

GENERAL NEWS.

The Very Rev. O. Routhier, V.G., accompanies His Grace Archbishop Duhamel in his journey to Rome. It will be his second visit to the Eternal City.

Bishop Grandin's visit to the College shortly after the opening was a source of exceedingly great pleasure to the students—it procured them a holiday. The Venerable Prelate has been suddenly called to Winnipeg in order to officiate at the funeral service of his brother bishop, Rt. Rev. Henry Faraud, O.M.I.

Rev. Fr. Lacombe, the veteran Oblate missionary of the North West, paid his annual visit to the University at its opening. Years are beginning to tell upon this indefatigable laborer: but his energy and zeal for the salvation of the Indians and Half-breeds are still as unflagging as ever. The Rev. Father kindly promises to occasionally favor the readers of THE OWL with thrilling stories of Indian life in the far North West.

Rev. Fr. Langevin, O.M.I., has returned to the University, where he will continue to have the direction of the Seminary during the ensuing year. The number of theological students is greatly increased.

The few students remaining who remember the class of '85 were not a little pleased to see and welcome their old college friend, Rev. James Quigley, who paid a brief visit to his *Alma Mater* before his return to his diocese in New Jersey.

Father Young's excellent idea of congregation singing is being realized in the College chapel. The students, divided into two choirs, are making wonderful progress under the efficient direction of Rev. Father Enard.

Rev. Father Gervais has reorganized his famous little Band of last year, and proposes to have it equal, if not surpass, any like organization that has ever existed in the Institution.

Our College amateurs are busily engaged preparing an entertainment to be given on St. Cecilia's Day.

ATHLETICS.

If any supposed that our retiring from the Ontario Rugby Football Union meant the death of football in Ottawa University they were greatly mistaken. Already we are in receipt of a communication from our opponents on many a hard-fought field, the Montrealers, at present champions of Quebec. The secretary of the Montrealers wishes to have our team play an exhibition game in Montreal early in October, and promises a return match on our grounds at a later date. He also suggests our joining the Quebec Association.

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Now that the football season and the football weather has set in, it is expected that every one will do his best to help the football club along. There is much to be done, and in no better way can the players assist in its being done than by faithfully attending practice and gymnasium work. Let everyone bear in mind that it was owing greatly to practice and training that Ottawa University achieved its success in the past, and it is by practice and training alone that it can hope to win in the future.

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Toronto and Montreal have already ranged matches and are practising daily, and likewise the Ottawa City and Britannia F. B. C. We trust the fever of football enthusiasm will prove contagious and that our boys will be numbered among its first victims.

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In the *Athlete* of Toronto we read that Senkler the famous halfback of Toronto University, McLean, formerly of the same team, Smellie, who played such a game at quarter for Queen's last year, and McGiverin, formerly of Hamilton, have joined the ranks of the Toronto F. B. C. With the splendid material it had last year together with the addition of the above mentioned, the Queen City ought to be able to place a most formidable team on the field.

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The Ottawa City Football Club has applied to the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Association for amalgamation with that body. This is a wise step on the part of the Committee of the Football Club.