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## Notes.

Cardinal Newman, who is now in his eighty-ninth year, has left the Birmingham Oratory for a short stay at Malvern. The health of His Eminence, which caused much anxiety during the winter, may, it is hoped, be further improved by change of air.

THE REVIEW is able to present to its readers this week the full text of the important letter of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., defining the powers and privileges of Laval University, and bringing practically to a settlement the long standing educational dispute which has existed in Quebec Province. The Holy Father confirms Laval University in all its degree-conferring powers, and decides that it shall remain the only Catholic degree-conferring university in the Lower Province. The next most important point in the Holy Father's decision is the provision that in the case of the graduates of St. Mary's College, Montreal, the attestation of the Jesuit Fathers shall entitle them to degrees at the hands of Laval University, a provision which proves the correctness of the REVIEW's forecast some time ago, in reference to the clerico-educational embroglio, namely, that the claims of the Jesuit Fathers in behalf of the College of St. Mary's would be *equivalently* granted. The letter for the rest relates to the manner of the University government, and will be of especial interest to the REVIEW's clerical readers. To the Canadian Church the document is one of the first importance, and it reaches the Canadian Catholic public for the first time this week through the columns of this REVIEW.

For the past week the venerable Nun who founded the Order of Loretto in Canada—Rev. Mother Theresa—has hovered on the brink of the grave; and her spiritual children, both within and without the city, have been plunged in grief, expecting at every moment the dread summons which would part them on this earth for ever. With the most filial love and solicitude was the aged Mother tended by her affectionate daughters, who remained at her side day and night till, blessing them with her last breath, she yielded up her pure spirit on Monday, a little after the hour of noon, in the sixty-eighth year of her age. Well prepared for the solemn moment which divides time from eternity, and in perfect resignation to the Divine Will, Mother Theresa expired at Loretto abbey, the head house of the Order in this country, mourned not alone by the Community whom she adorned by her virtues and governed gently and wisely, but by all who, during her long residence in Toronto had been honored with her acquaintance.

The Requiem Mass began at 8.30 o'clock on Wednesday morning. The pillars of the chapel, the pulpit, the seat of the departed Rev. Mother Superior, and the walls of the chancel were tastefully covered with mourning emblems. In the vicinity of the altar the draperies were beautifully hung, the small particles of white inlaid on black, emblematic of tears, appearing to advantage, and giving a crowning effect to the whole. High Mass was celebrated by Very Reverend Administrator Rooney, assisted by Rev. Father Hand as deacon, and Rev. Father Kiernan as sub-deacon. Afterwards Father Rooney delivered the sermon, referring to the life works of the deceased Mother in eulogistic terms. The circumstances of the arrival of the Rev. Mother and four other Sisters in Toronto from Dublin, nearly half a century ago, were peculiarly sad. Bishop Power, at whose request they had come to this country, was stricken down with emigrant fever, which was raging at this time, and died immediately on their arrival. From climatic causes three of the sisters died also shortly afterwards, and the Reverend Mother was the last survivor of the original group, which had multiplied to great proportions since that day.

Many prominent Catholic citizens attended the Requiem service. The pall bearers selected were Hon. T. W. Anglin, Mr. J. C. Smith, Mr. James Mason, Mr. P. Hughes, Mr. George M. Lynn, Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, Mr. J. A. Donovan and Mr. John Mulvey. When the service was concluded, all left the chapel save the sisters of the convent, who took their last farewell. When arrangements for the funeral cortege to the Union station at 11.30 were complete, the pall-bearers bore the casket from the chapel, preceded by the sisters in procession, bearing candles and singing the "Benedictus de profundis," or general psalm of the dead.

Among the clergy present were Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton; Bishop O'Connor, of Peterboro; and Bishop O'Mahoney, of Toronto; Rev. Dr. Kilroy, of London; Rev. Fathers Gibbons, Toronto; Plante, Guelph; Lynch, Toronto; McAntee, Oshawa; McPhillips, Toronto; Doherty, Guelph; Vincent, Toronto; Heenan, Hamilton, and many others.