

# REV. FATHER RYAN

To Preach at St. Patrick's on Sunday, at High Mass

Rev. Father Ryan, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, who is to preach the retreats in St. Patrick's Church during the next two weeks, needs no introduction to the people of Montreal, where his reputation as a theologian and pulpit orator is well established. Father Ryan has rendered eminent services to the Catholics of Ontario by his vigorous defence of their rights at the School Board. His broad views have won many friends to the cause of Catholic education and his irresistible logic has silenced the enemies of the faith on more than one occasion. He has been a contributor to the Catholic press of Toronto, and his letters have been characterized by ripe scholarship, force and elegance of diction.

Next Sunday at High Mass the new Sanctuary lamp will be blessed, and the sermon will be preached by Father Ryan.

## AN APOSTOLIC ANSWER

Some time ago we made editorial reference to the joint-pastoral of the archbishops of Westminster, in which the dangers of Liberal Catholicism, especially in England, were pointed out. We then drew attention to the fact that the Cardinal Archbishop and bishops submitted their pastoral, for approval, to the Holy See before sending it abroad amongst the faithful. In reply to the request for Pontifical approbation, His Holiness Leo XIII. sent the following very significant answer:—

Venerable Brethren—Health and Apostolic Benediction. In the midst of most grave occupations and many sorrows, the close union between the Episcopate and the Apostolic See has always brought to us the greatest consolation. We had already, in your people, and you have given to them the timely and prudent exhortation which they need. Too well known is the actual and threatening mischief of that body of fallacious opinions which is commonly designated as Liberal Catholicism. With-out in any way exaggerating the danger which menaces the Catholics of England, you show wherein that danger which menaces the Catholics on the teaching and precepts of the Church, contains nothing but truth.

For all that is contained in your teaching and admonitions has frequently been dealt with by our predecessors, has been clearly laid down by the Fathers of the Vatican Council, and has often been explained by ourselves both orally and by our Apostolic letters.

You have done most wisely in issuing a solemn warning against the subtle and insidious spread of Rationalism, than which no poison is more fatal to Divine faith. In like manner nothing is more in accordance with right doctrine than what you have laid down as to the obedience due to Episcopal authority: for subjection and obedience due to that authority are in no sense optional, but plainly a duty and a firm foundation on which the Church of God is built. We therefore most heartily give you our praise and approbation for these things.

The evils which you deplore, and which you warn right-minded Catholics to shun, have generally their origin in an excessive spirit of worldliness, in a reluctance to any kind of Christian self-sacrifice, and in an inclination to a soft and easy life. It is, however, impossible for any man to preserve inviolate the Catholic Faith, and to defend and advance the interests of Jesus Christ, unless by a great and unconquerable constancy. Catholics, therefore, must devote themselves more earnestly to the cultivation of the spiritual life; protect the great gift of faith by carefully guarding against the dangers that menace it; labor more zealously in training themselves to the practice of Christian virtues; and especially they must grow in the virtues of charity, self-denial, humility, and contempt of the perishable things of this world.

Some time ago we exhorted Catholics to unite in fervent prayer to God to bring back the English people to the religion of their forefathers; and we insisted that they should endeavor to make their prayers prevail by leading themselves an exemplary and holy life. We again to-day admonish and beseech them to put our exhortation into practice. For this purpose we earnestly desire that the Sodality of Mary, the Mother of Sorrows (Confraternity of Our Lady of Compassion), instituted by our authority, may be widely spread and warmly taken up. For it is fitting that all Catholics should so strive for the salvation of others as at the same time to spare no pains to sanctify their own souls.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. v. 16).

Lastly, Catholics should always

pay a holy submission and obedience to the Holy See; and if its opponents seek either to disparage its authority or to sow in men's minds suspicion and distrust of its guidance let them be boldly refuted in these words of Venerable Bede, a Doctor of the Church: "And therefore did Blessed Peter, having confessed Christ with a true faith, and followed Him with a true love, receive in a special manner the keys of the kingdom of heaven and the sovereignty of judicial power, that all the faithful throughout the world might understand that whosoever separate themselves from the unity of the faith, or from his fellowship, can neither be released from the chains of their sins nor enter the gates of the heavenly kingdom." (Hom. lib. 16.)

As a pledge of Divine gifts, and in testimony of paternal good will, we most lovingly in the Lord bestow upon you, Venerable Brethren, the great blessings they themselves enjoy.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, on the 11th day of February, in the year 1901, the 23rd year of our Pontificate.

LEO XIII., POPE.

