

tunity of his life. In college, his earnest piety, untiring diligence, exemplary conduct, rare talents and faithful observance of the rules won the approbation of superiors and teachers and justified their bright hopes of his future. He was graduated in 1863 with first class honors and in the same year entered the Seminary where he was particularly diligent and studious. Four years later, on August 24th, 1867, he was ordained priest at Perth by the Right Rev. E. J. Horan, Bishop of Kingston. What fond remembrance, the good Archbishop must now have of dear parents and of friends of his youth who surrounded him on that bright August morning twenty one years ago! The brilliant future they predicted for the young levite has surely been more than realized in his elevation to the dignity of Archbishop of the grand old See of Kingston, which enjoys, it is said, the proud distinction of being the first see erected in any British possession after the Reformation.

For a short time, Father Gauthier was director of the Diocesan College, but in 1869, he was appointed to the important parish of Gananoque which included Howe Island, Brewer's Mills and Lansdowne. Here in the exercise of his holy ministry, he applied himself to all his manifold duties with characteristic energy and assiduity. During the five years spent in this charge, he built the churches at Lansdowne and Brewer's Mills and soon afterwards he made many beautiful improvements in the sacred edifices at Gananoque and Howe Island. From this important parish, he was appointed to Westport in January 1875, but on the accession of the Right Rev. John O'Brien to the see of Kingston, he was transferred in the same year to Williamstown. Here were many opportunities for the exercise of his talents and experience. The religious and educational progress of the parish soon attested the devotion and vigour of its good pastor; for a heavy debt of \$5761 was soon discharged, the beautiful churches of St. Joseph and St. Ita were built while a large and handsome addition was made to the presbytery. In the same town, the Sisters of Notre Dame had a flourishing school and into their noble work he infused his own vigour and energy. Characteristic of Father Gauthier in all his charges is the particular love he entertains for the beauty of God's church and so in whatever parish he labored, the