireland, where she was born December 31, 1820. She began her literary life at the age of 16, and when barely 18, began to contribute to La Belle Assemblée, a London magazine, published under the patronage of the Duchess of Kent. She left Ireland in 1844, and two years later married James Sadlier, of the firm of D. and J. Sadlier, publishers, of New York, Boston and Montreal. Her life was largely spent in New York, and it was there that she did some of her best work. One of her first works was a collection of traditional stories, published in Montreal, entitled "Tales of the Olden Time." In one of her numerous tales of Irish immigrant life and adventure, called "Eleanor Preston," there are some sketches of Lower Canada rural life and scenery.

HER LIFE WORK.

Mrs. Sadlier's literary works may be divided into three classes: Firstly, the historical Irish romance of which "Confederate Chieftains" was most widely known, and considered the best of all her works; secondly, her didactic and religious works, original and translated, such as "De Ligny's Life of the Blessed Virgin," and "The Life of Christ," both from the French; and, thirdly, a line of fiction, the romance of Irish immigration, in which she was considered unrivalled. Among the latter are "Willy Burke," "The Blakes and Flanagan's," "Con. O'Regan," "Eleanor Preston," and "Aunt Honor's Keepsake."

One of her latest productions was "The Poems of Thos. D'Arcy McGee," with an introduction and biographical sketch." Mrs. Sadlier was for several years the editor of The New York Tablet newspaper, and had for associates Dr. Orestes Brownson, Dr. Ives, formerly Anglican Bishop of Charleston, and Thomas D'Arcy McGee. The main object of her writings was to benefit immigrants in America and principally those of Irish nationality.

Besides her vast literary work, she

was also largely connected with many Catholic charitable institutions, and assisted in founding "The Home for Friendless Girls," "The Foundling Asylum," "Home for the Aged," "The Night Refuge and Working Girls' Home," etc. For the latter institution she wrote the first page of the first year's annual report, and by special request contributed the first page to the 25th anniversary report.

MONTREAL HER HOME.

Since 1880, Mrs. Sadlier made Montreal her home, only leaving it from time to time for protracted visits to New York. In March, 1895, she was presented with the "Leatere Medal," by the University of Notre Dame du Lac, Ind., in recognition of distinguished services rendered to the American Catholic public. Though of late years Mrs. Sadlier had been unable to do much literary work, she still took a lively interest in the work of the day, and keenly followed the progress of those charitable institutions with which she had been so closely connected in her earlier days.

FATHER CALLAGHAN'S TRIBUTE

Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, P. S. S., of St. Patrick's Church, speaking yesterday morning at the High Mass in reference to the death of Mrs. James Sadlier, said:

"I regret the death of Mrs. James Sadlier, which occurred this morning. If she has not yet made her triumphal entry into the heavenly Jerusalem, I trust that she will make it in a short time. She has the strictest claim on our most grateful admiration. She was a woman of the rarest intellectual acuity, and of surpassing piety. What has she not done by her immortal pen for the cause of religion and country? God alone has the secrets, and will not fail to give her credit. She stands alone to the front of those belonging to her sex and nationality, for keeping alive and transmitting by her copious and masterly writings the flame of Irish patriotism; for preserving by all the charms of her literary style, all that is most distinguished in Irish Celtic Faith, virtue and honor."

EARLY DAY EXPERIENCES.

The gifted authoress has thus described her early-day impressions and recollections of Montreal:

"I had not been very long in Montreal, arriving here in 1844, when I was taken to see the new Irish Church. The walls were standing, but neither chancel nor aisle were as yet boarded over.

"As early as 1829, Father Richards, of the Seminary, had collected the small handful of Catholics in the old Recollet Church. Father Phelan, afterwards Bishop of Kingston, was appointed their pastor, and he in turn was succeeded by the gentle and much beloved Father Conolly. It was during his pastorate that St. Patrick's was completed. Father Conolly, after years of faithful service, left Montreal for Boston, where he subsequently died.

"St. Patrick's was dedicated on the feast of the Apostle of Erin, 1847. That year was destined to be one of harrowing memories to the Irish population of Montreal. For it witnessed the fearful mortality of the 'Ship Fever,' which not only swept away thousands of incoming emigrants, but took other valuable lives as well, including both priests and people. But this is an old tale as well as tragic tale. My memories of that epoch are singularly distinct, as regards St. Patrick's. I was then attending the Church regularly with my husband.

"To look back now, through the years, how solemn it seems and how unreal. Or is it the present which lacks reality? The Sunday mornings in old St. Patrick's, days of spring or days of winter, autumn Sabbaths or those of fiery midsummer. I remember the pew-holders of those days; most of them have passed into the shadows. Happily a few still survive, even amongst the earliest pioneers of the Faith and those it is not necessary here to particularize. The majority sleep upon the mountain side, where the great Calvary throws its shadow over their graves.

