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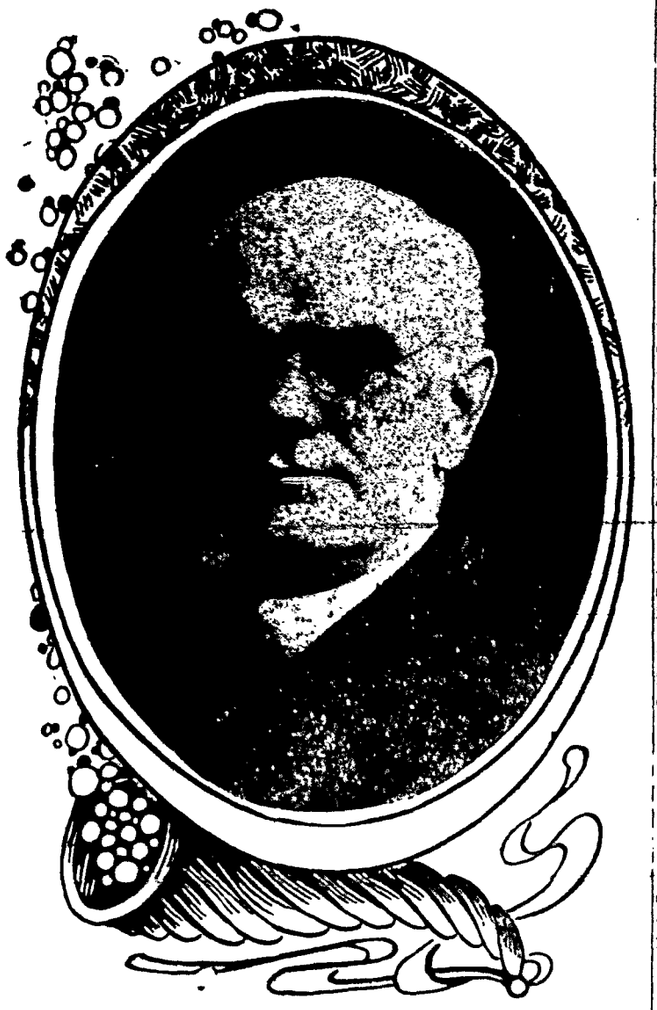
Bishop Hendrick Dead.



Dispatches from Manila tell of the death of Rt Rev Thomas Augustine Hendrick of the diocese of Cebu, Philippine Islands. The news came as a shock to Rochester friends, whose last information was to the effect that the bishop was recovering from his long illness and was preparing to take an extended vacation, coming to America to recuperate his health His brother, Monsignor Joseph A Hendrick, pastor at Ovid, went to the Philippines several weeks ago and was expecting to accompany him back to Rochester The two brothers had already taken the initial part of the journey having gone from Cebu to Manila, when the bishop was apparently stricken suddenly

The most encouraging dispatches had been received by Rochester friends Only this week came a letter to a brother, Justice Peter A Hendrick of the Supreme Court of New York, to the effect that he was expected to sail for America on Thursday Eugene J. Dwyer of this city received a letter, written by the bishop October 16, stating his health was improved and expressing the hope soon to see him again in Rochester

Man of Many Friends.

For all his high office, the Bishop of Cebu was affectionately saluted as "Father Tom" by those who knew and loved him best. When the announcement of his death was made Wednesday to those who had been his fellow priests and associates, it was "Father Tom" of whom they spoke, recalling incidents which had endeared him to them all.

Thomas Augustine Hendrick was born in Penn Yan, N. Y., on October 19, 1849, the son of Thomas and Catherine Cocoran Hendrick. Of the twenty-one children in the family, four sons attained distinction. Thomas Augustine became not only the first American Bishop to the Philippines, but a priest of singularly acute heart and conscience, and of a superior intelligence and culture that enabled him to serve his church well; Peter A. Hendrick became a justice of the Supreme Court in the First Department, sitting in New York; the Pope bestowed the title of monsignor on the third brother, Joseph Hendrick, and Michael J. Hendrick is the American consul at Monkton. One sister, Madame Hendrick, is a religious of the Order of the Sacred Heart now stationed in the convent at Manhattanville.

Preparation for Priesthood.

