

sidos confessed, the apostles, who were men fallible by nature, were however infallible by privilege, in virtue of the promise here made. Now this Spirit of Truth was not promised and sent only to the apostles, but to their successors also, as may be clearly deduced: first, from the very words of the promise, where the paraclete for ever is inserted; that he may abide with you for ever, which certainly carries the grant here made beyond the lives of the apostles: and secondly, the same thing is plainly taught by Isaiah, where, prophesying of the descent of the Holy Ghost to the Church of Christ, he assures us, at the same time, that this Holy Spirit of Truth shall never more depart out of it. "My spirit which is upon thee, and my words which I have put into thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever." (Isa. lix. 21.) Now from hence I argue, they to whom our Saviour Christ promised the Spirit of Truth to abide with them for ever, for the very end of teaching and guiding them into all truth as it is contrary to heresy and pernicious errors, can never be permitted by Divine Providence to teach errors against faith, and are, in other words, what we call infallible. But our Saviour Christ promised and sent the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, to his apostles, and to the pastors of his Church that succeeded in their places, to abide with them for ever, for the very end of guiding them into all truth: what is to be hence concluded, but that this Church, under the unerring guidance of the Holy Ghost, and providence of God, never has, in time past, and never will, in time to come, be permitted to teach any the least error against faith or good morals?

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DEATH OF THE REV. FATHER HAND.

The *Freeman* prefaces the following letter by remarking that all who take an interest in the College of Allhallows, of Drumcondra, will deeply deplore the death of its venerable President, the Rev. J. Hand. The Very Rev. N. M'Evoy has embodied in the following beautiful announcement the sorrows of his own heart, and the grief of his brethren, for the loss sustained by the Catholic priesthood and the daily Church:—"To the Most Rev. Dr. Cantwell—College of All Hallows, 21st May, 1846.—My Lord—The beloved, the sanctified President of All Hallows is—how shall I pen the heart-rending word—no more. The brightest ornament of the Irish Church, and in the early dawn of manhood, the light brilliant enough to be seen in for distant climes, has set to rise no more—or rather to rise only when clad with the transcendent glories in which the Master he loved and imitated will not fail to array him. The sainted Father Hand died here yesterday evening within a few minutes of eight o'clock, in the very act of exhorting the gifted and respected superiors of this interesting establishment to 'love one another'—'to be perfect:' 'diligite alterutrum,' did he, with the Apostle of Love, again and again affectingly repeat; and the grand incentive to sanctity, 'Ambula coram me, et esto perfectus,' was the inculcation of his dying and once eloquent lips. The public voice, and in this instance I trust 'Vox populi vox Dei,' canonises his virtues and proclaims him a saint. This infant establishment, founded by his apostolic zeal and heroic labours, sustains a shock: but the fostering care so visibly bestowed by a favouring heaven will still be continued, and the piety of the faithful Irish people not fail to rally round an institution that has already carried the light of the Gospel to the most distant climes of the earth. For my humble part, I shall quadruple my annual subscription. Since his earliest youth my dear departed friend was known to me, his pastor, and it will not be among the least of the glories of your lordship's distinguished episcopal administration to have given him to the Church, and to have always aided him with warm encouragement and liberal support in the great enterprise to which he sacrificed his precious life. I have the honour to remain my lord, with profound respect, your lordship's very humble and devoted servant,
N. M'Evoy."

FUNERAL OF FATHER HAND.

The remains of this venerable priest were on Saturday committed to the grave. Within the domain of the establishment which his zeal had called into existence, and in the shade of a venerable ruin which is embowered with the fresh leaves of early summer, the Superior of All Hallows reposes. There is a singular propriety in the selection of such a spot for the tomb of such a man. His grave will be an enduring attestation of Christian energy, enterprise, and success, and, by presenting an active memory of his devotedness, must stimulate those who succeed him to an imitation of his great virtues. The student who prepares for his distant mission, and the professor who labours to infuse the spirit of apostolic sacrifice into the young missionary's soul, may pause by the grave of Father Hand, and remember what he so fondly, frequently, and, at last, practically taught, that "they who lose their life shall find it." By the side of his companion in the labour of love rests the Rev. James O'Ryan, whose death we some time since recorded. He was among the first who associated their efforts with those of the founders of All Hallows. It is flattering that the first whom a sublime charity invited should be the