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ated his services. As nothing could better express the feelings of the Irish Catholics, on the occasion of his departure, than the moving address which was presented to him, on the 16th October, 1842, I take the liberty of inserting it here. It expresses the sorrow, almost excessive, which they experienced in being bereaved of him—it exposes much of the good achieved through his instrumentality—in a word, it sums up the great services rendered to the Irish community of Montreal, through his zeal and labors; and at the same time it makes a public acknowledgment of their love, their esteem, and their gratitude.

“TO THE REV. PATRICK PHELAN,—

“Rev. and dear Sir,—It was only this morning we learnt of your
“being immediately about to be removed from among us, with whom
“you have dwelt in the most affectionate and unremitting intercourse
“for the last sixteen years; and although the brief period intervening
“between the late hour when we received intimation of our intended
“bereavement and the time fixed for your departure precluded the
“possibility of any appropriate or fitting manifestation of the deep
“emotions of respect, admiration and reverence with which we regard
“you, still we cannot permit you, unrecorded and silently, to depart
“in the manner desired and contemplated by your own retiring
“humility and modest worth.

“We seek not, Rev. and dear Sir, by any expression of the feel-
“ings, saddened and subdued, which now agitate and nearly over-
“whelm us, to acknowledge the vast and incalculable debt of gratitude
“and love we owe you; we feel and confess that your services to us
“have been indeed inappreciable, and above any earthly compensation
“or human acknowledgment. In our daily supplications to the
“Throne of Grace, we will implore Our Father who is in Heaven to
“requite your manifold services to us; and, as in the exhaustless
“treasures of His Divine Grace may alone be found your adequate
“remuneration, we will humbly but fervently beseech Him to repay
“you the untiring zeal, the boundless charity, and enduring love, so
“lavishly expended on us, not only in our spiritual, but even in our
“temporal advancement.

“It would be equally vain and impossible, did we endeavor to
“remunerate the happy, the blessed results and achievements of your
“apostolic mission and exertions in this City and Province. In the
“depth of our present affliction, it is consoling to know that their
“reputation has been long and loudly proclaimed: that it has extended
“beyond the limits of Canada; and that it will precede and bless
“you—when severed from us—in the new home of your more ex-
“tended duties and exalted sphere.

“Sixteen years since you found us a divided, and now you leave
“us a united people. Distinguished then for our wasteful profusion
“and brutalizing intemperance, we are now pre-eminent for those in-