After studying in the schools of Penn Yan the boy who was later to become a bishop entered Seton Hall College and began his study for the priesthood. Later he studied with the Jesuit Fathers at St. John's College, Fordham, where he attained not only high honors in his studies, but developed an interest in wholesome sports and pitched for the college team.

He took up the study of theology at St Joseph's Provincial School at Troy, and continued there until he was ordained a priest on June 17, 1889, by the late Bishop Wadhams of Ogdensburg On his coming to Rochester he was made assistant priest at St Mary's Church, and later transferred to charges at Charlotte and Ridge Road He built churches at both stations Later he went to Geneva Springs, and looked after mission churches at Aurora and Cayuga While at these charges that he developed a friendship for Father Thomas F Hickey, the present Bishop of Rochester, who was then a young priest in charge of stations nearby This friendship continued and grew to close intimacy when both priests were later called to the pastorate of large churches in this city, and later when both became bishops.

As Pastor of St. Bridget's.

In 1891 Bishop McQuaid appointed Father Hendrick to the pastorate of St Bridget's Church, where he remained twelve years, until his appointment as Bishop of Cebu, in 1898. He celebrated his silver jubilee, which demonstrated his great popularity, not only with his own people, but with Rochester people generally. As simple-minded and unpretentious as a child, Father Hendrick was known for his scholarship and piety, and for his unswerving stand for good citizenship. He was often sought as a speaker at public meetings. He was president of the State Board of Regents from 1900 to 1903, when he resigned on account of his departure for the Philippines, and in 1902 he was vice president of the New York State Society for the Prevention of Cruelty. Father Hendrick was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Children's Playground League, and had great interest in all practical forms of benevolence.

Man of Varied Interests.

In connection with his vice presidency of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, it may be noted that Father Hendrick was a great admirer of horseflesh and was in fact an authority on the pedigree of horses. He was often urged to write for the various papers devoted to sports, and for a time under the name of Aurelius, he contributed a column to each issue of a Western publication devoted to horses.

The contributions were so popular and showed so wide a knowledge of horses that readers became interested in the personality of the writer and urged to have his real name and his portrait printed in the paper. Father Hendrick was averse to this publicity, and refused his picture, although it was generally known that the contributions were the work of a priest. Opening the paper one week, Father Hendrick was amazed to see his own portrait occupying almost a page of the paper. The camera had snapped him when he stood in conversation with Budd Doble.

Appointed Bishop in 1903.

In 1903 Father Hendrick was appointed Bishop of Cebu, P. I., being the first American bishop of the new island possessions. His jurisdiction included the islands of Cebu, Leyte and Samar, as well as the island of Siguior. On August 23, 1903, he was consecrated a bishop by Pope Leo XIII.; and took possession of his see on March 6th of 1904.

After his consecration and before his journey to the Far East Bishop Hendrick returned to Rochester, where he received such a welcome as few men receive in a lifetime. Not only was he feted by every parish of the diocese, but the great interdenominational meeting on December 30, 1903, is still recalled. There assembled at the Lyceum Theater citizens of prominence representing all degrees of religious faith to do honor to Bishop Hendrick as a citizen as well as to congratulate him on the high honors that had come to him

At this meeting there were addresses by Judge William E Werner, Dr Max Landsberg, Dr Henry H Stebbins, Mayor Adolph Rodenbeck, Dr Rush Rhees, Senator Thomas F. Grady, of New York, George Raines and other notables There were letters of congratulation from eminent men all over the state, and Henry C. Brewster, who was chairman of the meeting, spoke at length of Bishop Hendrick's value to the community and Rochester's loss through his leaving. At the conclusion of the meeting a purse of $4,000 was presented to the Bishop.

Work as Bishop Prospered.

The welcome which the Bishop received at his new charge was cordial in the extreme, and through the exercise of his many gifts, not the least of which was his tact, the diocese was built up and the work of Bishop Hendrick prospered During the Russo-Japanese war Bishop Hendrick visited various Japanese ports and celebrated mass at Port Arthur, and it was reported by passengers that en route he celebrated mass every morning in his stateroom, using a portable altar for that purpose

On his last visit to Rochester Bishop Hendrick celebrated his fifth anniversary as Bishop, with solemn mass at the church in Ovid of which his brother, Mgr. Hendrick, is pastor

In September of this year the first alarming reports of the Bishop's health were made public, and it was then that his brother, Mgr. Hendrick, went to him. The Monsignor left Rochester on September 28th, going to San Francisco, where he sailed for Manila.

