

COLLEGE NOTES.

THE days which the church sets aside for the ordination of her ministers are special times of joy to all. But when we see those in whose company we live, who form, as it were, a corps of elder brothers of the same family, advancing in God's service, then the joy becomes more personal and we appreciate better the great act then performed. Saturday the 26th inst, the eve of Trinity Sunday, was the day on which His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, held his semi-annual ordination. Contrary to a long established custom, the ceremony, instead of taking place in the Parish Church of St. Joseph, was held at the Cathedral, thus depriving the students of the pleasure formerly experienced on beholding their teachers advancing towards God's altar. The change was doubtlessly due to the large number of participants, thus rendering the sanctuary of the parish church too small for the ceremony. His Grace was assisted by the very Rev. Vicar-General and also by Rev. Father Langevin, O.M.I. director of the Seminary. Those who received orders were young aspirants from the diocesan seminary, and also scholastics of the congregation of the Oblates, some of whom are engaged in the college, while others are quietly pursuing their studies at the beautiful scholasticate situated on the banks of the picturesque Rideau river.

Rev. Messrs. Bedard and Proulx of the seminary were raised to the dignity of the priesthood, and Rev. Brothers Constantineau, Lemoine and Charlebois were also invested with the same sacred character. We are unable to enumerate all the orders conferred or even to mention the names of the happy recipients, we shall content ourselves with merely mentioning those conferred on the scholastics engaged at the College. Besides the dignity of the priesthood which was conferred on Rev. H. A. Constantineau, O.M.I., the holy order of sub-deaconship was received by Rev. H. A. Gervais, O.M.I. and Rev. J. J. Dacey, O.M.I. Rev. Alphonse Gratton, O.M.I. received the four minor orders,

while Rev. James H. Quinn, O.M.I. was enrolled among the number of clerics by the reception of the tonsure. The ceremony, which lasted nearly four hours, was witnessed by many of the friends of the participants, who joined them afterwards in the Archiepiscopal residence to congratulate them on their promotion. The two ordained secular priests left soon after for their respective missions. Rev. Father Bedard accompanies his Grace on an episcopal visitation: Rev. Father Proulx is missioned to Hartwell as an assistant to Rev. Father Mangin.

The newly ordained Oblate Fathers officiated on the day following their ordination in their respective communities. Rev. Father Constantineau sang High Mass in the College Chapel, assisted by Rev. Mr. Froc, O.M.I. as assistant priest, Rev. J. E. Emard, O.M.I. and Rev. J. J. Dacey, O.M.I. as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. After the gospel of the day had been sung, the Very Rev. director of the College ascended the pulpit and preached a very eloquent sermon on the lesson of the feast, in the course of which he paid a glowing tribute to the many excellent qualities and virtues of the young priest who, for the first time, went unto the altar of God, "of that God who rejoices his youth." In the afternoon, the Rev. Father visited the playground, and gave his blessing to all the students, who showed by the deep devotion with which they received the same, that they recognized the great dignity which God had conferred on one to whom they are bound by many ties of friendship. To all the participants in the ordination, THE OWL extends its heartiest congratulations. To the young priests, it says, "*ad multos annos.*"

Mgr. Grandin, O. M. I., Bishop of St. Albert, and Father Lacombe, the Blackfoot missionary stayed a few days at the College on their return from an extended trip in the States, where they had been to solicit aid for the missions of the North-West.