

## GENERAL NEWS.

Perhaps no grander or more impressive event was ever witnessed in Montreal than that of the re-union of the Oblate Fathers, which took place in that city a few weeks ago. From all parts of the Dominion—from Ontario, from Quebec, from the great North-West—these faithful soldiers of Christ, composed of college professors, missionaries, and lay brothers, assembled to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the first Oblate in Canada. As was expected, the demonstration was worthy of the occasion. It is often the case that societies hold celebrations, when there is, in fact, little to celebrate; but this was not so with the Oblates. They richly deserved the honors which were shewn them in Montreal; for, besides being the first religious order to enter the country after the conquest, they have since been so unremitting in their labors, and have done so much for the welfare of Canada that the whole country owes them a debt of gratitude. And judging from the number of sympathizers and admirers who assembled to take part in the festivities of the 7th of December, it may be said, to the honor of the Canadian people, that they are not unmindful of the services of those noble missionaries, many of whose brothers have even sanctified our land by shedding their blood.

Among the four hundred guests present at the banquet, were three archbishops, and many of the secular clergy. The laity was represented by such distinguished public men as the Hon. Mr. Chapleau, of the Dominion Cabinet, Hon. Mr. Mercier, Premier of Quebec, Hon. Mr. Robidoux, The Hon. Mr. Taillon, Judge Loranger, Mr. J. J. Curran, M. P., Mr. McShane, Mayor of Montreal, and Ald. Clendenning, each of whom vied with the other in bestowing praise upon the Fathers and in congratulating them on their success in the missionary field. The OWL joins with them in their good wishes, and takes this opportunity of offering its homage to the Oblate Fathers, who were the founders of the institution from which it emanates.

Rev. Father Dandurand, O. M. I., has arrived at the University on his way to Montreal, to attend the Oblate Jubilee to

be held in that city on the 7th, 8th and 9th of this month. Father Dandurand has the honor of having been the first Canadian novice of the Oblate Congregation in this country.

The members of the University Athletic Association have presented to Mr. P. D. Ross, on the occasion of his marriage, a silver ice-pitcher on which was engraved, "To Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ross, on their wedding day, Nov. 19, 1891, from the Ottawa University Athletic Association."

The Oblate Fathers who lately left the University on their missionary tour through Ontario, have just concluded a most successful mission in the city of Kingston, where day after day and night after night the Cathedral was crowded with those who had come to hear the world-famed Oblate Missionaries. The *Freeman*, speaking of the Fathers, has this to say: "They have the true, native eloquence of the Irish priest, intelligible to the humblest capacity, never travelling outside the understanding of the least instructed, and yet, fascinating the eager attention of the most enlightened, by their earnest and logical treatment of the subjects discussed." After the mission in St. Mary's Church in Montreal, the Fathers will conduct missions at Belleville, Brockville, and several other parishes in the arch-diocese of Kingston.

The excavations for the new Irish Church in St. Joseph's parish were commenced on Dec. 1st, and will be finished in a few weeks. During the erection of the church, the parishioners will use the University Chapel for Sunday services.

The lectures of Professor Glasmacher on the poets of the Revolutionary age, far surpass anything ever delivered in the University on such subjects. The students anxiously await his lectures on the Victorian age, which will, no doubt, be a rare treat. Ottawa University now possesses an English course second to none in America.

Rev. Father O'Brien of the diocese of Peterboro, and an old student of the University, paid a short visit to his friends here, a few weeks ago.