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FATHER NOONAN LEAVES BIDDULPH

Presentation of Addresses by Congregation, C.M.B.A. and Choir of St. Patrick's

On Sunday morning, the 11th inst., Rev. Father Noonan, the beloved parish priest of St. Patrick's Church, Biddulph, preached his farewell sermon to his parishioners prior to his departure for Dublin Parish, made vacant by the death of the late Father Fogarty.

Immediately after the sermon Messrs. P. Breen and M. Blake approached the altar rails, where Mr. Blake read an address, and Mr. Breen presented a well-filled purse, the gift of the congregation, as follows: Reverend and Dear Father Noonan: We, the parishioners of St. Patrick's Church, Biddulph, on this, the eve of your departure from our midst, wish to tender you an expression of our esteem and our appreciation of your labors since your arrival amongst us.

The sudden information that you were called away from St. Patrick's came as a shock to your parishioners and the first feeling was a rebellious one, but on cooler reflection, this would shame your teaching of the past five years. We know St. Paul says, "Let every soul be subject to higher power," and our Divine Master said, "As the Father sent Me I also send you. Go ye therefore and teach all nations," etc. Hence we bow to the will of God. The spirit of obedience with which you accepted the order to go gave us an object lesson that perhaps we might be slow to take from a sermon.

It is now five years since you took charge of St. Patrick's, and we, the members of the congregation, feel we have greatly profited by your ministrations and during that time, you have endeared yourself to us by your earnest devotion to duty and the hearty interest you have ever manifested in our spiritual welfare.

The great improvement in the interior of our church and priest's house are standing monuments of your energy and perseverance.

The beautifying of our cemetery, that silent home of our dear departed ones, won for you a gratitude that will only cease with life itself.

And perhaps that for which we owe the greatest amount of love and gratitude is the interest you have always taken in our schools, and the spiritual and temporal welfare of our children. Your weekly visits were always made regardless of wind or weather; were looked forward to by the children, and the instructions and advice there given them will remain with them through life, to their profit both spiritual and temporal. To Father Noonan

and Father Noonan alone is due, the fact that two separate schools were established in the parish "without a hitch," whose standing will compare very favorably with any schools in the district.

And now, Father Noonan, we ask of you to accept this purse, as a small token of our love and esteem, and be assured you have our prayers and good wishes accompanying you to your new field of labor, and that we are sincere in our gratitude and esteem. We are unable to say more lest some unfeeling critic set it down for flattery, or a specious sophistry. As we are aware of your great charity, we know you will sometimes, when offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, make a moment for your old parishioners of St. Patrick's, Biddulph.

Signed on behalf of the congregation:
 A. Lamphier,
 Jos. Casey,
 M. Blake,
 Thos. Kensela,
 Jos. Kennedy,
 P. Breen,
 Edward McLaughlin,
 John McLaughlin,
 James Kelly,
 Denis Heenan,
 Michael O'Shea,
 T. J. Quigley.

At the close of the reading of the first address, Messrs. Edward McLaughlin, president, and William Toohy, recording secretary, of the C. M. B. A., came forward, and Mr. Toohy read another address, and Mr. McLaughlin presented a very fine gold-headed cane, the gift of the C. M. B. A. The address was as follows: Reverend and Dear Father Noonan:

We, your brother members of Branch 124, C. M. B. A., on this the eve of your departure, profit by this occasion to express our sorrow at your departure from the parish, as well as the great loss to our Branch. During the past five years you were a member of our Branch, and were the means of increasing our membership and bringing it to its present efficiency. During that time you were president for two years and financial secretary three years, and although always very much engaged in the cares of the parish, you never failed to look after the interests of the C. M. B. A.

Though it has pleased Almighty God to call you to another field of labor, the Catholic spirit you imbued into our society will always remain with us.

That spirit of brotherly love which pervades our Branch of the C. M. B. A. is due in a great measure to the interest you took in our welfare during the five years you were our spiritual adviser. We hope the spirit of Catholicity and fraternal love, there kindled will remain with us through life and the name of Father Noonan will always remain a cherished memory regardless of what distance may divide us.

And now, Dear Father Noonan, we ask you to accept this cane as a small token of our esteem, and we assure you, you have our prayers and best wishes, and are also assured that the sister Branch of the C. M. B. A. in Dublin will greatly benefit by your advice and fatherly care.

As a last favor, Dear Father, we ask that sometimes when you are offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass you will remember your Brothers of Branch 124, C. M. B. A. Edward McLaughlin, Pres., William Toohy, rec. sec., Thos. Kensela, treas.

To both addresses Father Noonan made suitable replies, a synopsis of which is as follows:

My Dear People: It seems to me addresses are always couched in the language of flattery. You accredit me with having done great things during an administration of some five short years. True, a good deal has been accomplished to make your church and surroundings presentable to the public eyes, and I hope pleasing to Almighty God. I therefore thank you from my inmost heart for your ready response to every appeal, your willing co-operation in every good work.

