

tem is presented within the short compass of 16 pages, and recommends itself by its conciseness as well as clearness, which ought to be a sufficient encouragement for all learners, young and old. Explanations are given, both in English and Tamil, on one page, followed by illustrations on the next, thus enabling the reader at a glance to comprehend the signs employed. The following are the remarks made by the author in submitting his system to the public:

"The system of shorthand presented in the foregoing pages is, perhaps, the first shorthand to appear in the Tamil language. It is extremely easy to learn, requiring no more than an hour's serious study, and is quite as legible as ordinary long hand, if not more so; all the letters, vowels, as well as consonants, being expressed quite as clearly as in long hand, and many times more briefly. The student should practice writing a little every day, in order to acquire the ease and speed in writing which will enable him to take down the words of a speaker as quickly as delivered."

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St. Patrick's College was the first institution in the Island we believe, to make shorthand a subject of school instruction, and we have, time after time, noticed with satisfaction the distinction with which its pupils have passed in this subject at the Cambridge local and other examinations. Father Dunne, who has been following Pittman's method for the English language, has been naturally led to invent a method, the first in its kind, for the Tamil language, which is, on the whole, much shorter and easier to master.

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The Reverend Father Sardas, Procurator General of the

O.M.I., died at Parit the 29th of July last. He was aged 70; had been 48 years in the Congregation, and its Procurator-General for 37 years.

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The Reverend Father J. M. Fayard, lately of New Westminster, has been appointed Procurator-General of the Congregation of the O.M.I. in replacement of the late Father Sardou.

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The Right Reverend Bishop Durieu passed through Kamloops on the west bound train of Sept. 13th, with four sisters for William's Lake, and the Reverend Father Melleux for the Nazareth Seminary, New Westminster. The Reverend Father Victor Rohr accompanied the Bishop as far as Golden, where he was met by Father Coccola, and taken to St. Eugene's Mission, his actual destination.

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