

## GENERAL NEWS.

By the death of Rev. Dr. Smith, Archbishop of Edinburgh, the Church in Scotland loses a leader who has done much for Catholicism in his native land, and whose place it will be, indeed, difficult to fill. The *London Tablet* commenting on his death says: "The work of the Archbishop is the record of Edinburgh diocese; forward in every good undertaking, a high principled ruler, he has proved himself a model administrator whose term of office has been only too brief." His learned work, *The Book of Moses*; or the *Pentateuch* in its *Authorship, Credibility and Civilization*, has made him famous throughout the English-speaking world. Dr. Smith was a regular reader of THE OWL, and it is but a few months since he expressed himself as highly pleased with its contents.

The Abbe Laflamme's address to the Royal Society dealt almost entirely with the deaths of two prominent men; one of these was the Abbe Provencher, editor of the "*Naturaliste Canadien*"; the other, Dr. T. S. Huut, author of a work entitled "*Systematic Mineralogy*." Both were members of the Royal Society.

Rev. F. McArdle, O.M.I., Rev. M. Guertin, O.M.I., and Rev. F. Lamothe, O.M.I., have been lately raised to the priesthood. Rev. W. Smith, O.M.I., and Mr. D. R. Macdonald have been ordained deacons, and Rev. E. Groulx, sub-deacon.

The party of bishops and clergy who are making a trip across the continent, arrived at Winnipeg on May 19th. Among others, the party consists of the following from Ottawa and vicinity: His Grace Mgr. Duhamel, Archbishop of Ottawa; Mgr. Lorrain, Apostolic Vicar of Pembroke; Mgr. McDonald, Bishop of Alexandria; Rev. Dr. McGuckin, O.M.I., Rector of the University; Canon Bélanger, St. Andre-Avellin; Rev. Father Gendreau, O.M.I., formerly Bursar at the University; and Rev. Father Royer, O.M.I., at Winnipeg. The party was received with enthusiasm and an address was presented to which Archbishop Duhamel replied. On

the same occasion, in his capacity as chancellor of the university, the Archbishop conferred the degree of LL.D. on Mr. J. K. Barret, editor of the "*North-West Review*" as a reward for his able defence of the Catholic schools in the North-West. At the laying of the corner-stone of the new cathedral at Prince Albert, Rev. Father McGuckin, O.M.I., gave the sermon.

The ordinations in connection with Ottawa University Seminary will take place on Sunday, June 26th, and the seminary will close on the following day.

The Churches of St. Joseph, and the Sacred Heart, when finished, will be among the finest in the city. The corner-stone of St. Joseph's will be laid by Archbishop Duhamel on Sunday, July 3rd.

Since Mr. J. K. