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BISHOP MANOGUE DIES AT SACRAMENTO

Passing Away of a Well-Known Prelate of the Catholic Church.

HIS FRIENDS WERE LEGION.

Sorrow Among the "Clergy at the Sudden Death of the Churchman.

Sacramento, Feb. 27.— Right Rev. Patrick Manogue, Bishop of the Catholic diocese of Sacramento, died at 6 o'clock this morning.

BISHOP MANOGUE'S CAREER. Began Life as a Miner in California and Nevada. Bishop Manogue came to California when a youth from his birthplace, County Kilkenny, Ireland, and laid the foundation of his successful career as priest and Bishop by working in the mines of this State and Virginia City, Nev. There he made many staunch friends, among, them many who have since become millionaires. Young Manogue's ambition was not to become rich, but he acquired a considerable competence, which he expended in acquiring an education to fit him for the priesthood. He went to Chicago and attended a Catholic institution at St. Mary's Lake, where he graduated in the preliminary course. Thence he went to Saint Sulpice, France, where he completed his education and was ordained. He there received his appointment as an assistant priest in the Province of California and returned to his adopted home to receive a most generous welcome from his former fellow-workmen, citizens and friends. In 1881 he was consecrated coadjutor to Bishop O'Connell and succeeded him in 1884. During his priesthood he was looked upon by Catholics and others as a man of noble character, who always had a pleasant word or good advice for all with whom he came in contact. He was a large man of great energy and endurance. He was active in his labors and had the gentleness of tone that belongs to woman when he spoke words of cheer to the disheartened and sick.

He was pastor of St. Mary's at Virginia at the time of the fire in 1875, and his courage and bravery on that occasion are the subject of one of the many pleasant stories that are related by his friends as evidence of his great worth, both as priest and citizen.

The cathedral in Sacramento is practically a gift to the Catholics of that city, donated by the generous hand of Bishop Manogue. It was built through his efforts and largely with his money. His handsome residence in that city was a gift to him from Mrs. James Q. Fair.

CHOOSING A SUCCESSOR.

One of the Late Prelate's Priests May Be Named.

The news of Bishop Manogue's death was received with many expressions of grief by the Catholic clergy in this city and by a large following of personal friends, many of whom were residents of Virginia City, Nev., and Northern California during Father Manogue's life in the mining camps in the early days.

Regarding Bishop Manogue's successor the opinion was expressed by Rev. Father W. P. Kirby, assistant rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, that he would be selected from the Sacramento diocese. "Who that may be," he said, "it is impossible for me or anyone else to say. It would not be proper either for a priest to express publicly his own preference in the premises, for that even might encourage the friends of their choice to hope, and if their hopes were not realized there would be much disappointment. My reason for thinking the honor will fall upon one of priests in Bishop Manogue's diocese is based upon no preference for any individual nor for the Sacramento priests over others, but upon the reasonable logic that the priests of that diocese, who have labored with Bishop Manogue in the mining camps and rough country, comprising that portion of the California province, are better adapted by their experience for the duties so ably performed by their bishop.

“The labor of a Bishop in that section of the province is by no means easy. One cannot ride in palace-cars or enjoy the comforts of first-class hotels on every occasion. There are many miles of staging, and frequently the accommodations are of the most primitive. The priest who has seen service only in the cities or large towns knows little of the hardships that must be endured in the northern part of this State and in Nevada. But there is a large field to draw from, as the California province includes Utah as well, and it will depend entirely upon who shall be suggested by the priests of Sacramento diocese and the bishops of the province.

"A meeting will be held at an early hour in Sacramento, if it has not already been held to-day, by the priests of that diocese for the purpose of recommending three priests for promotion. These names will be designated as 'worthy,' 'more-worthy' and 'most worthy' of the office. A consultation will also be had soon by Archbishop Riordan of this city, Bishop Moulder of Los Angeles and Bishop Scanlan of Salt Lake, in which they will also agree upon three names. These six names will be forwarded to Rome, and one of the six priests will be selected to succeed Bishop Manogue. There may be only four or five names forwarded to Rome, as it is possible that the bishops of the province may agree upon one or more of the persons recommended by the meeting in Sacramento."