

that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them"—Rev. XIV, 13. The Rev. Father said it was by request of the deceased Bishop that he addressed his Catholic brethren, and proceeded in a most effective and touching manner to review the devoted life and arduous labours of the late Bishop. The audience—more especially those who are more immediately bereft of their Father in God—were deeply moved. After the sermon the burial service was performed by Vicar D'Herbomez, assisted by all the Fathers present. At the close of the service the remains were deposited beneath the floor of the chancel in front of the altar. The sacred edifice was crowded to overflowing. Among those present were the Dean and all the clergymen of the Episcopal Church, Sir James Douglas and most of the leading men of the city. Father Seighers was appointed by the late Bishop, shortly before his death, to be Administrator of the Diocese of Vancouver Island, pending the appointment of a successor.

The life and works of the Right Reverend Modeste Demers, Catholic Bishop of Vancouver's Island, are such as to render the incident of his death deserving of something more than passing notice. A native of Quebec, Canada, he entered the Priesthood in 1836 and in the following year left Canada for this coast, in company with Archbishop Blanchard, crossing the Continent overland as best they could at that early period. Arriving in Oregon in 1838, the subject of these remarks entered upon the active and arduous work of a Christian Missionary in the wilds of the north Pacific; a work in which he continued with unabated zeal up to the time of his last illness. And those only who came to this coast in these early days can form anything like an adequate idea of what he had to suffer and endure. In perils by sea; in perils by land; in perils amongst the savage tribes; in perils among wild beasts; in perils among his own countrymen, he did not count his life dear to him so that he might promote the great work to which he devoted himself. Nor were his labors barren of results; for go where you will on the North Pacific and the fruits of these many years of incessant toil will be seen. There is scarcely a rood of ground which he has not trod; there is not an Indian village which he has not visited; there is not a white settlement in which he has not provided the ordinances of his Church. The late Bishop was not only a devoted and successful Missionary, but as a man and a neighbor he was amongst the most loveable of men. However others might differ with him on matters of faith, none could differ with him as a man. He was, indeed, a devoted Christian and an exemplary man, and during the twenty-four years that he occupied the exalted position of Bishop, his humility never forsook him, as his devoted zeal never flagged. It would, indeed, have been strange if the consolations of religion which he had administered to so many in the course of a long and useful life had failed to support him during his passage through the dark valley. His death, like his life, was peaceful and happy,—showing to all around how a Christian can die.—*From the British Colonist, Aug. 2.*

PROFESSOR FORBES OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL

By a recent mail, we learn that Professor Forbes, of Montreal, died at his father's residence at Coupar-Angus, Scotland, on the 16th ult. Mr. Forbes was a self-made man, it being scarcely 12 years since he left the hand-loom in Coupar-Angus for the Normal School in Glasgow, he at once gained the Queen's scholarship. He was afterwards for some time a teacher, first at Clackmannan and then at Busby. He then entered the University of Edinburgh, where he had a most successful career, distinguishing himself specially in mathematics and moral philosophy, and carrying off some of the highest honors in the University, including the Tyndall Bruce Bursary for the last two years of his stay. He was afterwards Prof. Calderwood's class-assistant. This time last year he received the appointment of Professor of Logic and Moral Philosophy in the McGill College, Montreal. He proceeded thither shortly after, but ill health overtook him, and he was scarcely able to finish the session. Too close application to study had done its work, and he returned to Coupar-Angus far gone in consumption. He leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his death, not only in Edinburgh and his own town, but wherever he was known, as he was of a warm and generous disposition, and ever ready to give a word of encouragement and counsel to those who were eager, like himself, to obtain knowledge. He was about thirty years of age.

REV. WILLIAM HINCKS, F.L.S., UNIV. COLL., TORONTO.