The Philippine Catholic, in its report of the consecration of the auxiliary bishop of Cebu, who was to relieve Bishop Hendrick of much of his labor, said: "Bishop Hendrick, who is beloved by all classes in Cebu, was fortunately able to assist in the solemn service, though the effects of his recent siege of rheumatism were still visible as he took his place." In another reference to the consecration ceremonies, the same paper said:

Embraced His Assistant.

"One of the most affecting scenes after the consecration service was when the new auxiliary bishop entered the palace from the cathedral. Bishop Hendrick had preceded, and, supported by two attendants, was waiting his new co-worker to congratulate him on the happy issue of the long ceremonies. Like the venerable father and chief of the diocese that he is, Bishop Hendrick took the younger man to his heart and embraced him with the utmost affection. It was like a rare old scene out of history or holy writ, but no two friends and associates out of the distant past could have shown more simply and sincerely the affection of two young men strengthened and hallowed in the ties of apostolic character and office."

The Catholics of Toledo, their pastors and various societies have identified themselves with the Thalian Club of that city in its fight against the white plague.

The congregation of Rites has now over three hundred cases for canonization. Among these is that of the Venerable Pontiff of blessed memory Pius IX.

News From Ireland

Clare.

A farmer named McNamara, of Knockerra, was evicted from his holding by the assistant sub-sheriffs on October 23.

Cavan.

Died.—Recently, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Drumwhil, Milltown.—October 17, Mrs. Mary Reilly, Killeshandra.—Recently, Thomas McGill, J. P., Ballieboro, aged 71 years.

Cork.

The Master of the Clonakilty Workhouse, Daniel Hurley, and his wife, the Matron, have tendered their resignation. The Master's term of service is 30 years and the Matron's 37.

Carlow.

Henry Gash, Carlow, has been appointed assistant clerk of Carlow Union for a period of twelve months.

Died.—October 23, at the residence of her father, Ardough, Alice, youngest daughter of James Doyle.—October 26, at Ballycormack, Theresa, wife of Henry Burgess.

Derry.

Died.—October 23, at the City and County Infirmary, Derry, Catherine Maguire, formerly of Limavady.—October 23, at his residence, Plumbridge, Peter Clark, ex-N. T., aged 62 years.—October 25, at his residence, 80 Mitchelbourne Terrace Londonderry, Henry Carpenter, late engine driver, Great Northern railway.—October 25, at his residence, 261 Bishop Street, Derry, John Duffy, at an advanced age.—October 25, at his residence, 35 Waterloo Street Derry, Michael Doherty, machinist.

Donegal.

Hugh O'Donnell, Meenmore, while engaged on October 23, in picking gravel from a local quarry locally known as the "Quarry Hoye," was instantly killed by a large mass of stone and gravel falling on him, his skull being badly smashed.

Dublin.

George D. E. Ennis, aged 62 years, an American citizen, was found dead in his bed by his wife on Sunday morning, October 24, in his lodgings at Denmark Hill, Leinster Road, West. Deceased resided in Florida, and has been about five weeks in Dublin. He suffered from heart disease, but declined to see a doctor.

Down.

Died.—October 28, Joseph Fowler, J. P., Laurel Lodge, Newry, aged 67 years.—Recently, Owen Fitzpatrick, Rathfriland.

The Most Rev. Dr. Tohill, Bishop of Down and Connor, has made the following clerical appointments and transfers: Rev. James Hamill, P. P., Whitehouse, to be Vicar-General of the diocese, in place of the late Very Rev. Alexander McMullan. Very Rev. D. McCashin, Adm., V. E., St. Malachy's, a newly created parish. Rev. Thomas O'Donnell, P. P., Antrim, to be P. P., V. F., Ballymena. Rev. James Kennedy, P. P., Skerry, to be P. P., Antrim. Rev. Bernard McCann, P. P., Cushendun, to be P. P., Skerry. Rev. H. Skeffington, Adm., St. Columbkille's, to be P. P., Cushendun. Rev. James Marmion Adm., Ballyclare, to be P. P., Ballyclare. Rev. Father Smyth, C. C., Ramoan, to be C. C., St. Columbkille's Rev. Daniel Rhodes, C. C., Cushendun, to be C. C., Ramoan.

