

all classes had felt—that he should pass in one hour from all this to a life without duties or pastimes,—in solitude and obscurity, required a heroism which only a life of Faith and long years of spiritual training could provide.

His occupation thereafter was strictly that which he purposed in the circular announcing his retirement “to prepare for death”. The house which he had chosen as his residence afforded him one small room as his study and a still smaller one for a bedroom; his companions were to be a few Novices and their directors. His retirement from the world was absolute, never afterwards attending any public functions whatever, not even visiting his old friends among the clergy nor the houses of his own community. What would seem more extraordinary still, the Archbishop who had kept in closest touch with all public affairs, now takes a resolution to never again read a daily paper, giving as a reason that he should no longer need such information. The hour for spiritual reading always found him on hand and a like regularity guided his days and hours. His old friends among the clergy were always welcome to his room, visitors always finding him cheery and full of interest. He allowed himself the pastime of reading Catholic weeklies, and Magazines but his constant companions especially towards the end were a large Douay Bible and a Rosary.

His successor Archbishop McEvay died after a protracted illness within three years after his appointment leaving the retired Archbishop in seemingly good health. On account of that protracted illness the children of many parishes had their confirmation delayed; the Administrator realizing that it would be still some time before these parishes could be visited requested Archbishop O'Connor to administer Confirmation in those parishes. He complied with the request; but after a couple of such attempts was confined to his bed and the end came two or three weeks later.

In the plat recently taken by the Basilian Community in Mount Hope Cemetery the visitor of this date beholds, side by side, three small marble crosses—not more than fifteen inches in height, with the following inscriptions:

Father Teefey	Michael Perry	Archbishop O'Connor
died	Sacristan	died
May 12th	died	June 30th
1911	March 17th, 1908	1911