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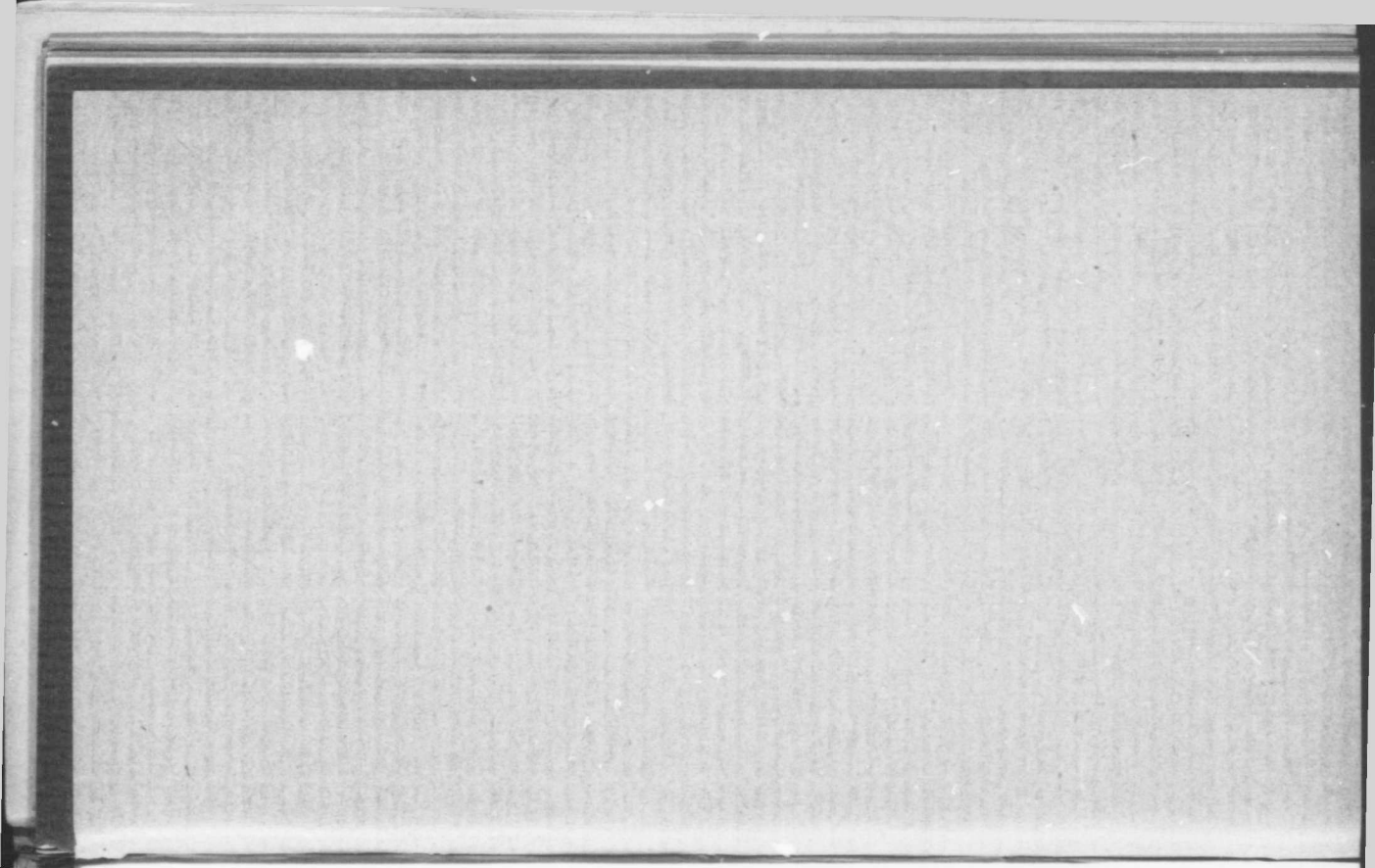
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Proceedings of the . . .

Fifth Annual Meeting.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF OTTAWA was held in the Academic Hall of the University on Sunday afternoon, 17th of November, 1895.

