

DEPART DE CARTIER

Sur ce rocher lointain que baigne l'Atlantique
Ou St-Malo se dresse avec son chateau fort,
Et contemple du haut de sa muraille antique
Les navires nombreux qui rentrent dans son port,
Voyez-vous cette foule attendrie et pensive
Qui se presse aux abords des quais tumultueux ?
Et ces trois brigantins qui, non loin de la rive,
Creusent languissamment le flot majestueux,
Comme des aigleons que les vagues limpides
Balancent mollement dans leurs plis onduleux :
Et plus loin, voyez-vous ces marins intrépides
Qui s'en vont deux à deux vers le temple divin,
Choisir le Tout-Puissant et ses anges pour guides,
A travers les écueils d'un océan sans fin ?
A leur tête est Cartier, dont la nef voyageuse
A déjà sillonné toutes les mers du Nord :
Hardi navigateur, que la vague orangeuse
N'a jamais vu trembler en face de la mort !
Cartier que deux flambeaux éclairent sur sa route,
Deux phares lumineux, le Génie et la Foi !
Cartier dont l'âme simple a triomphé du doute
Et nourrit deux amours, son Seigneur et son Roi !
Ou vont-ils donc ces preux à l'allure guerrière ?
— Ecoutez ces accents s'élevant des autels :
"En ce jour, l'Esprit-Saint, la divine lumière
"Descendit autrefois sur douze humbles mortels
"Mes frères, dans vos cœurs il va descendre encore,
"Et sera votre phare au milieu des dangers.
"Partez, et ses rayons, comme ceux de l'aurore,
"Dissiperont la nuit sur les bords étrangers.
"Allez planter la croix sur la rive lointaine
"Qui vient de s'élever sur les mers d'occident ;
"De l'empire du monde elle est la souveraine,
"Qu'a ses pieds se prosterner un nouveau continent !
"Loin de vous ces projets de grandeur chimérique
"Et ce rêve de l'or, le tourment des humains ;
"Descendants des croisés, allez en Amérique,
"Avec une âme pure, avec de blanches mains ;
"Annoncez de Jésus la divine parole,
"Et soyez comme lui des messagers d'amour ;
"Devant vous de Satan se brisera l'idole,
"Et le règne du Christ enfin aura son jour !"
Ainsi parla longtemps le pasteur vénérable,
Mais l'heure du départ va bientôt retentir ;
Déjà l'ancre est levée, et le vent favorable
Enfile la voile blanche, à bord ! il faut partir.
A quelques jours de là, comme des hirondelles
Qui rasent en volant la surface des eaux,
Les trois voiles glissent, comme trois sœurs jumelles,
Sur des flots jusqu'alors ignorés des vaisseaux.

A. B. Routhier.

Father Judge dead

A LIFE OF GOOD DEEDS DONE
AND WORK WORTHILY
ACCOMPLISHED.

Probably no event that will occur this year will cause so general a sorrow to be felt and expressed in these fields as the passing of the good man whose life has just ended and whose warm heart, good deeds and effective works of relief for the poor, sick and afflicted has been a topic of conversation with the public during the past few days. Could all who have received assistance and encouragement from the good father during his labors in the mission fields of Alaska and the Yukon now be present to express their sorrow what a world of sympathy would be shown.

Rev. Father William H. Judge was born at Baltimore, Maryland, on January, 16, 1850. His death at Dawson, Yukon Territory at 1.50 p. m. on January 16, 1899, fell exactly on the birth anniversary of his forty-ninth year. He leaves a brother, Arthur J. Judge, an iron foundryman of St. Louis, Missouri, another brother, Rev. Father Chas. Judge, in Maryland, and two sisters who are members of the spiritual order of the Good Shepherd. Another sister, who was of the order of the Sisters of Charity, died prior to the death of Father Judge.

Father Judge was educated and ordained at Woodstock college. When a young boy he had an ardent desire to adopt a spiritual profession, and began his studies with this end in view. He was however, of a delicate nature, and his health giving way he could not pursue his studies for twelve years; he took up the study of architecture, and was with one of the leading firms of the state of Maryland during this period. It was at this time that he acquired that intimate knowledge of practical mechanics that always stood him in such good stead after he embarked in the mission field.

He was twenty eight years old when ordained. After being ordained he was, for several years, professor of mathematics

in Woodstock college. From Woodstock he was removed to Washington, D. C., and was appointed minister of the Georgetown college, a position he held for some years. He was then sent to St. Ignatius' mission, in Montana, the Rocky mountain region, and this commenced his labors in the mission field. He filled the position of minister there also. After a year there he was sent to Seattle, and for some months was connected with the Jesuit college there.

After this he started for Alaska, arriving at Holy Cross mission at Kozerevsky, some three or four hundred miles up the Yukon from St. Michael, on August 5th, 1890. This is the mother house of the society of Jesuits for Alaska territory. He was minister here again, and his knowledge as blacksmith, carpenter, builder, cook, etc., soon put that mission in better condition than it had ever been. He also had charge of the Indian boys here, and was spiritual teacher, and at this time there were ninety-seven of the boys in the school. Scurvy being bad among them and all remedies devised being found ineffective, he suggested a treatment of steam baths. It was a perfect success, and speedy cures were accomplished. He spent the year 1893 at the Nulato mission, established four years before, and then returned to Holy Cross, and in 1894 he founded the mission on the Shagaluke river, on the other side of the Yukon, and spent the winter after putting up his buildings in labors among the Indian boys.

During the season of 1895 he was sent to Forty Mile and at once procured a site and prepared the foundation for a church. His outfit was stranded in the Yukon flats so that he was obliged to return to Holy Cross, and again spent the winter a Shagaluke, but came back to Forty Mile in the spring of 1896 and began his work among the miners of that region. No weather was too cold and no path too dreary for him to tread. Frequently carrying a fifty pound pack, to afford spiritual or bodily aid to the people of that locality.

He first came to Dawson on March 20, 1897, at once secured the site for the present church

and hospital buildings, sent men up the river to cut logs and started to clear off the grounds. He then went to Forty Mile and brought up all his outfit, medicines, provisions, etc., arriving here finally in June, 1897, and at once began to push the erection of the hospital. His first services for the sick were in a tent put up for the purpose. At this time he was doing the cooking for nine carpenters who were at work, and he was also overseeing the building of the hospital building. Five patients, ill with typhoid fever were accommodated in the second story. At this time he had no nurses and took the care of the sick, prepared food, medicines etc., as well as to cook for the laborers on the building and generally supervised everything going on. This continued until the arrival of the sisters of St. Ann in the early part of July, 1898, there being then between fifty and sixty patients in the hospital. During the latter part of August and the month of September there were as high as 138 patients in the hospital at a time and until winter caused an abatement of the typhoid the number was nearly as great. At this time there were fifty-eight.

Father Judge had been building a chapel in connection with the hospital and his whole heart was in its completion. On Sunday, January 1st 1899, the New Year, for the first time he was able to say mass, and for six days he performed this sacred ceremony. On the seventh day, Saturday Jan 7th, he began the mass and was taken ill and obliged to discontinue. He went then to his sickbed and from it never arose. Although suffering excruciating agony during a considerable part of the time he never complained. To his most intimate friend, George Barns, who had been with him ever since his first arrival at Forty-Mile and whom he loved as a brother, he said that he would die on Monday the 16th; he told him that his mother died thirty three years ago on the same day, that his birth anniversary fell on that day and that he felt his life would close then. He died at 1:50 p. m. on the day that he had predicted, several days before that he should die. The funeral will be at eleven o'clock this morning.

The work of Father Judge in Dawson is ended. His deeds need no journalistic commendation. In the hearts of thousands of the people of this region the good he has done will live after him, and to day every eye in Dawson will moisten as the thought of his life of untiring labor and unselfish sacrifice for others passes the mind.—Klondyke.

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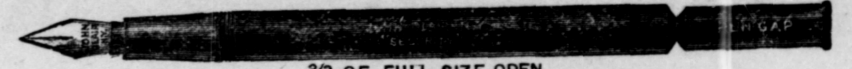
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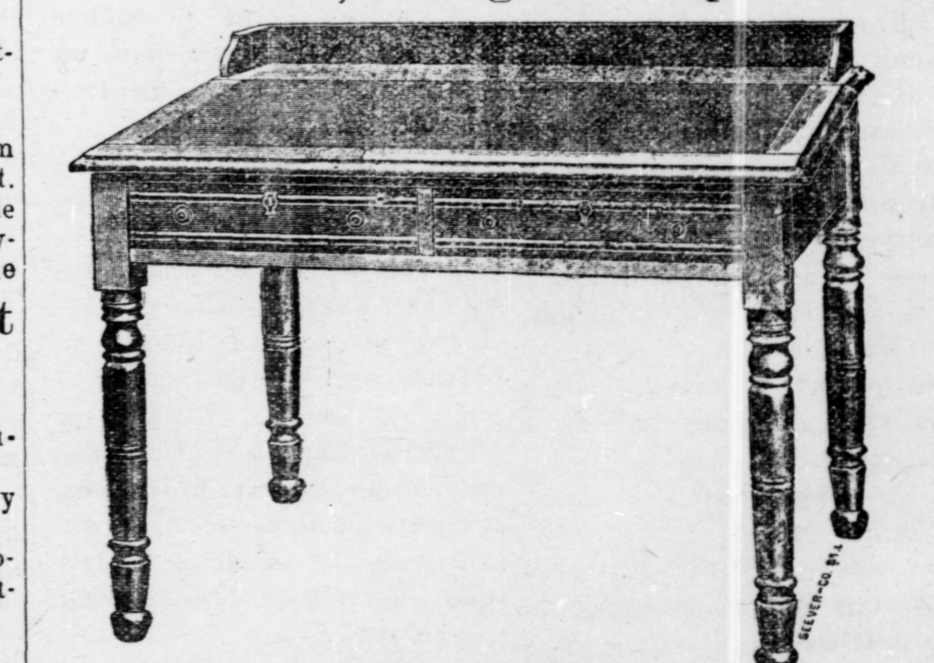
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