

## Clerical News

The Most Rev. Cronelius O'Brien, Archbishop of Halifax, who had been suffering four or five years from an affection of the kidneys, died very suddenly of apoplexy at 11 p.m. on the 9th inst. His career was in many ways remarkable. Beginning active life as a shopkeeper's clerk in a small provincial town, he became archbishop before he had completed his fortieth year and during the 23 years of his administration of the most easterly ecclesiastical province of the Dominion he won distinction not only as a great churchman and an able administrator but also as an ornament to Canadian letters. The son of Terence O'Brien of Co. Wexford, and Catherine O'Driscoll, of Co. Cork, he was born near New Glasgow, Prince Edward Island, May 4, 1843, and attended the school of Mr. Robert Laird, an elder brother of the Hon. David Laird. After some further schooling at Pubnico, chiefly in order to learn French, Cornelius went into business as a clerk in a store at Summersie, P.E.I. When nineteen years of age, he realized what had long been his strongest desire by entering St. Dunstan's College at Charlottetown to study for the priesthood. Two years later he became a student at the College of the Propaganda in Rome. There he carried off the gold medal for excellence and graduated doctor of divinity and of philosophy. In 1871 he was ordained priest, and returning to Prince Edward Island, was two years professor and prefect of studies at St. Dunstan's. In Oct., 1873, he was appointed principal priest at the Charlottetown cathedral, but his health giving way, he was sent to Indian River, where he remained eight years. In 1880 he accompanied the late Bishop McIntyre to Rome as secretary, and in the following year paid a second visit to the Eternal City with Archbishop Hannan, of Halifax, at His Grace's special request. On the demise of the latter, Dr. O'Brien was appointed to succeed him as fourth Archbishop of Halifax, and was consecrated in St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax, Jan. 21, 1883. His Grace Archbishop O'Brien was always active in promoting the best interests of his diocese. He built St. Patrick's Church Halifax, at a cost of \$75,000. He revived St. Patrick's Home, a reformatory for Catholic boys; founded the Victoria Infirmary and the Infants' Home; purchased an archiepiscopal residence; established several colonies of nuns; and carried out certain costly and much needed repairs in St. Mary's Cathedral. In 1897 it was announced that the Archbishop was taking steps for the establishment of a Catholic university at Halifax under the management of the Jesuits or the Benedictines; but this project has not as yet materialized.

His Grace's literary productions kept pace with his church work. To many fugitive poems, essays and articles contributed from time to time to the periodical press, he added works of lasting merit. Of these the principal are: "Philosophy of the Bible vindicated" (1876); "Mater Admirabilis" (1882); "After Weary Years," a novel; "Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr" (1887); "Aminta, a modern life drama" (1890); "Memoirs of Bishop Burke" (1894); "Cabot's Landfall" (1896); "The Supernatural in Nature," and other articles for the Royal Society of Canada. Archbishop O'Brien was at one time an office-bearer in the Imperial Federation League and afterwards a Vice-President for Nova Scotia of the British Empire League in Canada. He preached the sermon at the state funeral of Sir John Thompson, January, 1895, and in 1896 was elected President of the Royal Society of Canada for the ensuing year. The Montreal "Witness" a staunchly Protestant organ, once described him as "one of the most lovable, kindly, refined ecclesiastical personalities in the Lower Provinces."

In the middle of last month died Cardinal Manara, Archbishop of Ancona at the age of 76. The Sacred College is at present made up of men nearly half of whom are over seventy years of age: Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris is 87; Cardinal Gruscha, 86; Cardinal Capececelatro, 82; Cardinal Steinhuber, 81; Cardinal Katschaler, 80; Cardinal Nocella, 79; Cardinal Di Pietro, 78; Cardinal Gottit, 72; and so on down to Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, who has just completed his seventieth year. Cardinal Rampolla is only sixty three, while Cardinal Merry del Val is the youngest, having completed his fortieth year last October.

Rev. Claudius Ferrand, diocesan director for the Young Men's Catholic Association at Tokyo, Japan, will lecture at St. Anne next Sunday.



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His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, accompanied by Rev. Father Dandurand, O.M.I., drove out to St. Charles last Sunday to inaugurate a Way of the Cross for the new church there. Mgr. Langevin remained at St. Charles, a guest of Rev. Father Thibaudeau, for a couple of days.

Rev. Lewis Drummond, S.J., lectures at Grafton, N. Dak., on the eve of St. Patrick's Day, and will preach in the Catholic church there the following Sunday.

On February 17 the first Salesian missionaries to China, seventeen in number, sailed from Genoa, and were cheered by a telegram from Cardinal Merry del Val, conveying a special blessing from the Holy Father.

The Rev. George Tyrell, a convert and a brilliant writer, some of whose recent writings have caused no little surprise and anxiety to his best friends, has left the Society of Jesus. The Liverpool "Catholic Times" "earnestly



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Rev. Father Sinnett, of Prince Albert, came here last week to receive and direct some new Catholic settlers for Saskatchewan. Last Sunday he preached at High Mass in the Immaculate Conception Church and at the evening service in St. Mary's. He returned to the Northwest by Monday's train.

### THE AMATEUR COMPOSITOR

A Study In Verse Or Some Trying Perversities Of Type

There was a girl who wished to be  
A typographical miss;  
Said she, "My brother, I can see,  
Just sets his type like this."

So o'er his case, with fingers light,  
She comp'd in girlish bliss,  
And set the lines from left to right,  
siht ekil meht detnirp dnA

The maiden's brow took on a frown;  
She said, "Now, what's amiss?"  
She tried again, but upside down  
She turned them out like this.

And now a smile came o'er her face;  
She said, "I am remiss,"  
And set the lines—forgot to space—  
Sotheyturnedoutlikethis.

"Oh, now," said she, "they're nearly fixed;  
This time I'll make no miss."  
But spacing somehow got them mixed—  
They out turned, and like this.

"Whenever shall I get them right—  
Their vagaries dismiss?"  
She moaned, but soon in far worse plight  
The line sturn ed out li ke this.

"Oh, dear!" the maiden cried,  
"That looks worse than 'phtisis,'"  
And then she fled, for she had pied,  
And thy decturn o u t l eik this.

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The saint, one evening, when on a missionary journey, sought the hospitality of a prominent Catholic, who was a great friend of the Franciscans. Having retired to his room, St. Anthony, as usual, prolonged his prayerful vigil far into the night. Suddenly he found himself surrounded by a