

parliament at Ottawa still re-echoed with the accents of his eloquent plea in favor of confederation, D'Arcy McGee was foully assassinated on Sparks street, Ottawa, at a late hour of the night. He was the victim of a conspiracy, though mystery still shrouds this shocking crime. The Fenians were accused. McGee, in a speech at Montreal, claimed he possessed documents incriminating several Fenians sufficiently to place them behind prison bars. From that moment, to assure their immunity from conviction, an assassin was chosen to take McGee's life. A man named Whalen was arrested, tried, found guilty, and executed. The evidence was circumstantial; it was never shown that the condemned man was really the murderer or that he did not have accomplices.

Writer, poet, orator, statesman, D'Arcy McGee is undoubtedly one of the most imposing figures in our history. His sole ambition had been to graft upon a single trunk the several branches of the Canadian tree. "This tree," he said, "will supply to every Canadian his just portion of shade and shelter."

In the heart of every Canadian there is already an enduring monument erected to McGee. A movement to honor suitably his memory is meeting with public favor. In the recent session of Parliament Hon. Mr. Fielding, acting Prime Minister, in reply to a question, said that the government highly appreciated the part he took in Canadian affairs, and that a monument to him would be provided for in a future session.

PERE MONSABRE.

The May issue of the *Rosary* contains a brilliant appreciation of illustrious Pere Monsabré. After the usual studies Monsabré was ordained and joined the Order of Friar-Preachers. In the course of time he was invited to Paris, where he occupied the pulpit of Notre Dame for twenty years, and proved himself a worthy successor of Bossuet, Lacordaire and all the other great preachers whom the French Church produced. His "L'Exposition du Dogme Catholique" will remain a rich storehouse, and a treasury of religious literature. Almost as many amusing anecdotes are related of Monsabré as of his fellow Dominican, the witty Father Tom Burke. For the six or seven years before his death he lived in retirement.