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THE NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE OBLATES.



ON Sunday, Sept. 20th, delegates of the Oblate Order from the four quarters of the globe met in solemn conclave in the Eternal City, to elect a successor to the Very Rev. A. Lavillardière, Superior General, recently deceased. By a practically unanimous vote the choice of the conclave fell upon Right Rev. A. Dontenville, O.M.I., formerly Bishop of New Westminster, and but lately elevated by the Holy Father to the Archbishopric of Victoria, B.C. Upon the new General devolve the gravest responsibilities. The Oblate Order is to be found at work in the missionary, educational, and parochial field under every flag on the five continents. Founded in France hardly a century ago by the saintly De Mazenod, they have extended their activity with incredible rapidity throughout the following provinces:--Northern France, Southern France, Italy, Great Britain and Ireland, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Eastern Canada, Northern United States, Southern United States, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Athabaska, Mackenzie, British Columbia, Jaffna, Ceylon; Colombo, Ceylon; Natal, South Africa; Orangia, S.A.; Basutoland, S.A.; Transvaal, S.A.; Cimbebasie, S.A.; Australia. Scattered throughout this vast territory is an army of three Archbishops, ten Bishops, and two thousand Priests and Religious.

The new General assumes his high office in the very prime of life, as he is now in the fifty-second year of his age, and the twenty-

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