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GABRIEL RICHARD WAS MISSIONARY PRIEST AND CONGRESSMAN

The Honorable and Rev. Gabriel Richard was a modest priest who represented the home of his adoption in the National Congress. That was a unique honor for a clergyman of the Catholic Church and especially so when we see that our holy religion was not numerically strong nor influential at the time.

Pere Richard was a contemporary of Father Theodor Bavin, the first priest ordained in the United States. Like Father Bavin he left France, his native country, owing to the reign of iniquity prevailing in that unhappy land.

After his ordination he was recommended to come to the young Church in this land, all with paths for the discharge of his ministry were impeded at home. The re-union with his diabolical hatred of religion, swept "altar and throne" aside and spread delusion and irreligion everywhere.

He had a high cultivated mind and was an interesting companion with all the native courtesy of his race. He was very pious and devoted to his holy duties, visiting the sick, reclaiming the erring and confuting the adversaries of the Church.

His publications could reach where the preacher could not go. In the publication of the gospels, which he circulated for public instruction that of the pulpit or rostrum. In 1869 he published his first paper entitled "Essay du Michigan," but it was suppressed after a time owing to the strict censorship of the government.

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The life of Pere Richard showed men of his day that the power that stepped in between the mediocrity of Byron and his serfs was yet alive, as it was when Cardinal Langton forced the hands of the tyrant at Runnymede.

A handful of Jews, the so-called King of Italy (a puppet in the hands of secret societies). The government and King of Spain are the object of the enmity of the Catholics and blasphemers. Apathy and shrinking of our duties as Catholics and citizens are responsible for much insult that is heaped upon the Church here by a lack of the spirit of Pere Richard.

THE LEGEND OF THE BELLS The remarkably fine bells of Limerick Cathedral were originally brought from Italy. They had been manufactured by a young Italian (whose name tradition has not preserved) and finished after the toll of many years, and produced a sound which was very sweet and subsequently purchased by the Prior of the neighboring monastery, and with money thus acquired the young man purchased a little villa, where he had the pleasure of hearing the chiming of his bells from the convent cliff, and growing aged in the bosom of domestic happiness.

The monastery in which the bells had been hung was razed to the earth, and the bells carried away to a foreign land. The bell-founder became a wanderer over Europe. His hair grew gray and his heart withered—he had neither home nor friend. In his desolation he formed the resolution of seeking the place to which the bells—their treasure of his memory—had been finally borne. After years of wandering he sailed for Ireland, and proceeded on the wreck of fortune, friends, family and home.

THE HOLY MASS A MEANS OF APPLYING REDEMPTION TO MEN St. Paul affirms that Christ offered Himself only once, meaning by suffering, blood-shedding, and death; as he compares Christ's oblation to the oblation of animals which were made by a real destruction of their animal life.

There is nothing in the Mass which is opposed to this teaching of St. Paul. The Mass is a perpetual witness to the fact that single death in blood; it is one of the most striking attestations we can make that Christ died for the world, and took an interest in everything that affected the commonwealth. He was a true defender of the liberties of the people, so much so that he was the cause of the persecution of the Church by the Roman Empire.

Nowadays we are told that no Catholics can be good Americans, yet far off dates of 1824 this Catholic priest and his fearless citizen stood by the standard of the people when some of the bigots' ancestors were trying to strangle liberty in its cradle.

Because it is based on the same agreement as a profession of faith; it is only something required for properly carrying out the transaction in its details; a condition reasonably exacted in order to have the promised forgiveness of sins in cases like St. Brendan's and Grand Falls where this good priest did noble work, as well as in other settlements along the coast, like King's Cove, laid down his life and was held in the highest esteem and veneration. Some of these places would require the zeal of a St. Gall or Columba, and are not to be outdone in obstacles by the African jungle or the Australasian bush. Thus it was, though his priestly life was short, his work in these places was great. He fought life's battle as a true soldier, and died the burden without a murmur and bore full of merit before his Lord.

Not alone was Father Batecock's influence felt within these places; but extended everywhere throughout the island. And no wonder, for everyone who knew him spoke highly of him, and appreciated his sterling qualities of head and heart, a thorough gentleman and a well read man. As a priest, his zeal, his deep religious fervor, his kindly sympathetic nature, his kind and sympathetic nature, his kind and sympathetic nature, his kind and sympathetic nature.

THE IMPORTED ARTICLE The high salaried preacher imported by Mr. Rockefeller ten or three years ago to preach in his Fifth Avenue church in New York has undertaken to reply to Father Vaughan's use of Bishop Sellow's statement that Protestantism is falling into decay. This preacher's name is Aked and he comes from London. Father Vaughan's statement is in fact, a statement that, spiritually, Protestantism is falling into decay. But he says that Catholics cannot boast of their members here. They are mostly immigrants or the children of immigrants.

DEATH OF A NEWFOUNDLAND PRIEST "It is appointed unto all men once to die," is a truth that is not always forced upon us, though everywhere it is insidiously inscribed. There are times when we are compelled to halt, and reflect that we are hastening to the grave. Such must be when one is suddenly cut down in the family circle, and then all at once there is produced in us a spell all the more efficacious when someone has departed whose death we knew and loved, whose face we so often clasped, whose familiar voice we so often heard, whose face we so often clasped, whose familiar voice we so often heard, whose face we so often clasped.

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those who are acquainted with the differing peculiar to clerical work in this country in remote sea-girt parishes and in the solitude of the wilderness can understand why it is most difficult to serve for in places like St. Brendan's and Grand Falls where this good priest did noble work, as well as in other settlements along the coast, like King's Cove, laid down his life and was held in the highest esteem and veneration.

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