## THE POPE'S JUBILEE

While sensation-mongers are seeking to make the Pope ill, and even to kill him—with their pens—we receive the following from Rome:—

A committee has been formed, under the presidency of His Eminence the Cardinal Vicar, in order to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Leo XIII's accession to the Papal Throne, which will occur in 1903. Some anti-clerical papers have had the bad taste to criticize the formation of this committee, considering it premature, but the festivities will certainly assume such unprecedented importance that two years' preparatory work cannot be regarded as excessive when we remember that the demonstration of filial devotion and love towards the Venerable Pontiff will include every country and nation in the world, all Catholics, and even non-Catholics, being anxious to express their deep veneration for Christ's Vicar on earth. No sooner was the formation of this committee made known than a surprising number of communications were received from all parts of Italy from bishops, etc., all anxious to know in what manner they could participate with their flocks in the solemn celebration which will probably mark one of the most memorable dates of the twentieth century. The Holy Father continues in perfect health, and everything justifies the hope that he will be spared to celebrate the 25th anniversary of an event which all Catholics cannot but regard as a signal favor of Providence. As the weather is now quite spring-like, His Holiness has resumed his walks in the Vatican gardens, from which he derives the greatest benefit. Professor Laponi, whom I had occasion to see last week, is eminently satisfied with the condition of his venerable patient, and asked whether he thought that Leo XIII. would be able to celebrate his Papal Jubilee, the great physician replied confidently: "Not only that, but I hope and believe that His Holiness will be spared to celebrate his hundredth birthday!" "Quod est in votis!"

## CONDOLENCE.

At a recent meeting of St. Mary's Court, No. 164, Catholic Order of Foresters, a resolution of condolence was passed expressing sympathy with Dr. E. J. C. Kennedy, the medical examiner of the Court, on the death of his mother.

## JUNIOR TEMPERANCE SENTINELS.

The Junior Branch of St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society, held a very successful meeting on Tuesday evening last. After the ordinary routine business, several new members were admitted, and the work of nomination of officers for the ensuing half year was proceeded with. The election of officers takes place on Tuesday evening, the sixteenth instant.

## C.M.B.A., BRANCH 26.

This Branch will hold its closing social and euehre in Drummond Hall on Friday, the 19th inst. At a well-attended meeting of the committee on Wednesday last, it was reported that nearly all the tickets had been sold, and but few remained in the hands of the committee. The prizes to be awarded to the fortunate winners are the best ever offered by the Branch, and it is quite safe to say that there will be an interesting and exciting struggle among the members and their patrons to secure them.

THE PRIESTHOOD.—In his pastoral letter to the clergy and laity of the diocese, Bishop Byrne says: "The outlay for the education of young men studying for the priesthood will be unusually heavy for the coming year, and it is not pleasant to have to go in debt for money paid for so worthy a purpose and one which so directly refers to our Lord, and which so intimately concerns you all. I make a special appeal to all the faithful to contribute generously to this great work of ecclesiastical education upon which depends the future efficiency of the Church in the diocese among both Catholics and non-Catholics. There is no nobler and grander purpose to which money can be given, and none which will bring a greater blessing on those who contribute it. The diocese is growing and more

priests are needed both to minister to Catholics and to work among non-Catholics. The latter is a great work to which I would be glad to give two or three priests. If I had them, but there are at present not enough priests in the diocese to supply the needs of the Catholic congregations and missions. As soon as I can see my way I hope to undertake the work of missions among non-Catholics on a systematic plan. But for this priests are needed, and priests of superior training, prudence and knowledge. To obtain such priests I appeal to you, my dear brethren of the laity. There is not enough of missionary zeal among Catholics, and especially Catholic laymen. They rarely ever think of doing anything for the conversion of those outside of the church. This is an evidence of a lack of charity and zeal. It shows, too, a want of appreciation of the great blessings they themselves enjoy.

When I read what others are doing who have not the true faith and contrast it with the absolute apathy and cold indifference of Catholics, I blush for my shame and ask myself: "Do Catholics really believe what they profess? Do they appreciate their faith? Do they know its meaning? Have they zeal? Have they a real love for Jesus Christ who died for souls? Alas, they cannot have, for a love of souls is the test and measure of the love of Christ, and to convert and save souls there must be an educated, holy and zealous priesthood, and to educate and train priests requires money. I ask you then my dear brethren, to contribute generously to this work so dear to the sacred heart of our Lord and thus participate in the saving of souls and blessings attached to so divine a work."

