

menced a mission at Glen Nevis, in the diocese of Alexandria.

While the students' retreat was in progress at the University, Rev. Dr. Filliatre, O. M. I. gave a retreat at St. Ann's Convent, Lachine. This is one of the largest institutions of its kind in Quebec, there being about three hundred and fifty pupils in attendance.

On Wednesday October 28th, his Grace Archbishop Duhamel celebrated the seventeenth anniversary of his appointment to the Episcopal See of Ottawa. On the occasion, a Pontifical High Mass was sung in the Cathedral, and judging from the number of distinguished clergy and prominent laymen who took part in the celebration, the Archbishop has a warm place in the hearts of his priests and people. His Grace, though old in pastoral duties, is still a young man, and has apparently many years in which to exercise his kind and paternal authority over the archdiocese.

A pleasing feature in the Commercial course, this year, is the earnestness with which the students join in the class of vocal music. Mr. Tetreau has succeeded in creating such an interest in these exercises that the class has now become what it never was before—one of the most important and interesting in the grades.

On Sunday 8th inst., a meeting was called at the Catholic Lyceum, with a view to establishing a branch of the Catholic Truth Society in the city. This is a society which, during the short period of its existence, has done an incalculable amount of good both in England and in the States. In the former country, it receives the hearty support of Cardinal Manning, while in the latter it meets with approval from such men as Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland. Nowhere is such a society more needed than in Ontario, where cheap Catholic literature is so scarce. A pleasing feature about the movement in Ottawa is that an active part is being taken in it by prominent laymen. The following is the result of the election: Patron, His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa; President, Hon. Sir John Thompson; first Vice-President, Rev. M. J. Whelan; second Vice-President,

Mr. F. B. Hayes; Secretary, Mr. W. L. Scott; Treasurer, Dr. J. A. McCabe.

A grand celebration, commencing on December 7th, will be given by the citizens of Montreal-East, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the Oblate Fathers in that city. On the evening of the 7th, an address will be presented to Rev. Father Lefebvre, O.M.I. Provincial; on the 8th, High Mass will be sung by the Archbishop of Montreal; and on the 9th, a Requiem Mass will be chanted for the Fathers who have died in Canada.

In every Catholic college it is customary at the beginning of the academic year to hold a retreat for the students; and, perhaps, no time during the year can be turned to greater advantage than these days during which the student, forgetting for the time his daily occupation, enters into that most profitable employment of learning to know his God and to know himself. Such a beneficial effect do these spiritual exercises have on students, that professors are wont to notice it even in the class-room. And, by the way, it is a fact worthy of notice that the most pious are the best students in the class-room and the most manly and energetic on the field.

This year, the retreat at the University was delayed for some time, awaiting the Oblate preachers, who did not arrive until the 16th of October. But the delay was more than compensated for by the impressive and practical instructions given by Fathers Nicol and Furlong, O. M. I., who preached in English, and by Father Royer, O.M.I., who conducted the French retreat. It has been said that none but the best preachers are able to obtain and hold the attention of students, and if this be so, the preachers of our retreat must surely be among the best. In any case the retreat has been productive of much good, and the senior students declare it to have been the most effectual ever preached in the College.

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### SOCIETIES.

The Glee Clubs have now a more prosperous future than ever before, as they have this year been organized under special advantages. There has always