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Editorial Topics.

WE beg to offer Dr. Bourinot our congratulations on the decoration which Her Majesty the Queen has lately been graciously pleased to confer upon this distinguished Canadian—the Companionship in the Order of S. Michael and S. George. Dr. Bourinot is, we believe, the first Trinity man, indeed, in all probability the only man educated in a Canadian university, who has ever received this honor from the Queen. It is but fitting, and eminently natural, that a Trinity man should lead the way. We are glad to note also that Dr. Bourinot has been elected a member of the Corporation of Trinity University.

THE advent of the *Canadian Churchman* is an event of the greatest importance to the Church in Canada. Edited by the Reverend Dr. Clark, Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in this University, the journal is guaranteed at once an intellectual and spiritual significance, and a freedom from party prejudice which will undoubtedly command for it the interest and respect of every Churchman in Canada. For its typographical excellence the publishers are to be specially congratulated. It compares favorably with the best work of its kind both in this country and the neighboring republic. May the *Canadian Churchman* long flourish and abundantly prosper.

IN another column THE REVIEW pays its homage to the splendid genius of Robert Browning, the illustrious poet, who died on the evening of the 12th December, at the Palazzo Rezzonico at Venice. Poetical and picturesque in the extreme, says an English correspondent, must have been that little flotilla of gondolas which crossed the Venetian lagoon in the pale wintry sunset, conveying the honored remains of Robert Browning to their temporary resting place in the island cemetery. It is meet and right that a poet such as he should find his last abiding place here below,

In the great minster transept,
Where lights like glories fall,
And the sweet choir sings, and the organ rings,
Along the emblazoned wall.

On the last day of the old year, in the presence of many friends and admirers of the dead poet, the great Abbey received within its noble walls all that was mortal of Robert Browning. The dense fog which prevailed throughout the services gave an unusually sombre effect to the funeral.

WE regret to announce, that since our last issue, death has carried off two of the greatest of Christian scholars and noblest of Christian men: we refer to Bishop Lightfoot who died at Bournemouth, and Dr. Doellinger, who died at Munich. Dr. Doellinger, it will be remembered, was the leader of the old Catholic movement, a secession from the Roman communion, which took place in Germany and Switzerland in 1872 in consequence of the decree concerning papal infallibility which was promulgated in 1870. Dr. Doellinger will be remembered as a strenuous opponent of this new dogma and also as a great scholar. Bishop Lightfoot's is a name which should be dear to all English churchmen, as a true man, a devoted friend, a great scholar and a good Bishop. Asso-