PARISH NOTABLES.

"Amongst other parish notables of the day were the much esteemed and ever-lamented Dr. Schmidt. There was Francis McDonnell, friend of the orphan, and the genial and cultured Henry Kavanagh and Captain McGrath, chief of police, and John Fitzpatrick, of the munificent donation to St. Patrick's Asylum, and his business partner, Luke Moore. There were the Mullins and the Shannons and the Currans, one of the latter being father of that truly representative Irishman of to-day, Mr. Justice Curran, and Patrick and William Brennan and M. P. Ryan, afterwards member for Montreal. Jas. McShane, father of the late member for Montreal, and Peter Devine and Charles James Cusack, and Peter Sadler and Thomas Bell and Charles Palsgrave and Michael O'Meara and M. Darragh and Gal-

braith Ward and Isidore Mallen and John and Daniel Mahony, the latter a worthy old schoolmaster, and William O'Brien, of the Grand Trunk, and William P. Bartley and Matthew Ryan, the able journalist, and Muldoon and Dolan and Doran and Bryan Hayes, and Thomas O'Brien and Kelly and McCulloch, and J. P. Sexton, afterwards Recorder, and Dromgoole and Dunn. Their names come back to me after the lapse of years and many of the faces, too, grown familiar from their places in the pews, Sunday after Sunday, from the parish bazaars, and all the local affairs of the time.

"I was young then, and but just beginning my literary career, which has extended over the half century. I have lived in varied scenes and known almost innumerable men and women. But through all vicissitudes it is a pleasure to look back upon those days. Green be the turf above priests and people, who have, one by one, passed away. The names of many of them are scarce remembered save in some survivor, like myself, standing lonely on the shore, seeks to call them back in a few recollections of Old St. Patrick's."

Inter-Catholic Club Debating Union

The eighth debate of the second series of the I. C. B. U. took place last Friday evening at St. Clement's Club Rooms, William street. In the absence of President E. V. O'Sullivan, the First Vice-President, Mr. J. L. Costello, occupied the chair. The subject was: "Resolved, That the Ward System Should be Abolished and Aldermen elected from the City as a Whole." Messrs. A. J. Travers and Fimigan, of St. Clement's Club, spoke on the affirmative and Messrs. H. Kelly and J. Doyle, of St. Joseph's, spoke for the negative. The referees, Dr. J. J. Cassidy and Mr. J. P. Hynes, gave the decision for the affirmative. The debate was an extremely interesting and instructive one and Irish art and eloquence was marked throughout.

St. Peter's School

Honor Roll for March.

IV. Class—Excellent, John Bennett, Frank Leonard, Ed. Finnelly, Teresa Nago Ward, Bridget Ryan, Gerda Gibson.

III. Class, Senior—Excellent, Mary Malone, Austin Malone, Nellie Finnelly, Mary Bradley; good, Frank Corcoran, Edward Weir, John Madden, Robert Connor.

III. Class, Junior—Excellent, Paul Ward, Thomas Vandemark, Mary Williams; good, Teresa Curran, Allan Grimes, Martin McCarthy.

II. Class, Senior—Excellent, Lyndon Devaney, Cora Vandemark, Christina Hamilton.

II. Class, Junior—Excellent, Mary Fahy, Nora Wade, D'Arcy Leonard, good, John Butler, Marshall Brady, Harold Halloran, Beatrice Malone, Madeleine Shearin.

I. Class, Part II.—Excellent, Edward Corcoran, Edward Kerr, James HaHa; good, Leonard Rush, Irene Williams, Mary McGrath, Francis Redican, John McCarron.

Part I.—Excellent, John Leonard, Ernest Grimes, Gertrude Bradley; good, Marie Krigbaum, Percy Dowell, Norman Bradley, Dorothy Routh, John O'Connor, Gertrude Meade.

Although the medicine business should, above all, be carried on with the utmost conscientiousness and sense of responsibility, the unfortunate fact is that in no other is there so much humbug and deception. The anxieties of the sick and their relatives are traded upon in the most shameful manner; impossible cures are promised; many preparations are also utterly worthless, and some are positively dangerous to health.

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JESUIT MISSION IN HAMILTON

Notable Demonstration by the Catholic Men of the City
Father Stanton's Address
Hamilton, April 6.—As a result of the Jesuit mission in the city, fourteen adults were baptized by Rev. Father Mahony, rector of the Cathedral, assisted by Rev. Father Howie, S. J., on Saturday.

