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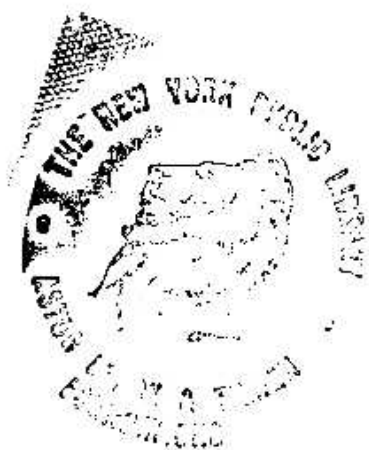
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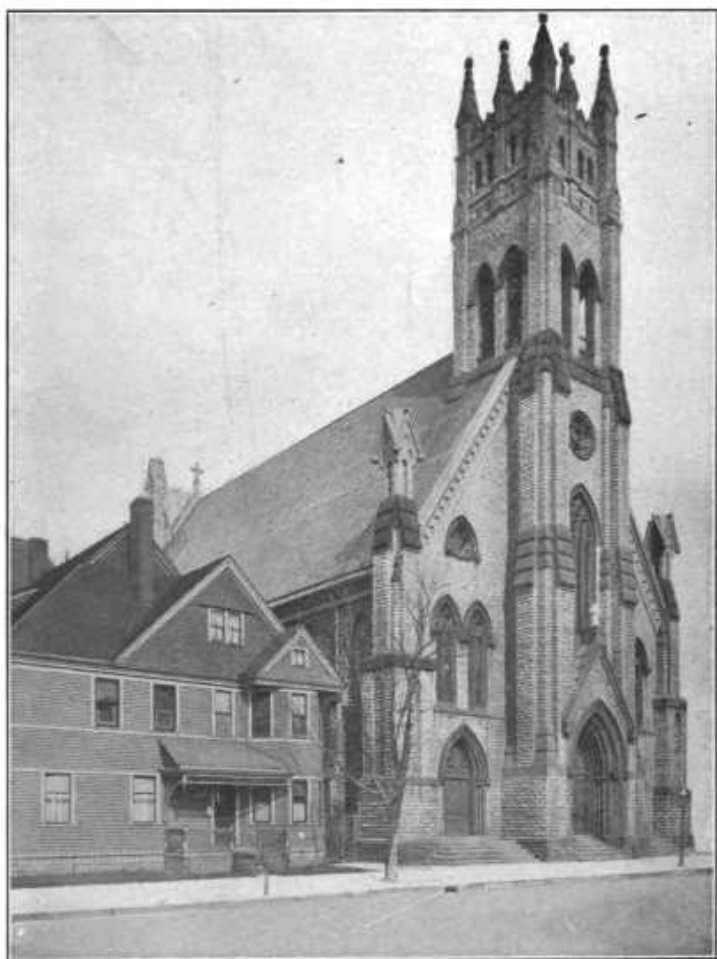
In giving to the public the History of St. Patrick's Parish, it is proper to explain that, while the present pastor projected the work, for various reasons it was deemed advisable to entrust its composition to others. His share in the volume consists in collecting the engravings, putting together the several sketches, and preparing the book for publication. The chronicle of the parish and of the temperance societies, which comprises the greater portion of the narrative, was written by William A. Manning, who for many years was a member of St. Patrick's congregation, and from the year 1880 to the year 1900, excepting a brief interval, was a member of the Council. During his several terms as councilman he had charge of the financial accounts and prepared the annual report. Mr. Manning brought to his work an acquaintance with every pastor of the parish, a knowledge of its progress, and an enthusiastic interest in its success. The admirable narrative of the Golden Jubilee celebration was written by Miss Ann Elizabeth O'Hare, of the Catholic Universe. The sketches of several of the pastors were taken from Rev. G. F. Houck's History of the Diocese of Cleveland; other sketches of the pastors were prepared by Brother John A. Waldron.

It is not asserted that the history is complete. The main features only of the life of the parish have been seized on and set down. Were the full history of the individual deeds of labor and sacrifice of priests and people attempted, not a slender volume like this would have sufficed; many large volumes would have been necessary. These deeds, though they have passed into human oblivion, have not been lost. They are registered in the great book of the recording angel, who has stored them up for the eternal reward of brave champions of the faith. As Archbishop Ireland, in his eloquent sermon, said, "From the shades of the past awakened by memory's wand fifty years rise before us—fifty years of soul service and soul life in St. Patrick's Church." What a part the old church has had in Heaven's economy! How many have entered its portals to pray, how many have laid their burdens at the feet of the Savior, into how many bruised hearts has healing balm been poured. Sunday service, baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, death, these have marked its daily course. May we not hope that these, too, have marked God's victory, and have been the means of salvation to the multitude for whom St. Patrick's has been the House of God on earth?

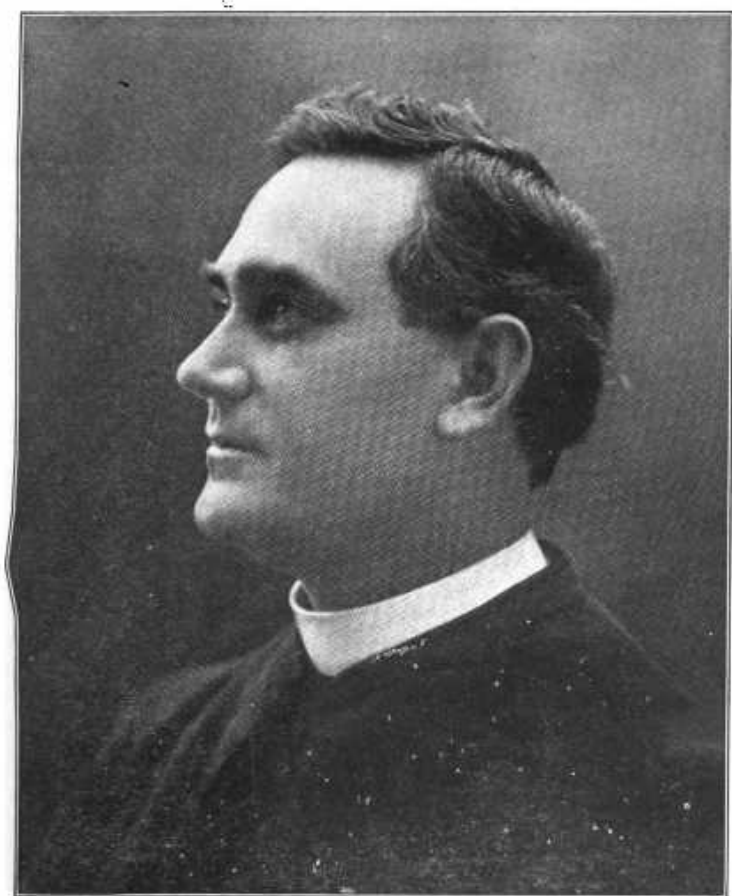
FRANCIS MORAN,
Pastor of St. Patrick's.

December 19, 1903.





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REV. FRANCIS MORAN
Present Pastor of St. Patrick's