



Rev. Laughlin J. McDonald

THE death of Fr. Laughlin McDonald, Chaplain of the Charlottetown Hospital, which took place March 4th, has been a distinct loss to that institution.

He was born in 1853 at St. Peter's and there he received his early education. At the age of eighteen he entered St. Dunstan's College and on completing his Classical and Philosophical studies, he immediately began the study of Theology at the Grand Seminary, Quebec, where in 1878 he was ordained to the holy Priesthood. He returned to this diocese and was appointed to the Cathedral staff, Charlottetown, where he remained till 1880 when he assumed the charge of the parish of Grand River, Lot 14. The results of his labors here during the twenty-five years of his administration stand as a memorial to his zeal and ability. Fr. Laughlin had never been robust and under the heavy burden of his country parish his health failed, and though yet in the prime of manhood he was forced to resign his charge and retire to the Charlottetown Hospital. For the past twelve years he had performed the duties of Chaplain faithfully and well and though all the while enduring the distress and agony incident to those who are affected with asthma, yet he had ever a pleasant word and cheery smile for those suffering patients to whom he ministered. His quiet unassuming manner and kindly unfeigned interest acted as a balm to the most troubled spirit, and even bodily ills seemed more bearable after a visit from him.

Requiescat in pace