



IN MEMORIAM

St. Dunstan's, fruitful Mother of Priests, mourns the death of the first born of her clergy, Reverend Dougald McDonald of Tignish who died in the Charlottetown Hospital December 15th last. He was the first of the consecrated men now scattered over the North American Continent, who issued from the portals of old St. Dunstan's, having registered as one of the Chartered Student Members soon after its opening. For four years, under the able guidance of the late Father Angus, he laboured to lay the foundation of that solid literary Scholarship for which he was remarkable in after life. Having finished his Classical Course he went to the Grand Seminary of Quebec. The urgent need of priests made it necessary that he should devote but a short time to Theological Studies. He was recalled in the midst of his course and ordained in Charlottetown by the late Bishop McIntyre, November 21st, 1861. Notwithstanding this handicap he was no mean controversialist and many of his neighboring clerical friends on entering the lists of friendly argument with him would be obliged more than often to retire with broken lances. Immediately after his ordination he took up work in the parish of Tignish. Laboring there for about a year he was transferred to the missions in eastern King's County.

These missions which now comprise eight or ten flourishing parishes were faithfully ministered by him and it is a remarkable proof of the wonderful tenacity of his memory that even a short time before his death he could recall not only the family name but also the Christian name of each individual member of the family of all that vast tract of country. Although his period of residence in Quebec was short, yet he acquired such proficiency in the French language that the Bishop deemed it advisable to appoint him to the large Acadian parish of Tignish. There, for a period of sixty years, he labored, in season and out of season, for the spiritual and temporal advancement of those committed to his charge. In the month of November, 1886, he celebrated the Silver