Ferranagh.

Died.—At the Blessed St. Gabriel's Retreat, the Graan, Enniskillen, on October 26, Father Vincent Crean, O. P.—October 27th, at her residence, Cavanreagh, Blacklion, Mary Boyde, relict of the late Thomas Boyde, aged 60 years.

Galway.

On Sunday, October 24, at Athenry, Tom Hynes, Ireland's champion runner, again demonstrated his ability to hold his title, by defeating a big field in the big Connaught Marathon. The race was one of the finest ever witnessed in the West of Ireland. Of the fourteen that started only five finished. They reached the goal in this order: First, Hynes, 1h 50m 25s; second, Fagan, 1h 52m 15s; third, Timmons, 1h 54m 10s; fourth, Curtis, 1h 55m 55s; fifth, Daly, 1h 56m 50s.

At a meeting of the Gart District Council a resolution of regret at the death of John Leech, Kinvara, brother of Michael Leech, was recorded.

His Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, made his triennial visitation to Dunmore on October 27, to administer the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. His Grace, who was accompanied by the Very Rev. Canon Macken, consecrated the new cemetery, after which he proceeded to the church. A large congregation was assembled, and His Grace administered the Sacrament to upwards of 350 children.

Kildare.

Athy Guardians have granted Mr and Mrs. Hyland, for more than thirty years master and matron respectively, of Athy Union, a pension of £45 per year each.

A proposal advocating the abolition of the Naas Workhouse was carried at the meeting of the guardians on October 27, by ten votes to six, and a committee was appointed to consider the best means of carrying out the scheme.

Died.—October 18, at her residence, Blackrath, Eliza, wife of William Bedford, aged twenty-five years.—October 26, at her residence, Leitrim House, Edenderry, Maria, relict of the late Eugene O'Brien, aged seventy-seven years.—October 24, at Saint Augustine's, Liverpool, William J. Farrell, J. P., late of Naas, County Kildare.

Kerry.

The Local Government Board has sanctioned a loan of £7,000 to the Tralee Urban Council for the erection of working class lodging houses, under the Housing of Working Class Act, in Tralee.

R. D. Murphy, auctioneer, Tralee, on October 23, put up for sale Mrs. McGrath's farm, comprising twenty-eight acres, situate at Ballyhelgue After some spirited bidding, it was knocked down to P. Casey, Ballyhelgue, for £295 and auctioneer's fees.

Died.—On October 27, Annie Georgiana, wife of William Hilliard Denny Street, Tralee.—October 28 at her parents' residence, Ballybunion, Kathleen, daughter of James and Margaret Clarke, Hotel Ballybunion, aged thirteen months—October 16, Mrs. Kate Breen, Ballybunion.—October 20, James C. Shea, Shanavalla, aged 78 years.

Leitrim.

O. Ruadhain, the recently appointed Gaelic League organizer, has been working in Brelfrne Ui Ruairc for the past month. He has established branches in Manorhamilton, Dromahare, Killargue, and Kiltyclogher and hopes to have a muinteoir and a Coisde Ceanntair at work there before long. The clergy and teachers—and, indeed, the people generally seemed anxious for the organizer's coming, and have given him every assistance. Among the speakers at the Manorhamilton meeting was Mr Meehan, M. P., who hoped that the starting of the Gaelic League among them would unite all classes of people together, no matter how they might otherwise differ in religion or in politics. If the Gaelic League had done nothing else, said Mr. Meehan but created interest in favor of Irish manufacture, it deserved their support.

Longford.

Nearly every member of Clonbroney Division, A. O. H., assembled at Ballinalee recently to do some work on the land of Mrs Michael Dunleavy, whose husband is in America.

At Granard Bard of Guardians meeting recently, P. Macken, J. P., chairman, proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by J. O'Neil, J. P.: "That in consequence of the House of Lords, whereby the most valuable clause on the strength of which the Irish people were induced to accept the bill at the recent national convention in Dublin, are rendered null and void, we, the Granard Board of Guardians, hereby call on the Irish party not to accept the bill in its present state or if changed in any important particular from the way it was passed by the House of Commons." Copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to J. E. Redmond, M. P., and to J. P. Farrell, M. P.

