

fourth of his priesthood. Augustin Dontenville was born in the year 1857 at Bischweiler, diocese of Strasbourg, Alsace-Lorraine, and came to America while yet a boy in his teens to live with his uncle, a highly-respected priest of Buffalo, N.Y. He was immediately sent up here to pursue his classical studies at the University. At the end of a brilliant course he took his B.A. in 1880 and his M.A. in 1883. Feeling that he was called to the sacerdotal and religious life he entered the Oblate Novitiae at Lachine, P.Q., and was ordained Priest on May 30th, 1885. He then returned to the University of Ottawa as one of its professors. From 1885 to 1890 he was professor of Natural Sciences, was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Alumni Association, Director of the Scientific and Junior English Debating Societies. In 1880 he was transferred to New Westminster to take charge of St. Louis College. On August 22nd, 1897, he was appointed Coadjutor to Bishop Durieu and consecrated titular Bishop of Germanicopolis; and on the death of Bishop Durieu in 1899 he became Bishop of New Westminster, B.C.

The election will be hailed with delight everywhere the new General is known, but more especially in the University of Ottawa where he spent so many years as student and professor, gaining for himself a host of friends within and without the College walls. To show his extreme popularity here, may we be permitted to reprint the editorial which appeared in the pages of the November "Owl" 1889: "The departure of Father Dontenville from our midst, creates a vacancy upon the staff of this institution which, indeed, it will be difficult to fill. Summoned to relinquish his position here, he murmured not, but went forth to labor in other fields where, perhaps, his splendid talents are more urgently needed. He has left us with the assurance that naught can be said but what is commendatory of his labors as professor of natural sciences, which position he filled in the College, during the long course of twelve years. We do not venture to question the wisdom of his superiors in their decision, nevertheless, we cannot but regret that they could not find some means by which the necessity of his removal might have been avoided. His success as a teacher is universally conceded; the secret of that success may be found in the fact that he was earnest in whatever he undertook.

His appointment as director of the Oblate College of St. Louis, New Westminster, B.C., is a recognition of his zeal and administrative ability. We do not hesitate to say that, under his care the College of St. Louis will rapidly advance in popular favor. The love

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