

IN MEMORIAM

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(The young priest's lamented and untimely death, at the early age of thirty-four years, took place on Monday, 14th April, 1902, at the Hotel Dieu, Montreal. On Saturday. 5th April, he paid a special visit to the author of these verses; and on Friday, 11th April, three days before his death, sent him a special bound copy of the Annals of Sainte Anne de Beaupre.)

He gave me the "Annals of Good Sainte Ann,"
And asked in return a prayer;
A prayer for the living, priestly man,
For success in his ev'ry future plan.
In the work of his special care.

Ere a page of those "Annals" I had read,
I was told how Death's Angel came —
And the pray'r he had asked remained unsaid;
Not for the living, but one for the dead,
Did I form around his name.

His life was as brief as my verse will be:
Like a flower's on his native sod,
Fragrant with virtue and so fair to see,
And more suiting the soil of Eternity—
Transplanted there by God.

On his breast the Redeemer's cross he wore;
Through the short and ceaseless strife—
In heart and on shoulders he likewise bore
The crosses that turn, when earth's day is c'er,
To crowns of unending life.

God's rest to the soul of the dear, dead priest,
To that gifted and noble youth;
Since the din of this world of grief has ceas'd,
Let all who loved him, from first to least,
Join that pray'r to the Throne of Truth!
J. K. FORAN.

Montreal, 14ht April, 1902.