Mr. Joseph Pope, the President, occupied the Chair, having on his right the Reverend Dr. McGuckin, O. M. I., Rector of the University of Ottawa, and the Rev. Father Patton, O. M. I. There was also present a goodly number of ladies and gentlemen. The President, on opening the business of the meeting, regretted the unavoidable absence of His Grace the Archbishop, who is visiting the Eternal City, and stated that he had received a most kind note from Monsignor Routhier, the Vicar General, expressing his hearty interest in the objects of the Society, and explaining that his parochial duties prevented his attendance at the meeting.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting were adopted.

The Report of the Executive Committee for the past year was then read by the Secretary, and on motion of Mr. F. B. Hayes, seconded by Senator Scott, was adopted.

The Financial Statement, as certified by the Auditors, was read by the Treasurer, and on motion of Mr. J. W. Hughes, seconded by Mr. W. L. Scott, was adopted.

The President then addressed the meeting, substantially as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen :

The reports which have just been read expose so clearly the condition of our affairs that any remarks from me might seem superfluous. Custom, however, requires that on occasions of this sort the President should offer a few observations of a more gen-

eral character than are contained in a business report. Lest, therefore, I should seem to evade my responsibilities, I propose very briefly to glance at our position and prospects.

Scarcely had we separated after our last Annual Meeting when the Society experienced its first shock in the death of our foremost member, the late Right Honourable Sir John Thompson. We are all familiar with the details of that tragic event. We all know how great a man the late Prime Minister was, but all of us perhaps are not aware how thoroughly devoted he was to the cause of our Holy Religion. Never shall I forget the kindly manner in which he encouraged the establishment of our Society, nor the cordiality with which he presided at its organization and associated himself with its development. Sir John Thompson lived in an atmosphere which is not popularly supposed to be conducive to the growth of Christian virtues, yet he was ever a living witness to the power of Catholicity. His great intellect, so strong, so luminous, so comprehensive, bowed itself before that supreme creation of omnipotence, the Holy Catholic Church. His conversion was not merely an intellectual process. Not only did he believe, he practised his religion. We have been told how on his last Sunday in Ottawa, he approached the Holy Table with his sons. Let me mention a circumstance touching the beginning of his official career not so well known. When Sir John Thompson came to Ottawa in September 1885, he was quite a stranger. I happened to be one of the two or three persons he knew here. I well remember the afternoon on which he was sworn in a Minister. His first act on leaving the Council Chamber was to repair to confession. He received the Holy Communion next morning, and so fortified, approached the duties of his high office. Thus, on the threshold of his official career, as well as at its close, he showed how clearly he recognized the reality of things unseen. Quietly and unobtrusively were these acts performed. Little did he think they would ever be disclosed to the world. Yet, his eminence has made them known and they speak to us trumpet-tongued of the power and the fulness and the beauty of that religion which could so regulate a life absorbed in no ordinary degree with the affairs of this world. He has gone, but his example remains to the honour and advan-

tage of the cause in which we are interested. I venture to suggest the propriety of this meeting placing on record a formal expression of our appreciation of Sir John Thompson's services to the cause of religion, and our sorrow at his sudden and untimely death.

In surveying our operations for the past twelve months we have, I think, just cause for encouragement. If our membership is not so large as it ought to be, and the interest we arouse in Catholic circles less than we have a right to expect, we have held our own fairly well. So much appears on the surface, but we should remember that we are engaged in a work the ultimate results of which are not at once apparent. The bread cast upon the waters is found only after many days. Who can presume to gauge the good indirectly effected by the dissemination of our excellent literature, in respect of which let me say the Society is largely indebted to Mr. W. L. Scott, whose earnestness and zeal in this branch of our work I cannot sufficiently commend. It is, to view the position negatively no one can fail to have noticed that since our Society has been under way, Ottawa has enjoyed comparative immunity from mountebanks, styling themselves ex-priests and escaped nuns, who were wont periodically to defile the imaginations and exploit the pockets of our more credulous fellow-citizens. The Catholic Truth Society modestly claims some share in effecting this desirable result, and we feel that had we done nothing else we should not have existed in vain.

