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PERSONAL NOTES PERSONNELLES

The Canadian Historical Association, with deep sorrow, records the death of Dr. Chester W. New, sometime President of the Association and one of its most distinguished members.

The following tributes to Monseigneur Antoine d'Eschambault and Dr. James F. Kenny were read by Reverend Adrien Pouliot and Professor A. R. M. Lower at the General Meeting of the C.H.A. in Kingston on Saturday, June 11, 1960.

MONSEIGNEUR ANTOINE D'ESCHAMBAULT

Parmi les onze membres de la Société historique du Canada décédés au cours de l'année 1959-1960, il convient de réserver une mention spéciale à Monseigneur Antoine d'Eschambault, mort à Saint-Boniface, Manitoba, le 18 mai 1960, à l'âge de soixante-quatre ans.

Manitobain de naissance et d'éducation, docteur en théologie de l'Université Laval de Québec, docteur en droit canonique de l'Université Apollinaire de Rome, docteur ès lettres (*honoris causa*) de l'Université de Montréal, membre de la Société Royale du Canada, récipiendaire de la croix « Polonia Restituta » pour son dévouement envers des Néo-Canadiens, Monseigneur d'Eschambault consacra principalement à la recherche historique et à l'éducation par l'histoire les loisirs que lui laissaient ses devoirs pastoraux.

Inspirateur de la Société historique de Saint-Boniface, membre de la Manitoba Historical Society, il participa activement aux diverses manifestations destinées à commémorer La Vérendrye, Riel, Monseigneur Taché, les Sœurs Grises. Il fut aussi, au Manitoba, le fondateur d'une section française de l'Association d'Éducation des Adultes et l'un des promoteurs du poste français de radio CKSB.

Représentant sa province depuis dix ans sur la Commission des Sites et des Monuments historiques du Canada, le Gouvernement fédéral lui confia, en 1958, la présidence de cet organisme, en même temps que nous l'élisions président de la Société historique du Canada.

La maladie qui devait l'emporter l'empêcha de fournir, à ces deux postes, sa pleine mesure; mais ses intimes et les témoins de ses nombreuses réalisations ont toujours reconnu en Monseigneur d'Eschambault un compilateur méthodique, un organisateur efficace, un auteur et un conférencier disert, en même temps qu'un parfait gentilhomme, un fin causeur et un patriote clairvoyant, dont le canadianisme s'étendait *a mari usque ad mare*.

Dr. JAMES F. KENNEY

It is a truism to say that the name of James F. Kenney is held in benediction in Ireland. His great work "Sources for the Early History of Ireland, Vol. I, Ecclesiastical", published in 1929 is of incalculable value to the students of Irish ecclesiastical history. For in that large volume every book and every article that had appeared before the date of publication and that was worthy of mention, is listed. From the point of view of industry alone the work done by Dr. Kenney is astonishing. But the volume is much more than a mere collection of sources. Again and again the author gives his judgment on these, dividing the bad from the good, the prejudiced and the eccentric from the solid and the enduring. A systematic study of this book is in itself an education in history. The missionary labours of St. Patrick and the problems which they involve, the lives of the Irish saints, many of them founders of monasteries in the sixth century, others bishops, hermits and monks from the sixth century to the twelfth, are treated of with a wealth of scholarship for which Ireland must ever remain grateful. Even more impressive, perhaps is Dr. Kenney's treatment of the expansion of Irish Christianity, the work of the Irish missionaries in Scotland, England, Gaul, Italy, Germany. Nor did Dr. Kenney confine himself to the work of conversion alone; he dealt, too, with the religious literature which the Irish composed and with the religious culture which they brought with them to the countries where they settled. He gave, finally, a conspectus of the sources dealing with the reform movement initiated by Pope St. Gregory VII, as it affected Ireland, covering thus in all a period of some eight centuries.

And then there are the personal memories of Dr. Kenney, still treasured by those privileged to know him during his stay in Ireland. If revered for the scope and breadth of his knowledge he was still more distinguished for the modesty of his bearing. As a Catholic he won admiration in this profoundly Catholic land. It is a pleasure to know that not his book only, that *monumentum ære perennius*, but the "Kenney Library" in University College, Dublin, will make his name known and venerated by countless generations of Irish students yet to come. *Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam*. [On the right hand of God may his soul rest for ever.]

John RYAN, Professor of Early Irish History.

Aubrey GWYNN, Professor of Mediaeval History.

Séumas DELARCY, Professor of Irish Folklore.

Francis SHAW, Professor of Early and Mediaeval Irish.

University College, Dublin, 20 May, 1960