

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP HANNAN.

In the death of Archbishop Hannan all denominations alike in Halifax have sustained a severe loss. The daily press, Protestant as well as Catholic, speak of him in the highest terms.

"For over forty years," says a leading journal of that city, "the Rev. Michael Hannan had labored among the people of Halifax, and endeared himself to the hearts of all. Beginning his ministrations here at a time when the priesthood numbered but few, and their labors arduous, Father Hannan by his unremitting zeal and genial manner cheered and encouraged his co-laborers, and by the utter absence of bigotry in his composition, and courteous intercourse with other denominations, did much to break down a sectional feeling in Halifax which in other places has been so bitter and so productive of evil results. If he was respected by other denominations and honored by the affluent of his own, the poor entertained for him a sincere affection, which was only exceeded by his own unbounded, large-hearted love and care for them. To the young too he was a wise and ready counsellor, ever ready to help their temporal as well as spiritual advancement. When nearly nine months after the mournful tolling of the Cathedral bell at midnight betokened the people that good Bishop Connolly was no more, the consecration of Rev. Dr. Hannan as his successor was hailed with the most sincere delight on all hands, for all saw in it a certain continuance of the cordial relations which, under Archbishop Connolly, had grown up between the Roman Catholics and other denominations. Nor has the promise with which he ascended the Arch-episcopal throne been without fulfilment. He has proved no unworthy peer of those great prelates of whom the Church of Rome has known in his day. 'Learned, sagacious, accomplished in all the accumulated lore of the Roman Catholic Church, which has invested her with dignity and lustre in all ages; with a mind profoundly observant of human nature, and broadened and made tolerant by thirty years' experience of the



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conflicts and points of agreement and difference existing among a mixed community such as ours, the new Archbishop brought to his lofty station qualities which made him an ornament as well as a tower of strength to his Church in Canada.' He who had been a revered pastor still proved as beloved and loving in his more exalted position, and his influence upon the masses of the people became more mighty than ever, and was always used for the advancement of the church and the public good. He was ever easily accessible to the humblest of his flock, and never did a deserving person seek charity from him unanswered. When his Grace made his pilgrimage to Rome last year he carried with him the earnest and heartfelt prayers of those he left behind. Every item of news bearing on his journey while it was in progress was watched for with eagerness and read with avidity and pleasure, as all told of continued good health. When he returned, evidently all the better for his continental tour, the vast concourse who thronged the streets on the route from the railway station and crammed every corner of the great Cathedral, and the sparkling, joyous expression on the faces of all, showed how widespread was the thankfulness of his people that their spiritual father had been returned to them. Nor while on that pilgrimage was he unmindful of those he had left behind. Advancement for well-loved co-laborers in his church and additional clergymen and other blessings for his diocese were among the advantages he sought and obtained at the foot of the Pontifical throne."

The Archbishop was ill only a few days, complaining on his return from one of his mission services at St. Joseph's Chapel of a cold, which had hung about him for some time. He was not considered in a dangerous condition until Saturday, the 15th inst., when he was found to be sinking rapidly, and the last rites of the Church were administered. At eight o'clock on Monday he breathed his last. Next week we shall give a page of illustrations of the funeral procession which is too late to appear in this number.



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