Mayo.

The death has taken place in the St. Louis Convent, Kiltimagh, of Mother Mary Augustine.

Married—October, 4, at Roundfort Church, parish of Hollymount, by Rev. John Begley, P. P., Martin O'Shaunghnessy, Ardakeabar, Belgiunin, to Bridget, third daughter of Michael Heaney, Killeenreevach, Scaurdawn, Mayo.

Rev. James Spelman, C. C., Swinford, who had been in America during the past two years collecting funds for Straide new church, returned home recently, after completing a very successful mission and assumed his parochial duties in Swinford.

During the preparatory work to the extensive building operations to be carried out for Mr. Bellamy in Bridge Street and King Street, an unusual discovery was made. Under a board in one of rooms upstairs was found a quantity money amounting to nearly [illegible] English coin. It is surmised the money was hidden there about [illegible] century ago.

The Hanley memorial school hall in Castlerea were recently solemnly blessed on October [illegible] the presence of a large assembly parishioners and people from the surrounding districts. The ceremony was performed by the Most Rev. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, who preached the sermon. The [illegible] were erected to the memory of the late lamented pastor of Castlerea, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Hanly.

After thirty years a sitting has been held in the Bankruptcy Court in reference to the affairs of A. Freely, who carried on business as draper and grocer in Ballyhaunis, County Mayo, over thirty years ago. His premises were destroyed by fire and subsequently he was adjudicated bankrupt in 1879. The creditors got no dividend, but meanwhile Freely, who had emigrated, made a good deal of money in America, returned to Ireland several years ago, and purchased some house property; but the official assignee, who only lately been informed of the position of Mr. Freely, the latter being an undischarged bankrupt, was obliged to come into Court. Messrs Arthur & Co., Glasgow, were the largest creditors, and they have accepted a sum of £500 in settlement of their claim for £[illegible].

Monaghan.

R. J. Dawson, a popular member of the staff of Clones Post-office, has just been promoted to the position of chief clerk in the post-office, in succession to J. Brown, who was recently transferred to Drogheda on promotion.

The Monaghan National Teachers have passed a resolution thanking the Irish Catholic Hierarchy for supporting the project of providing for lighting, heating and cooking in national schools, and calling on the chief secretary to make good the promises in the matter.

Married—October 27, at St. Mary's, Castleblaney, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Father Quinn, administrator, Dundalk, assisted by the Very Rev. E. Canon Collan, P. P., Castleblaney, Bernard McCullagh, U. D. C., merchant, Dundalk, to Katie, eldest daughter of John [illegible], merchant, Castleblaney.

A man named John Conlon, aged 32, a native of Dromiskin, County Louth, while engaged in feeding a threshing mill at Magherarlough, on October 22, met with a shocking accident. The unfortunate man in the act of feeding the mill was caught by his arms, both being drawn inward and torn off at the elbows. He was brought with all possible speed to the hospital, medically treated, but little hope is entertained for the poor man's recovery, he having suffered terribly from shock and loss of blood.

Meath.

Died—October 17, at his residence, Greenwood, Nobber, Andrew Donnell, at an advanced age.—October 23, at Riverstown, Kilmessan, Thomas Murphy, aged 89.

On Monday night, October 25, seventy tons of hay and a quantity of oats, the property of Richard Murray, Galgeath, Kilmessan, were discovered on fire. The fire continued until the following morning, when nothing remained but a mass of ashes. It is believed the act was malicious.

The announcement is made that Mrs. Bellamy Morse has given $10,000 as a contribution to the Endowment Fund of the Catholic University at Washington.

Rev. Henry A. Egan, D. D., rector of St. Agnes' Church, New York, sailed for Rome on November [illegible] in order to begin a history of the American College there. Dr. Egan was the first graduate of this institution.

The Redemptorists of New Orleans will hold a solemn Triduum in thanksgiving for the canonization of their great leader, St. Alphonsus Clement Hofbauer. It was mainly through the pious efforts of this saint that the Redemptorist Order was brought to America.

The library of the Vatican was commenced 1,409 years ago. It contains 40,000 manuscripts, among which are some by Pliny, St. Jerome, St. Charles Borromeo and [illegible] Hebrew, Syriac, Arabic and [illegible] Bibles in Greek and [illegible] by the Popes.