

missions. In every position that he was called to, Father Lavillardiére distinguished himself by his genuine religious spirit and his zeal for religion while his fame as an orator spread throughout that part of France which has been the field of his fruitful labors. He has long been regarded as one of the foremost members of the Oblate Order, and at two former elections he received a large number of votes for the office to which he is now elevated.

DUTY AT ELECTION.

Attention has been lately turned towards our manner of electing our parliamentary representatives by the scandalous revelations made in several law courts. While all, as students, take an indirect part in working for the welfare of our young country, many of us are qualified to cast votes. For these we may reproduce the judicious advice tendered recently by the *Catholic Standard* and *Times* to the voters of the United States. Practically similar conditions obtain here. Especially when all the issues have been clearly defined, and when "no attempt, as there was twelve months ago, has been made to inject the virus or religious bias into the contest, there is no reason why a Catholic paper should do more than remind Catholic voters that, to whatever political party they may belong, they are bound to cast an honest vote according to their conscientious estimate of the issues and the men who seek their suffrages. Their right to vote is the highest privilege of the citizen, and as Catholics they should reject with scorn any endeavor to make that privilege a matter of sale or barter. Such a course is not only base from a civic point of view, but sinful from the religious point of view. They are bound to refrain from bribery as well as reject as insult the offer of a bribe. The highest interests of the country are entrusted to their decision, and a solemn responsibility rests upon them that they shall acquit themselves as upright citizens of a great free State wherein their religion flourishes mightily because of the perfect freedom accorded it by the Constitution. This is all that need be said—all that can, indeed, be said—by a non-partisan counsellor."