Turning from the past and looking forward, we have, I think, every reason to believe in our continued usefulness. If I read the signs of the times aright, a great Catholic re-action is in the future. The prestige and moral influence of the Pope in the high politics of Europe are greater to-day than for years and are steadily growing. In Italy the present condition of affairs cannot much longer continue. The brigands who twenty-five years ago despoiled the Holy City have almost reached the end of their tether. The Italian Government is overwhelmed with debt and undermined by secret societies. Sooner or later the crash must come, and, in the new order of things, I cannot doubt that the Pope will recover possession of that temporal sovereignty which is his by the prescription of a thousand years.

It is, however, mainly in the manifest change of public sentiment nearer home that I base my hopes of a Catholic revival. You have seen that, a short time ago, the Holy Father addressed a call to the people of England to return to the unity of the Faith. It is within my recollection when such an appeal would have been greeted with shouts of obloquy and insult by those to whom it was addressed. Far otherwise is their attitude to-day. The words of the Vicar of Christ have been read and commented upon by the highest dignitaries of the established Church, by the press and public men of England, and, speaking generally, they have been everywhere received with deference and respect. A late issue of the London *Spectator*, perhaps the foremost literary journal in England, contains a remarkable article upon this call from Rome, wherein it highly commends the "conspicuously sincere" and "frankly honest" utterances of the Pope, contrasting markedly with what it styles "the feeble reticences of the Archbishop of Canterbury." Later still, I read in the *Times* a letter addressed by the Reverend Joseph Parker, one of the most eminent non-conformist preachers in London, to the Pope, in which the Protestant divine humbly thanks His Holiness for his "most gracious letter," which he declares has "deeply touched his heart." The Archbishop of Canterbury, too, though "feeble," as the *Spectator* says, and ludicrously patronizing in his tone, is at least civil, and graciously acknowledges the "unquestioned kindness and transparent sincerity" of the Papal appeal. When we contrast language such as Dr. Parker's, the *Spectator's*, or even the sonorous platitudes of His Grace of Canterbury, with the ribald outcries which greeted the Bull re-establishing the hierarchy in England a single generation ago, we shall realize how great a change has taken place in the temper of the nation. I believe this change to be full of promise. Not that I look for any sudden or startling manifestation, such for example, as what is called a corporate re-union of Churches, an utterly misleading phrase which shadows forth an impossible dream. It seems to me, however, to indicate that people are at last willing to listen, and to listen to Rome is to acknowledge her claims.

But it is not only in what is conventionally known as orthodox Protestant circles that we perceive signs of returning conscious-

ness; in the region also of what, to adopt another conventionality, is termed "advanced thought," light seems to be breaking. It is now almost half a century since the materialistic philosophy commonly associated with the names of Darwin and Huxley began to invade the domain of revealed religion. Far be it from me to speak slightly of those great men in their own sphere; to do so would be but to expose myself to deserved ridicule. Their deep and patient researches into the operations of nature have enlightened, informed and enriched mankind with much knowledge that had hitherto been a sealed book. But natural science is one thing and revealed religion is quite another. Their spheres are distinct; they treat of different orders. None of the discoveries of science have the most remote bearing upon the great questions of the soul and of a future life. Yet there were many disciples of Darwin who, with a "cocksureness" which they never learned from their master, elevated his ingenious and learned speculations upon the origin of material things to the rank of dogmas, and sought to employ them as weapons against the Christian Faith. In this quarter, too, a distinctly refruent movement is perceptible. Some of the leaders of this school are beginning to feel a little less sure than they once were, that we are descended from monkeys who have worn off their tails by sitting on them, and to be visited by misgivings more or less pronounced as to whether, after all, there may not be something in revelation. As men, for the most part, of trained and cultivated minds, with no antecedent religious prejudices to cloud their judgment, we cannot doubt their ability, when once they are convinced of the fact of its existence, to discern where such a revelation is to be found. They must argue that if God has revealed himself to man, if he has confided his revelation to a visible organization, body, church, call it what you will, that church must possess certain marks or characteristics of its divine mission; certain credentials by which it may be readily distinguished. One note above all others which these men will look for, will be that of authority, with corresponding unity of doctrine and continuity of belief. Where are they to find these tokens of a supernatural design in the miserable disorder we see