My dear people, while your words of approval afford me satisfaction, there is a mixture of discomfort associated with your fine address. It arises from my knowledge of the great drain on your purse, in giving this substantial testimonial. Again, I learn with not a little discomfiture that our neighbors of Lucan, irrespective of creed, have spontaneously given of their means to render the donation still more substantial. May this harmony, good will and nobility of heart ever increase in this fair, prosperous and growing country. I thank them most cordially.

As for the C. M. B. A., with its grand address and beautiful presentation, I have only to express my deepest gratitude, and cherish the hope that their Branch of this good Catholic association will ever increase and flourish and widen the scope of its influence commensurate with its noble object, viz.: practical Catholicity and the betterment of the bereaved.

My feelings to-day are those of one parting from friends, severing links of tender associations, bidding farewell to generous, loyal and loving people. May God prosper you all.

Only those who witnessed it can realize the depth of feeling displayed, no matter how they try to suppress it. It will bubble up! at the parting of a beloved priest and a warm-hearted Irish congregation. Father Noonan carries with him the good wishes of every one.

On Tuesday, the eve of Father Noonan's departure, the ladies of the League of the Sacred Heart presented him with a beautiful set of solid silver cutlery, for which he returned his most sincere thanks.

Again, on the same evening, the members of St. Patrick's Choir surprised him by an address, read by Mr. A. Crumican, and the presentation by Miss Anne Dewan of a beautiful clock, the gift of the choir, on which occasion he gave expression, in words of warmest thanks, to his appreciation of their uniform kindness and liberality to him, and wishing them God's choicest blessings.

The address of St. Patrick's Choir was as follows: To Rev. T. Noonan, P. P. of Biddulph:

Reverend and Dear Father—We, the members of St. Patrick's Choir, knowing that you are soon to leave us, come to-day with sad hearts to say farewell and to express in some measure our high appreciation of the inestimable services rendered us during the time you have been our pastor. Words fail to convey the depth of gratitude we feel towards you for the many favors, spiritual and temporal, we have one and all received at your hands.

The transformation which has taken place in the parish since your formation is worthy of our highest admiration, and when we consider that so many arduous tasks as confronted you were accomplished without causing any ill feeling or in any way disturbing the harmony of the parish, we feel that your tact and executive ability mark you as a true Christian leader.

It is not our material interest alone that has endeared you to us. Oh, no; as our spiritual guide you have endeared in our hearts a strong love for our Holy Religion which we trust will never weaken.

As members of the choir we are sincerely grateful to you, dear Father Noonan, not only for the music and beautiful new organ provided for us, but especially for the kind word of encouragement so generously given us.

In future when we take our places in the choir to sing the praises of God, our thoughts will go back with reverence to the days when you, dear Father Noonan, stood on the altar steps to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for us and we shall ever pray that God may long spare you to carry on His work.

And now we ask you to accept this gift as a slight token of the love and affection we entertain for you. We would also beg a remembrance in your prayers and your blessing.

Signed by the choir:
 Annie McGeath,
 Annie Dewan,
 Maggie Flood,
 Teney McIlhargey,
 Nellie McGrath,
 Bridget L. Dewan,
 Delia Flood,
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 George E. Breen,
 Michael Flood,
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TORONTO REFORM ASSOCIATION.

Among the vice-presidents of the Toronto Reform Association elected on Tuesday evening were the following: Ward 4, John J. Powers, who defeated F. S. Mearns; Ward 6, Jas. W. Mallon, re-elected by acclamation. Mr. Thomas Delaney was beaten by a close vote in Ward 2 by Controller Oliver, and though L. V. McBride defeated W. J. Boland on the show of hands for the treasurer'ship the latter on the count of ballots got a majority of ten.

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ST. PETER'S, PETERBOROUGH, I.A.S. ANNIVERSARY

Father O'Sullivan's Address on Catholic Emancipation—Presentation to Rev. Dr. O'Brien

Peterborough, Jan. 9. — The third anniversary of St. Peter's Total Abstinence Society was most fittingly celebrated last evening by the members in their hall, George street. The full significance of the occasion had been well recognized, for all available space in the hall was occupied, and adjoining rooms also had many eager attendants. It is impossible to estimate the blessing this society has been since its formation, and a most fitting tribute to its object is the magnificent membership which it now possesses. Gratifying indeed must the outcome of its formation be to the founder, Rev. Father Frank O'Sullivan, who last evening was welcomed by his friends, as one of all others who should be present on such an occasion as the society's anniversary.