## RECENT DEATHS

MR. JOHN HOOBIN.—Two weeks ago Mr. John Hooabin, one of the patriotic founders and veteran players of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, attended the annual meeting of the club and was greeted by young and old with that warmth of feeling which bore evidence of the high esteem in which the gallant player of former years was held by his fellow members. A few days later Mr. Hooabin met with a serious accident while at work, and now it is our melancholy duty to chronicle his death which occurred on Friday last. Deceased performed much good work in his particular sphere of life in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, and he derives the greatest benefit. Professor Laponi, whom I had occasion to see last week, is eminently satisfied with the condition of his venerable patient, and asked whether he thought that Leo XIII. would be able to celebrate his Papal Jubilee, the great physician replied confidently: "Not only that, but I hope and believe that His Holiness will be spared to celebrate his hundredth birthday!" "Quod est in votis!"

MRS. JOHN DONOHUE, who departed this life on the first instant, was one of the best known residents of St. Gabriel's parish. The illness which ended fatally for this good lady was contracted by anxiety, through the illness of a devoted son, who has since died. For a few months; with a motherly affection characteristic of the Irish race she was continually, night and day, at the bedside of her suffering son, and when the probabilities of his recovery were bright she continued to nurse him, and in the end, to a severe attack of pneumonia resulting fatally in eight days. Mrs. Donohue was a native of Cork, Ireland. She leaves a fond husband and a family of five children to mourn her loss. They are: Mr. Denis Donohue, Mr. James Donohue, and Mr. Thomas Donohue, A.O.H., secretary of Division No. 2, Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. J. Sullivan. Her funeral from St. Gabriel's Church on the 3rd inst., where a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., was one of the largest which left Port St. Charles in many years.—R.I.P.

## THE LATE SISTER ST. HORTENSE.

From time to time it becomes our sad duty to record the death of some prominent member of a religious community, and we always do so with due regard to what would probably be the wishes of the deceased religious. While we express our sympathy with the nun's relatives in the world, still the union of the departed one and the community is even more intimate, on account of the life led by those who are within monastic walls. On Holy Saturday morning, at the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, St. Laurent, death visited the community, and summoned the spirit of a saintly religious, in the person of Sister St. Hortense, nee Mary Breen, daughter of the late Thomas Breen. The venerable Sister had spent forty-six years of her life in the convent as a member of the Order. She had, at various times, been superior—both in Montreal and elsewhere, and has always enjoyed the deep confidence of her superiors in authority. While we sympathize heartily with her aged mother in the bereavement which has come to darken the declining hours

of her life, we cannot but pay a word of tribute to the memory of the deceased. While communities absorb the individuality of each of their members, and during life what they have done the community is supposed to have done. Still, when death has intruded even within the walls of a convent, and the one who is gone has passed beyond the influence of praise, we feel somewhat at liberty to single her out in our notice, in order that God's glory may be increased upon earth by the example of her exceptionally Catholic life. Then words, that might, under other circumstances, be considered as flattering, become really necessary. The Congregation of the Holy Cross has lost one of its brightest members, and the Catholic population has lost a guide, a friend, a sister. That long period of almost half a century, spent in the silent performance of duty and the happy performance of good works to lay before the Throne of God's glory, will weigh heavily in the balance of Divine justice, and will receive a reward proportionate to its duration and its perfection. In that spirit of liberty to single her out in our notice, we also pray that eternal repose—after ceaseless labor—will be the undying share of Sister St. Hortense.

## A MALIGNANT LIE NAILED.

The London "Standard" recently printed a "form of oath taken by the Jesuits," sent to it by an anonymous correspondent as "instructive reading," and by way of reply to the Catholic protest against the oath of King Edward VII. declaring the Sacrifice of the Mass to be idolatry. Here is the "form" sent to the "Standard":—

"I, A.B., now in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed Michael, the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the saints and the Sacred Host of Heaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, that His Holiness Pope Leo is Christ's Vicar-General, and is the true and only Head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth, and that, by the virtue of the Keys of binding and loosing given to His Holiness by our Saviour Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical Kings, Princes, States, Commonwealths and Governments, all being illegal without his Sacred Confirmation, and that they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the extent of my power, I shall defend His Holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers, especially against the new pretended authority and the Church of England and all adherents in regard to that they and she be equal and heretical, opposing the Sacred Mother Church of Rome. I do renounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical King, Prince, or State, named Protestants, or obedience to any of their inferior magistrates or officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the Church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots, and of others of the name Protestants to be damnable, and they themselves are damned and to be damned that will not forsake the same. I do further declare that I will help, assist, and advise all or any of His Holiness' agents in any place in which I shall be in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and in any other territory of Kingdom I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical 'Protestants' doctrine, and to destroy all their pretended power, legal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am disposed to assume any religion heretical for propagation of the Mother Church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time as they interest me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing, or circumstance whatsoever, but to execute all what shall be proposed, given in charge, or delivered unto me, by you, my Ghostly Father. All of which I, A.B., do swear by the Blessed Trinity and Blessed Sacrament, which I now am to receive, and on my part to keep inviolably, and do call the Heavenly and glorious Host of Heaven to witness these my real intentions to keep this my oath. In testimony hereof I take this holy and Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my hand and seal this day Ann. Dom., &c.