around us? Where but in the bosom of that mighty institution which has existed for nearly two thousand years, changeless amid a changing world; which teaches always and everywhere the same doctrines, professes the same faith, and administers the same sacraments; whose voice has gone out to the uttermost parts of the earth, proclaiming with no uncertain sound her mission to mankind, and which, far from depending upon the kingdoms of this world, is so serenely conscious of her divine origin and support, that she accepts all the decrees of all her pontiffs from Peter to Leo, and declares, in the face of heaven and earth, that they are *all* infallible. What possible danger can there be of confounding a Church such as this with the pale and feeble counterfeits by which she is surrounded? To this mighty body the nations shall one day be gathered. It behoves us who dwell in Zion to do our part to hasten her approaching triumph.

Upon motion of Senator Scott, seconded by Mr. J. B. Riley, Consul-General of the United States, the following resolution was adopted:—

That the Catholic Truth Society of Ottawa, at its first Annual Meeting thereafter, desires to place on record its deep sense of the loss which the cause of Catholic Truth has sustained in the untimely death of the late Right Honourable Sir John S. D. Thompson, one of the founders of the Society, and its first President; to whose aid and counsel the Society owes much of the success which has attended its efforts.

The Society then proceeded to the Election of Officers.

On motion of Mr. Kearns, seconded by Mr. W. L. Scott, the Rev. M. J. Whelan was unanimously elected President.

On motion of Mr. W. L. Scott, seconded by Mr. Sanders, Mr. E. P. Stanton was unanimously elected First Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. John Gorman, the Rev. Father Constantineau, O.M.I., was unanimously elected Second Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. W. L. Scott, Mr. W. C. De Brisay was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. J. F. Wall, Dr. MacCabe was unanimously re elected Treasurer.

The following Committee was elected for the ensuing year :
Very Rev. Canon McCarthy, Rev. T. Cole, Messrs. F. B. Hayes,
Joseph Pope, J. A. J. McKenna, W. L. Scott, John Gorman,
William Kearns, D. Burke, James Mundy.

Messrs. W. Finley and M. Kavanagh were re-elected Auditors.

The Rev. Dr. McGuckin having addressed the Meeting, Senator Scott proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President for his services in the past year, which, being seconded by Mr. McGee, was unanimously adopted. Mr. Pope replied in suitable terms.

After which the Meeting was adjourned.



REPORT FOR 1895.

The Committee have much pleasure in presenting the Fourth Annual Report of the transactions of the CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY of OTTAWA, which, they trust, will meet with the approbation of this Meeting.

During the year we imported from the English Society 431 bound volumes, 5,336 pamphlets, and 153 leaflets, of which 28 volumes and 2,907 pamphlets have been only just received, and as yet, have not been put into circulation. From the American Society we obtained 100 copies of a popular pamphlet, and from the "Columbus Press" we procured a number of copies of "Catholic and Protestant Countries Compared," by the eminent Paulist, Father Young, which met a ready sale. We have put into circulation 345 bound volumes 4,480 pamphlets and 1,326 leaflets, a total of 6,151 publications, making a grand aggregate of 31,547 publications circulated since the establishment of the Society, four years ago. We have now in stock 370 bound volumes 4,705 English pamphlets, 1,096 American pamphlets, 1,112 of our Ottawa series, 39 other pamphlets and 2,890 leaflets. It will be observed that our circulation last year was less than in that which preceded it, but the falling off is more apparent than real. While there has been a decrease in the number of separate publications, the volume of literature distributed has not diminished.

The depots have done fairly well, and to Miss Johanna Clark the Society is again indebted for the disposal of a large quantity of literature. During the year the experiment was tried of placing a box in St. Joseph's Church, containing a selection of books and pamphlets from which the public could help themselves and deposit the price in a compartment for that purpose. The venture has proved very successful, no fewer than 1,346 publications having thus been distributed, with receipts approximating \$30.

