

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE.****DEATH OF THE REV. W. CORMACK.**

This reverend gentleman was stationed at St. Laurence's Church, North Adelaide, and the *Catholic Record* of the 19th inst., in its obituary notice of the deceased, says:—"The Rev. William Cormack was beloved for the gentle amiability of his nature, the generosity of his heart, and the energetic humility with which he carried out his duties among the Catholics of North Adelaide and the district attached to St. Laurence's Church. Although suffering from the most fatal stage of consumption, he never faltered in his devotion to duty. In the church, in the school, or in training and inspiring the choir to render worthily and in a becoming manner the music of the Church, he was alike untiring and successful. Under his care the work of Catholic education in St. Joseph's School, Brompton, received an inspiration and impetus which raised it from decay and disorganisation to a first position among Catholic poor schools. Aided by the good Sisters of St. Joseph, he infused a spirit of reverence for religion and a love for learning into the children, which developed habits of respect and good order among them. A native of Scotland, he was born in Aberdeen in 1854, his early years were spent at 'Priest Gordon's' school, where, under the daily influence of that good priest who was respected alike by Presbyterian and Catholic, he learned the first rudiments of science and religion. At the age of twelve he entered St. Mary's College, Blairs, Kincardineshire, where he completed, with success, his classical course. In December, 1870, he entered the Scots College, at Valladolid, Spain, where he at once commenced his course of philosophy and theology. Weak health obliged him to return to Scotland, but he came back to his *Alma mater*, and awaited there a suitable opportunity to proceed to a warmer climate. He arrived in Adelaide on 1st September, 1877, and immediately prepared for Tonsure and Minor Orders, which he received at the hands of his Lordship, Bishop Reynolds, on Rosary Sunday, 7th October. He was made sub-deacon on the following 4th of November, the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo; deacon on the 21st November, the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; ordained priest on the 3rd of December, 1877, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier; and celebrated his first Mass on the 8th of the same month."

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