There were many pleasing features about the celebration, but two are worthy of special mention. These were the very eloquent, interesting and instructive address upon "Catholic Emancipation" by the Rev. Father O'Sullivan, and the other was the presentation, to Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Chaplain of the Society, and whose zeal for its progress is well known, of a very beautiful gold chalice and a purse of gold. It may well be said, and indeed the fact has been repeatedly substantiated, that the members of the T. A. S. never do things by halves, that they have appreciative hearts, and, as Dr. O'Brien can testify, know full well how to perpetrate surprises.

The chair last evening was occupied by Mr. Robert Begley. Upon the platform were also seated Rev. Father McColl, Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Rev. Father John O'Brien, Rev. Father Crowley, Mr. J. H. Burnham and Mr. R. F. McWilliams. Numbers in which the audience manifested great pleasure were a piano duet by Miss McCabe and Miss Doherty, a song by Mr. Walter Stocker, and a recitation by Lt.-Col. Miller, who responded to a hearty encore.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan upon rising to deliver his address, stated that he was extremely pleased to be present on so important an occasion. He congratulated the T.A.S. upon their fine quarters and vast membership. We little thought, said he, when we planted the grain of seed three years ago, it would speedily grow to such a mighty tree, spreading its branches far and wide and scattering its golden fruit. Dr. O'Brien has watered it well and God has given the increase.

His subject, he said, had been suggested by a picture of that of Daniel O'Connell standing at the bar of the British Commons demanding admission for the County of Clare. It was a picture about which was woven a story most interesting and instructive. Very eloquently and clearly the speaker traced the chain of events leading from the year 1691, when the Treaty of Limerick was signed, through the more than one hundred years' struggle of the Irish people for civil and religious liberty. The treaty, of which so much was expected, did not effect those results so eagerly longed for, and the Roman Catholic faith and those that adhered to it were subjected to gross indignities and wrongs. The Parliament in no way represented the people of Ireland and liberty and independence were unknown. The speaker cited several of the penal laws under which the people groaned, and the injustices of what was known as the Test Oath. He dwelt upon the efforts of such champions as Molyneux and Swift and finally of Daniel O'Connell, who led a struggling nation to triumph in 1813 the Prime Minister of England introduced an act for the emancipation of Ireland on

condition of the veto. Against such condition Daniel O'Connell and his thoroughly organized Catholic Association took a firm stand. He was elected to the County of Clare, went up to the British Commons, and upon applying for admission refused to sign the Test Oath, in regard to which he uttered the famous words, "Part I know to be false, and the rest I believe to be untrue."

While Ireland's wrongs were still oppressive, her brave sons engaged in wars on behalf of the Empire, of which she then formed part, and proved to be strong and trusted allies. Upon the removal of the yoke her people were assuming that high standing of which their virtues made them worthy. The speaker dwelt upon the important work done towards emancipation by Father Mathew, the Apostle of Temperance, and urged that there should be in the present day among the Irish people an emancipation from that apathy or indifference which kept them from realizing the highest and best objects of life.

Hearty applause marked the close of the excellent address and Mr. Daniel O'Connell eloquently moved a vote of thanks, expressing his great enjoyment of the delivery and appreciation of and pride in the sentiments and facts contained therein. Rev. Father McColl seconded the motion and paid a glowing tribute to Rev. Father O'Sullivan, who, he felt sure, would observe with gratitude the fine result of the work started by him three years ago. Short and appropriate addresses were also made by Rev. Dr. O'Brien, Rev. Father John O'Brien, Rev. Father Crowley, Mr. J. H. Burnham and Mr. R. F. McWilliams.

The vote of thanks was received with enthusiastic applause by the large audience.

THE PRESENTATION.
 The chairman next announced a selection by the Harmonic Club. This was innocent enough but when the members entered, Rev. Dr. O'Brien was waited beyond suspicion. It was a committee, consisting of the President, Mr. Frank McAuliffe, and Messrs. J. Maher, A. Sharp, W. Crowley, Leo Callahan, J. O'Sullivan and F. Derocher, that confronted him, Mr. Crowley bearing the beautiful gold chalice, Mr. O'Sullivan the purse of gold, and Mr. McAuliffe reading the following address:
 Reverend and Dear Father — We take this opportunity, the third anniversary of the organization of St. Peter's Total Abstinence Society, of expressing to you in a tangible manner our appreciation of your labors among us.

When you took charge as Spiritual Advisor of this society on the departure of the Reverend Organizer and lecturer of this evening, many looked askance at the young priest, who having been raised in the town was supposed to hold some opinions which would develop into aggressiveness and who would use an iron glove in dealing with those outside the pale of the church. However, as time rolled on, your aggressiveness has developed, but not in the dreaded line. The enthusiasm displayed by you in promoting the cause of Temperance manifested in the securing of the banner in competition with the whole of America gives great satisfaction to this society, which has every reason to congratulate itself upon the aggressiveness of its Chaplain.