But one month had elapsed after our last Annual Meeting when we were called upon to deplore the death of the Right Honourable Sir John Thompson, our first President and one of the promoters of the Society. On the succeeding Monday, 17th December, at the instance of the Society, a High Mass of Requiem was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church for the repose of his soul. At a meeting of the Executive Committee a resolution of condolence with the family of the deceased statesman was adopted, and forwarded to Lady Thompson, and by her suitably acknowledged. A memorial page was also inserted in the Annual Report for 1894, commending his soul to the prayers of the faithful. Four other Members of the Society have gone to their rest since our last meeting, namely, Messrs Connell J. B. Higgins and Peter Danne, also Messrs. Alexander and Walter Brophy, who, with a younger brother and a companion, were accidentally drowned at Aylmer, P. Q., in the month of July.

Major-General Herbert, who, during his residence in Ottawa, in command of the Canadian Militia, was a warm supporter of our Society, returned to England during last summer, at the expiration of his term of office. He has recently written the President, expressing his hearty interest in the objects of the Society, and enclosing his subscription to qualify him as a Life Member.

Two entertainments were given last winter under the auspices of the Society, consisting of a programme of instrumental and vocal music, and the reading of instructive papers on interesting subjects.

Numerous enquiries have been received from various sections of Canada, as well as from the United States and Newfoundland, asking as to the operations of the Society, with a view to the establishment of kindred institutions.

The Committee were not called upon to appear in the Press during the year. Fortunately, and in no small measure, we believe, owing to the existence of our Society, Ottawa is exempt from the visits of disturbing forces which are in the habit of attacking less favoured cities. It is to be regretted, however, that a considerable quantity of noxious literature is in circulation,

principally among young persons, teeming with falsehood and mockery of our religion, and there seems to be some active agency propagating it. This state of things calls for strenuous efforts on our part to teach our uninformed brethren what Catholics do and do not believe. We must acknowledge the spirit of fair play exhibited by the Ottawa press which, intolerant of bigotry, invariably discountenances any attack upon our religion and cheerfully gives publication to the Society's correspondence.

The Committee do not consider it necessary to reiterate the objects of the Society. That the times, in English-speaking countries, at least, are ripe for such work as we are endeavouring to do, is evidenced by the success which is attending the Paulist Mission to Protestants in the United States, and the kindly reception which is being accorded to the letter of the Holy Father, inviting those outside her pale to re-union with the Mother Church.

Mr. E. L. Sanders, who, at the last Annual Meeting, was elected a Member of the Executive Committee, having declined to serve, Mr. Joseph McDougal was, at a meeting of the Committee held on the 22nd November last, appointed in the stead of Mr. Sanders, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

The Catholic Truth Society of England recently held a conference in the City of Bristol, which lasted during three days. It was largely attended and promised to be productive of good results. Cardinal Vaughan delivered the opening address—an eloquent and convincing pronouncement on the question of re-union. Practical papers were also read by eminent clergymen and laymen. Among the speakers was an Anglican minister, the Rev. J. H. Boudier, who, referring to the opinions often held of many Roman doctrines and practices, said that the Catholic Truth Society's publications were most helpful in opposing false ideas.

Mr. Britten, the Secretary, read a paper, from which a few extracts may be of interest. He said that the main work of the Society has been the production of good, cheap and popular works, varying in size from a two-page leaflet to a volume

of 520 pages, for the edification and instruction of Catholics and the enlightenment of Protestants. Beginning with a capital of \$60 and some three or four devotional leaflets, it has, in the course of a decade, arrived at an annual turnover of nearly \$15,000, and a list of 648 publications. The sales have amounted to nearly seven millions and over \$60,000 have been paid out for printing and binding alone. Mr. Britten then referred to the good work which had been done in exposing ex-priests and escaped nuns and other calumniators of our religion. It had been said, and it may still be thought, that the more dignified course was to leave such people alone; but when work was to be done the Society did not stand on dignity. The testimony of men and women who were taunted that they had nothing to offer in answer to the always lying and frequently obscene productions of our enemies is, that the Society is doing a good work, which, although mainly concerned with literature, is not limited thereto. The work for seamen forms one branch of its operations; the Catholic Conferences originated with the Society and the historical lectures, with magic lantern illustrations, form another department. Local branches of the Society exist in various places, both at home and abroad, and similar societies are found in the United States, Canada and Scotland.



