

pay this zeal by a loving obedience and generous fulfilment of their duties. His Grace said that he hoped to obtain from the Holy See new favors for the College ; it would give him great pleasure to present to his Holiness the protestations of love and fidelity of the students of the College of Ottawa ; and he was confident that the Holy Father would be glad to receive them. Loyalty to the Holy See was more than ever needed now, and it might be that the services of a new regiment of Canadian Zouaves would yet be needed. After thanking them once more for their good wishes His Grace bestowed upon the kneeling students his benediction.

number of young aspirants and such a happy beginning augurs well for the future. Rev. John Dacey, O. M. I. who was on the college staff for the last three years, has been appointed a professor there. Congratulations to our reverend friend !

Rev. R. Barrett O. M. I. who left us some years ago on a missionary tour to Buffalo, San Antonio and Lowell, is now stationed at the Sacred Heart church in the latter city.

We are pleased to learn that Rev. W. Joyce, O. M. I. of Lowell, has returned from Ireland, much improved in health.

MISSION NOTES.

Rev. J. McGrath, O. M. I. Provincial of the Oblates of the United States paid a visit to the College last week. Some thirty years ago Father Mc Grath was a professor in the College.

We were also favorably surprised by a call from Rev. Father Durocher, O. M. I. of Quebec, formerly prefect of the senior department here for many years. We are sure that his affection for his old acquaintances and for his Alma Mater, the beloved scene of his labours, shall never wax cold.

Rev. D. O'Riordan O. M. I. of Lowell Mass., was chosen to preach the annual retreat to the students of St. Charles' college near Baltimore. This zealous and successful missionary preached the retreat to our students some eight years ago.

From San Antonio, Tex., comes the news that the church and school for the colored Catholics of that city have been entrusted to the pastoral care of Rev. R. Molony, O. M. I. who was previously pastor of St. Mary's church in the same city. This new church and school is a gift of a pious and charitable lady. Rev. C. Smith, O. M. I. has now charge of St. Mary's. The field of missionary labor in Texas is very extensive, but laborers are few.

A new juniorate for the education of young men who feel inclined to embrace the missionary life of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate has recently been founded in Tewksbury Mass. There is already a goodly

BOOK NOTICES.

REMINISCENCES OF THE LATE HON. AND RIGHT REV. ALEXANDER MACDONNELL, first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada : Toronto, Williamson & Son, 1888.

There are some men whose biographies embrace all the important facts of the history of their time, and it may be said of Bishop Macdonnel, that he was one of these. For the history of his labors is the history of the church in Upper Canada up to the period of his death. It is somewhat surprising that so few details regarding the great bishop are now obtainable, but as such is the case, we are exceedingly indebted to W. J. Macdonnel, Esq., of Toronto, the writer of the above *brochure*, for the information which he has given us concerning the apostle of Upper Canada.

Right Rev. Alex. Macdonnel was born in Invernesshire, Scotland, in 1762, educated in Paris and Valladolid, and ordained priest in 1787. From the moment of his ordination he seems to have devoted himself to the welfare of his countrymen ; succeeded in obtaining for them many favors from a government unfriendly to their religion, and when he found that they could no longer find employment at home, he induced them to emigrate to Upper Canada and take advantage of the grants of land offered to disbanded soldiers. The emigration took place in 1803, and the result was the formation of the Scotch Catholic settlements in Upper Canada. Bishop, at that time Father Macdonnel, proved himself a zealous and tireless missionary. "He travelled from