Such are the facts in reply to the "instructive reading" of the anonymous liar and slanderer. They are facts which speak for themselves, as Father Gerard remarks, and therefore they need no comment.—New York Freeman's Journal.

## HOW PROTESTANT CHARITIES RAISE MONEY.

A leading American Protestant newspaper discusses the methods by which money is raised in Protestant circles for Church and charitable purposes. It says:—

There is a distinct improvement in the methods of some very worthy Churches in appealing for public support. A notable instance of this is the recent appeal of a religious order, through the medium of its monthly paper, asking for \$3,000, and doing it in this direct way:

Our brotherhood has been doing a charitable work for men and boys for the past fifteen years. We find ourselves now with a deficit of \$3,000. To get rid of this we at first proposed having a concert, a dramatic entertainment, a bazaar, or some one of the many things so often resorted to for raising money. But to make any one of these things successful we should be obliged to harass our friends into becoming patrons, then into buying and selling tickets. We have resolved not to ask money through any of these channels, but to beg of you a straightforward way.

Will you send us a gift equal to what you would pay for a ball, a concert, or a theatre ticket? We hope this homely way of asking assistance will commend itself to you. It did. The response was immediate and generous. Contributions of from \$1 to \$10 began to flow in from persons grown weary of the

quid pro quo system of giving, one woman writing: "I thank you very much for asking in this way instead of proposing an entertainment." Evidently this woman had known the bother and unprofitableness of a church fair—perhaps many of them—in her day and generation. Another wrote that she was so tired of buying tickets for poor entertainments and being outrageously bored that she had resolved henceforth to give outright what she expended in church and charitable works and to expect no return whatever. It was an abomination, she thought, to go to a fair, stuff yourself with salads and creams, and then go home, patting yourself on the back for having given several dollars to some church.

This instance of honest begging led to inquiries the other day among certain charitable and church organizations to find out what proportion of the funds secured for their support was obtained by direct appeals. It was learned that fully 90 per cent. of the money now given for church and charity work came either in response to straightforward appeals or as spontaneous, free-will offerings. But this was not all. In the last five years there has been a marked change in money soliciting methods—less personal appealing, or buttonholing, and more intelligent asking through circulars and letters which set forth with discretion and force just what is needed to carry on the work of this or that charity.

When the cause is a worthy one the response is generally adequate, a notable instance of this being the placing of \$20,000 on the contribution plate of a church in this city last Easter. A week before the rector had modestly advanced to the chancel steps, and said: "I should like very much to have the Easter offertory in this church reach \$20,000, for we need every cent of it to keep up our good work for the poor." When the contents of the silver alms basins were counted there was found to be \$21,481, about \$15,000 of it being given by eight men, the largest check on the plate being for \$10,000. A Broadway pastor was even more successful, lately, in realizing his hopes, though they perched not so high as those of the rector just referred to. He asked for \$5,000 to complete some improvements in his church, and that was about all that was asked of the plate that day just \$6,940, one check being for \$9,000. These are exceptional cases, it is true, as regards the extent of the benefactions, but it is no uncommon thing for New York pastors to get more than they really ask of their congregations.

"The day of the church fair, the ice-cream sociable is rapidly going," said a leading officer in the American Congregational Missionary Association, and pointing to the Treasurer's report for last year he continued: "Last year our total receipts were \$398,632, and of this amount I do not suppose there was a thousand dollars, all told, which came from the receipts of church entertainment." And he seemed very glad to be able to register the fact. Charity organizations, especially the larger ones, long ago abandoned the devices they had to resort to in getting money. One of these was the professional promoter who would agree to arrange an entertainment and pay \$100 or \$1,000 to some worthy charity for the use of its name as a patron. Tickets are then sold by clever solicitors in the name of the charity, even by its friends and managers. The result was a poor entertainment generally, and a pocketing by the promoter of about five times as much as the charity received.

By far the largest part of the income of some of the city's leading charity societies come from membership fees. In the case of the Charity Organization Society, out of total receipts for last year of \$54,148, about \$46,000 came from contributions and dues. Its patrons number forty-two, every one of whom has paid \$500 for the honor of being enrolled as such, making \$21,000 the total receipts from this class of members. Of life members there are about 360. Life membership costs \$100, and the aggregate receipts from this source is \$36,000.

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