At 10.45 to-day a class of 126 were confirmed by His Lordship Bishop Dowling, in St. Mary's Chapel. The ages of those confirmed ranged from 15 to 101 years. After confirmation the Bishop gave a practical and familiar instruction on the graces of the sacrament, and paid a tribute to Rev. Father Howie, who had instructed the class. Rev. Fathers Mahony, Stanton, S. J., and Donovan assisted the Bishop at the confirmation.

The Catholic societies of the city were very fortunate in having such a beautiful day as yesterday to parade; a more ideal day could scarcely be wished for. The following was the line and order of march from C. M. B. A. Hall to St. Mary's Cathedral.

St. Mary's School Band.
A.O.H.
Marshals, C. Mooney and C. Shields.
St. Vincent de Paul Society,
Marshals, J. Ronan and J. J. Austin.
C. M. B. A. No. 37,
Marshal, S. Coulson.
C.M.B.A. No. 56,
Marshal, J. P. Dougherty.
C.M.B.A. No. 55,
Marshal, John O'Toole,
Leo Club,
St. Patrick's Club,
I.C.B.U.,
Marshals, S. Chesebman and W. Doyle.

Badges and regalia were worn. Thousands viewed the parade along the line of march. Arriving at the Cathedral, St. Mary's School Band played a selection before the men entered the church. By 3 o'clock the Cathedral hadn't a vacant seat.

Rev. Father Stanton's opening remarks were: "My dear men of the parish and of the city of Hamilton, in the name of the Right Rev. Bishop, pastor and fathers of the church, I offer you a sincere welcome. This is one of the grandest gatherings of men I have seen in the past ten or twelve years. I shall never forget this bright afternoon, and the sight of this great body of men devoted to God."

The speaker dwelt on the noble example set by the men. Are we an insignificant factor? No, we are not. One man with God is a majority anywhere. Surely you have the strength of God with you. Drawing comparisons, he said the Catholics of the United States thought it a great thing to get one-tenth of the liberty enjoyed in this country, as is the case in the separate school question. Continuing, he said: "We all need union. We should be in one thought, one belief, one common cause, for we are Catholics. I am proud to know that you desire to stand by your Bishop. How proud Hamilton should be at this grand gathering, with the highest glory possible. Your glory is, you belong to a church established by our Lord Himself. When Catholicity was born, the world was clothed with errors.

God took twelve simple men, and set them to work with His authority. These men and their successors rebuked the arrogance of Rome. The great philosophers of the church came and saved men from the errors of centuries. Who illuminated the world through the dark ages? It was your church. The church says, remember justice. It teaches the rights of the workingman and employers. Follow her, and you will never go astray.

"The church builds the foundation of your homes, does not break the family ties, does not recognize the divorce court, keeps marriage indissoluble. Thank God, this land of yours protects the home, and the Catholic legislators of the other provinces and your Catholic Premier, Laurier, say, No, we will not make it easy for men or women to fly from their homes. To twenty-five thousand divorces in the United States last year there were only ten in your land."

Speaking of authority, he entreated all to recognize the authority of their Bishop and church. "Be true to your Bishop, as your chief; be true to your church, and you will be true to the laws of your country."

Father Stanton related an episode of centuries ago that impressed his hearers very much. After the death of King Bruce of Scotland, his army took his heart and embalmed it, not wishing to consign it to the tomb. They placed it in a casket of gold, and took it as their banner, and swore to follow it ever to victory on the battlefield. They were all Catholic men. Deciding to go to the Holy Land to fight for their faith, they were persuaded on the journey to stop in Spain to help to stop the advance of an army of 200,000. Next morning the great carnage of blood began. To the dismay of the Spanish army, retreat was sounded. Nothing could check the onward march of the opposing forces. When the Spanish army was nearly decimated, the cry was "Is there no one to save us?" when lo, the brave Scots thought of Bruce and his heart, and shouted, "Yes, by the heart of Bruce, and the heart of God, onward!" When the enemy was within twenty feet of them, the leader turned and the heart of Bruce into their banners. The effect was fearful. They would fight and dare for that heart. They rushed for it and beat, cut and charged to save their emblem and the day, and they did save the day, beating back the enemy. This proved that men would do for the heart they live for, and that was only a heart of clay. You, my dear men, have a living heart. Follow Him in sunshine and in storm. Fling your hearts before that heart, as flowers to great conquerors. Be good to men not of your faith; cheat no man; despise no man; stand as one man in your faith.

THE EVENING SERMON.
In the evening Rev. Father Stanton took for his text "He that shall persevere to the end shall be saved." "You are assembled here, my dear men," he said, "in the temple of God to enact the closing scenes of the mission. It is a happy moment for us, and a consoling one for your Bishop. You came in sunshine and in rain, and we must congratulate you. It was a great pleasure for us to be here, even to look at your comfort-

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