Judging by the public press you may think you are without honor in your own country, but if you do not bear it, it is because you are not seeking worldly honor. We can assure you, however, there is not a man in the district, whether Catholic or not, but deems it an honor to be counted among your acquaintances, as to have your acquaintance is to have you for a friend. As a contemporary puts it, it takes a great soul to be a true friend, a large, catholic, steadfast and loving spirit. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. It costs to be a friend or to have a friend. It not only costs time, affection, strength, patience, love—sometimes a man must even lay down his life for his friends. There is no true friendship without self-abnegation,

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self-sacrifice.
 The love and respect shown by your fellow priests show clearly their estimation of you as a confrere.

Many of us here present and others in the town and surrounding country must acknowledge that by your influence we have been lifted by a hand of God's servant to a secure footing when we had abandoned ourselves to a downward path. Many an aged mother or wife, sister or brother, when offering their devotion to the Almighty remember you in thanksgiving for the saving of a reckless son or brother or even a sister from an evil course, as you are ever ready to sacrifice your time and unbounded labor to save their souls and make them good, useful citizens of the State, looking both to our spiritual and temporal needs.

In your estimation no fellow being is so lowly or even degraded that you would not seek him and by kindly advice and gentle admonition, which none can use more effectively, stir in him that manly spirit long dormant thereby following in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour when on this earth.

In conclusion we again sincerely thank you for your many acts of kindness and favors shown us. Hoping you will be spared many years to comfort your well-beloved parents, and to be our chaplain, we ask you to accept this chalice as a token of our sincerity. We trust you will ever remember us in offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

F. McAuliffe,
 Chairman Committee.
 W. Crowley, Secretary.
 J. E. Sullivan,
 J. Maher,
 R. Begley,
 A. J. Sharpe,
 J. Hickey,
 F. Derocher,
 L. Callaghan.

Rev. Dr. O'Brien, who had no previous knowledge whatever of the kind intention of the members, was taken wholly by surprise. His reply was a most feeling one, heartily expressive of appreciation of the kindness shown him, and gratitude for the very beautiful gift.

Rev. Father McColl in a fitting speech, congratulated Rev. Dr. O'Brien upon the honor done him, expressed his pleasure at the evidences of appreciation and generosity in the society and dwelt upon the appropriateness of the chalice as a gift. It was a beautifully worded address, he said, and one that was most creditable to the occasion and to the Society.

Rev. Father O'Sullivan, Rev. Father John O'Brien, Mr. D. O'Connell, Mr. R. F. McWilliams, and Mr. J. H. Burnham also made speeches expressive of hearty congratulation.

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 Rev. Father, Ladies and Gentlemen — I can hardly find words in which to express my gratitude for that kindly worded address, and the flattering remarks that are made in it. I don't think I am at all deserving of such praise. I am proud to be a member of the T. A. S., and I think it has done a great good in this parish. I hope I will always be able to uphold the principles for which it was founded, and it will be a pleasure for me to do anything I can to further its advancement.

In your address you referred to my election to the County Council. I know you were proud to hear of my promotion. I hope I will be able to fill the office with credit to the society and the division I represent. And again I thank you one and all — the members of the Total Abstinence Society—for your very kind address.

INTER-CLUB DEBATE.
 The first debate of the second series of the Inter-Catholic Club Debating Union took place Friday night, between the Catholic Students' Union and St. Clement's Club. President B. V. O'Sullivan occupied the chair, and the speakers were for the affirmative, Messrs. Sweeney and McCarthy, of the Student's Union, and Messrs. Travers and Kennedy, of St. Clement's Club. The judges, Rev. F. Forster, Dr. John A. Amyot, and Mr. P. F. Cronin, gave the decision for the affirmative.

A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT
 In St. Patrick's Hall by the Douro T. A. S. Before a Large Audience.

Crowded to the doors was St. Patrick's Hall, Douro, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 7th, when the celebrated drama "Handy Andy" was exceedingly well presented by the Total Abstinence Society of St. Joseph's Church, Douro. The hall was tastefully decorated with flags and bunting, presenting an attractive appearance.

The chairman of the evening was Rev. Father Fitzpatrick of Ennismore, who, in opening the programme, gave a short address in which he congratulated the society upon the splendid work it was doing in the community and stating that he was heartily in sympathy with the temperance cause which they were so nobly upholding.

The drama of the evening was then presented, the caste of characters being as follows:
 Handy Andy B. Leahy
 Squire Egan G. S. Buck
 Squire O'Grady M. Walsh
 Mr. Murphy M. J. Leahy
 Dick Dawson Fred. Walsh
 M. Furlong L. Bolin
 Edward O'Connor Jas. Walsh
 Simon Wm.