STATEMENT *re* PUBLICATIONS.

	On hand at last Report.	Bought during the year.	Now on hand.	Sold or Distributed.
English Volumes	193	119	175	137
“ Prayer Books & Bibles ..	74	312	194	192
Other Volumes		17	1	16
English Pamphlets.	2,876	5,336	4,705	3,507
American Pamphlets	1,300	100	1,096	304
Other Pamphlets	62		39	23
Requiem Mass		1,000	606	394
Ottawa, No. 1	206		167	39
“ No. 2	192		127	65
“ No. 3	93		48	45
“ No. 5	267		164	103
English Leaflets	3,260	153	2,105	1,308
American “	256		254	2
Paulist “	547		531	16
	9,326	7,037	10,212	6,151

OTTAWA, October 30th, 1895.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
16TH NOVEMBER, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, 10th Nov., 1894	\$101 83
Membership fees, 1894-5	86 00
Sales of Publications	179 44
Proceeds of Musical and Literary Evenings	24 30
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	\$391 57

EXPENDITURE.

Advertising	\$ 11 60
Postage, Printing and Stationery	61 53
Duty, Express and Freight Charges	44 90
Imported Publications	92 77
Expenses of Musical and Literary Evenings	13 50
Box for Publications (St. Joseph's Church)	5 50
Balance carried forward	161 77
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	\$391 57

Examined and found correct.

WILLIAM FINLEY,
MICHAEL KAVANAGH,

Auditors.

From the balance of \$161.77 there is deducted \$51, amount of draft sent to England for a late consignment of English Publications, and for which a receipt had not been obtained at the time of the Annual Meeting.

MEMBERS FOR 1894-95.

LIFE MEMBERS.

THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH THOMAS DUHAMEL,
Archbishop of Ottawa.

THE REVEREND M. J. WHELAN.

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George Goodwin.	William Mackey.
Finn Barr Hayes.	John J. McGee.
Miss Mahoney.	

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Brophy, Miss.
Brophy, Miss M.
Brophy, Alex.
Brophy, Walter.
Burke, Denis.

Chadwick, Francis.
Chaloner, C. F. X.
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Clancy, M.
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Cullen, Miss Mary.

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Davis, M. P.
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Davis, William.
Dion, A. A.
Dunne, Peter.
Dunne, John P.

Enright, J. C.

Finch, J. J.
Finley, William.
Foley, James G.

Gorman, John.
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Hanon, Miss M. A.
Hawley, Mrs.
Higgerty, Henry.
Higgins, C. J. B.
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Kehoe, Wm.

Latchford, James.
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Lynch, J. B.

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Murphy, Edward.

McCarthy, D. F.

McDonald, Miss Kate.

McDougal, Joseph.

McDougal, Mrs. F.

MacCabe, Dr. J. A.

MacCabe, Mrs. J. A.

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McGuckin, Very Rev. Dr.

McKenna, J. A. J.

McNaughton, H. F.

O'Keefe, J. C.

Philpotts, Mrs.

Pope, Joseph.

Reardon, dwin.

Sanders, E. L.

Scott, Hon. R. W.

Scott, Mrs. R. W.

Scott, W. L.

Scott, Miss F.

Steben, B. F.

Stringer, Patrick.

Tobin, Richard.

Troy, Dr.

Wall, J. F.

Walsh, Mrs. William.

Waterbury, W. B.



IN MEMORIAM.



**The Right Honourable
Sir John S. D. Thompson, K.C.M.G.,**

DIED 12TH DECEMBER, 1894.



Connell J. B. Higgins,

DIED 16th APRIL, 1895.



**Alexander M. Brophy,
Walter Brophy,**

DROWNED 27TH JULY, 1895.



Peter Dunne,

DIED 15TH SEPTEMBER, 1895.



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