

participated in many events there and filled many positions of responsibility and trust. In some respects he is a good deal similar to Mr. Matthew Teefy of Richmond Hill as he is of a literary turn of mind and likes to preserve records of events transpiring in his life-time and it has been said that the history of the United States could be written out of scrap-books that he has made. He once exhibited to me a number of those scrap-books, all alike, and put together with a uniformity that was remarkable. It is thus Mr. Teefy has been able to preserve a great many old newspapers and documents." In this day of countless newspapers, many a valuable literary morsel, consigned to the ephemeral form of communication, is lost unless clipped by the industrious student and put away between durable covers. A collection, secured according to this plan with some degree of judgment, will grow more valuable with time. Moreover, the efficient scholar, in the course of elucidating his texts, or of preparing his debates and scientific articles, refers to a large number of books. His attention is necessarily drawn to a multitude of things which will slip away again if there is nothing to aid the memory. Why should he not carry a note book with an alphabetical index? In its pages he might enter at least a brief note regarding what he deems important and desires to remember, at the letter beginning the most prominent name or word connected with it. If he is unable to put down the exact item he can, at any rate, indicate where he found it. The amount of time saved by this habit as he grows older, will enable a man to read a great many excellent books. To seek in vain a bit of information is not only extremely irritating but it is exceedingly wasteful of time.

NEW OBLATE SUPERIOR GENERAL.

Auguste de Lavillardiere, member of a noble French family, was born in 1814 in Verdun on the Meuse. He entered the Congregation of the Oblats of Mary Immaculate in 1867. In 1871 he was ordained priest. As a missionary he showed brilliancy and energy. When he became Superior of the Oblats community at Lyons he gave evidence of great administrative ability. After six years he was appointed Provincial. When his term in this office expired he returned to the