The Rev. William Hincks, until recently Professor of Natural History in University College, Toronto, died on Sunday evening last, at the advanced age of seventy-nine. The learned professor was a son of the Rev. Dr. Hincks, born, we believe, at Belfast, in the year 1792. The family has made a considerable figure in various spheres

of active public labour, no less than four brothers having made themselves known to contemporary fame,—each of them able and energetic in his chosen department. Sir Francis Hincks took the path of politics, and consequently has achieved a wider reputation than his brothers, who devoted themselves to less conspicuous pursuits. The Rev. Edward Hincks, however, has been recognized as a learned archaeologist, especially in connection with the study of Assyrian antiquities, and the Rev. Thomas Hincks, as an earnest minister of our own Church.

The subject of this notice was early attracted to Natural Science, in which his attainments were very considerable. Valuable contributions, more particularly in Botany, are to be found in the journals of the British Association, the Linnæan Society, and the Canada Institute. On the establishment of the Queen's College, in Ireland, Mr. Hincks was nominated the first Professor of Natural History, at Cork—a position he resigned in 1854, on his appointment to a similar position in Toronto.

Those who attended the lectures of Professor Hincks during the early part of his sixteen years' work amongst us will always feel the deepest and tenderest respect for his memory. With the most simple and unobtrusive manner—almost awkward in its simplicity—the professor combined a knowledge of his subjects, and an enthusiasm in the investigation of them, which commanded the heart, even where they did not secure the head, of the student. Mr. Justice Greedy, in Massinger's drama, with mouth watering in prospect of a venison pasty, was not half so happy as Professor Hincks, when he displayed to his class the wondrous plumage of a beautiful bird, or the horny shell of a favourite beetle. His zeal in the cause of science was evidently unfeigned—it was so childlike. To secure a student who would enter into his ingenious spirit, and strain his eyes in examining vegetable tissue through the microscope, was a triumph which always yielded him intense delight. Of late his powers had begun to fail; but we can conceive the pang he must have felt in severing the last link which bound him to the study of nature. These who knew him best will understand us when we say that a purer or kinder spirit does not often take its flight from earth.—*Church Herald, Toronto.*

Mr. J. C. BRAUNIES, MONTREAL.

We take the following from the *Montreal Gazette*, but in our next issue shall reproduce an article found in the columns of *La Minerve* of the 14 ult.:

There died in this city on the 11th instant, Professor Braunies, a musician of considerable note. Professor Braunies long held high rank in this city in his profession, and was celebrated not less for his composition than his execution. He published at different times several pieces of music, which met with very great success; among others a waltz, dedicated to H. R. H. Prince Arthur, which was submitted to the Prince and received his approval. Mr. Braunies was for some time organist of St. James C. Church, and also held other offices of importance. As a teacher of music he had few rivals. He had only reached his 57th year when he died, deeply regretted by a wide circle of acquaintances.

Book Notices.

1. *A Latin Grammar for Beginners.* By Prof. Waddell. Harper Bros. N. Y. 1871.

This is evidently the work of an experienced practical teacher. It is concise and otherwise well adapted to meet the wants of those learners in whose Latin Course the reason and the powers of perception, reflection, and comparison are intended to be constantly exercised, apart from the too common practice of habituating the pupil to an almost exclusive dependence upon the memory. The examples prescribed are very judiciously chosen and sufficiently numerous and varied to ensure familiarity with whatever is essential in the declension of nouns and the conjugation of verbs. The important division *Syntax*, forming part III. of this Grammar, is disposed of in 13 pages. We think this portion of the work, more than any of the others, justifies the title given to it, namely a Latin Grammar for beginners, implying by this term learners pursuing this branch for the first time irrespectively of mere age or of attainments in other branches. In the common run of Latin Grammars the *Syntax* is made to comprise more rules than are necessary, while the example following each is usually a whole line or paragraph cited from an ancient author expressing himself in a language yet unknown to the learner, and containing superfluous words to which the given rule has no reference whatever. But we find here comparatively few rules, yet all that are absolutely essential, exemplified appropriately by means of words which are all required to illustrate the principle and use of each rule.

The quantities of the vowels which occur in the Latin words throughout the work are carefully marked which must greatly facilitate the learner's