

THE LATE MICHAEL ROONEY

Scarcely had the University of St. Dunstan's been unveiled of its cloak of sadness, on account of the demise of one of its number, when it was again enshrouded with a like mantle of grief, caused by the self-same messenger of death. This time its victim was Michael Rooney who at the early age of twenty-three departed this life on Friday, November 8th.

Mr. Rooney was born at Iona, May 1895 and while yet young moved with his parents to Cherry Valley. There he attended the country public school. In the fall of 1910 he came to St. Dunstan's. The following collegiate year was spent at Prince of Wales College, where he secured a teacher's license of high standing.

The next three years of his life were passed in teaching. He re-entered St. Dunstan's in the autumn of 1917. That he spent a very successful year was manifested by the fact that at the Commencement Exercises in May, he carried off two medals, one for Latin and one for English and further in the "Laval Examinations" held in June he passed his B. L. examinations with honors.

The opening of the University in September of this year saw him with us once more, but his coming amongst us this time was different, insomuch as he came not only as a student but also as a professor.

But "Man proposes, God disposes". On October 9th, he fell a victim to that dread disease "Spanish Influenza" which developed into pneumonia and other complications, thus terminating his earthly pilgrimage. His character was an ideal one and worthy to be imitated by all young men. His spiritual director during his short illness was Rev. J. C. McGuigan and when told by him that the end was fast approaching, he calmly responded "God's Will be done".

To the bereaved parents, sisters and brothers we extends our greatest sympathy. "Requiem aeternam dona ei Domine et lux perpetua luceat ei".