

ginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, chairman of the advisory board of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, president of the Richmond City Bar Association, president of the State Bar Association, president of the Scotch-Irish Society of Virginia, and member of the Board of Trustees of Hampden-Sidney College, member of the Mass. Historical Society, the Long Island Historical Society, the Southern Historical Society, American Antiquarian Society, the Bible Society of Virginia, the Scotch-Irish Society of America, and the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Fund.

Mr. Henry was commissioner from Virginia at the centennial celebration of the formation of the United States Constitution. As a representative of the American Historical Association he attended in 1898 the Congress of History at The Hague.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and took great interest in all matters relating to its welfare.

In 1854 Mr. Henry married Lucy Gray Marshall, daughter of Col. Gray P. Marshall, of Charlotte Co., Va. He left four children surviving him. The deceased was in his seventieth year, and enjoyed good health till the spring before his death. In expectation of improving his health he spent a portion of the summer following at the White Sulphur Springs. Though he was not permanently benefited, Mr. Henry resumed his duties at the law office of Henry and Williams, in which he was senior partner. Early in November, however, his health became such as to confine him to the house, and thereafter he declined steadily. His death was attributed to heart failure.

He was widely known throughout the United States, and his death was deeply regretted by his numerous friends and acquaintances, who admired him for the rich treasures of his mind and heart.

L. G. TYLER.

THE VERY REV. MICHAEL CHARLES O'BRIEN, who had been a member of our Society since its October meeting in 1900, died at his home in Bangor, Maine, November 11, 1901. During his short period of membership he had not attended the Society's meetings or contributed to

its proceedings. We had hoped much from his coöperation in the field of historical research, where he had done so much careful and profitable work, and especially in the study of the Algonquin languages and dialect, of which he had probably a more comprehensive and accurate knowledge than any one now living.

It was this knowledge especially which attracted the attention of our Society, and it may have been because he was aware that the study of these Indian tongues had been of interest to us and had been pursued with unrivalled devotion and success by our late associate, J. Hammond Trumbull, and in a less degree by others, that he accepted our membership.

Father O'Brien was born in County Kerry, Ireland, October 20, 1842. He received his early education in his native country, and in the year 1859, came to the United States, and soon after entered upon his studies with the priesthood in view, at St. Charles College, and afterward completed his course at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. At this time he lacked more than a year of the canonical age for ordination as a priest, but by virtue of a special dispensation he was ordained in 1865, at the Cathedral in Portland, Maine. For about twelve years he was pastor of several churches successively in Maine and New Hampshire. In 1877 he was assigned to the parish at Oldtown, Maine, his parishioners being for the most part the remnants of the Penobscot Indians there and at Orono. Here he began the study of the Abenakis language, the native tongue of his people. He remained with this parish three years only, but gained in that the affection and confidence of his flock to an unusual degree.

In the year 1880 he was assigned to St. Mary's parish in Bangor, Maine. He found his parish struggling with debt and discouragement. Within ten years the debt was paid and the church property greatly improved and beautified. Some years later he was made permanent rector of St. Mary's, an honor seldom conferred, and also Vicar General of the diocese. He was administrator of the See in the interval between the death of Bishop Healy and the arrival of his successor, Bishop O'Connell.

During his pastorate at Bangor Father O'Brien continued the study of the Indian languages and attained a

mastery of the Algonquin dialects such as no one now possesses. While at Oldtown he prepared a catechism in the Abenakis language for the use of his Indian parishoners, and later contributed valuable material concerning the structure and grammatical peculiarities of that language to the proceedings of the Maine Historical Society.

Those who knew Father O'Brien will attest the beauty and charm of his character and his capacity for friendship. He was as a citizen patriotic and public spirited, a loyal, devoted and efficient servant of the church, to which he gave an undivided and loving allegiance.

J. EVARTS GREENE.

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