

Cornelius Donovan.

The death of Cornelius Donovan, M. A., Inspector of separate schools which took place last week will bring sorrow to the heart of every Catholic in Ontario.

Without possessing any prestige as a stepping stone or vantage ground Mr. Donovan by sheer industry and perseverance rose to a foremost place among the Catholic laity of Ontario and through his fine qualities of head and heart won for himself in his native city of Hamilton as well as throughout the Province generally the esteem and respect of not only his fellow Catholics but all classes with whom he came in contact.

Commensurate with the development of his gifts step by step grew the sphere of his activities in noble labor and good works. The touch of his ready and willing gifts was felt in the school, in societies having for their purpose the advancement and uplifting of his fellow Catholics as well as care for the needy and indigent, in the different periodicals which he edited even when his physical condition made that good work laborious and in the silent charities which he practised as a faithful child of mother Church.

Deceased was a lifelong resident of Hamilton, where he was born, Oct. 16th, 1847. His parents, Patrick Donovan and Mary Ann McCarthy, were both natives of Bantry, county of Cork, Ireland. They arrived in Canada about Oct. 1st, 1847. From his childhood he developed a strong taste for literary pursuits, and his success evidenced natural ability far above the average and an energy and determination sufficient to overcome all disadvantages with which he had to contend in acquiring first, an education, and afterwards a position in life.

of 1882-4 in Colorado, and on his return in April of the latter year was appointed Provincial Inspector, a position for which his practical experience as a teacher, his high literary attainments and his deep interest in the cause of education, rendered him eminently fitted, and the duties of which he discharged with great ability, as well as with decided advantage to the Separate school system of the Province. As Inspector he was distinguished for his untiring efforts to increase the efficiency of the schools.

Ladies' Altar Society.

On the 15th instant there was a solemn Requiem Mass celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Bathurst street, for the deceased members of the Altar Society. Rev. Father Fraying was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Fathers Treacy and Cruise, as deacon and subdeacon respectively. There was a large attendance of the members and their friends. The solemn ceremonies on the occasion were an agreeable surprise, and were, doubtless, as encouraging to the living as they were advantageous to the deceased members.

The Altar Society is an organized body of ladies of the parish who meet monthly; their director is the Rev. Father Cruise. As their name indicates, the members of this association consecrate their leisure time in providing requisites for the altar, such as candles, flowers, altar linens, vestments and sacred vessels. Those snowy surplices and tidy soutanes of various colors, worn by the sanctuary boys when serving in the sanctuary, have also been procured and are kept in good condition by this energetic society.

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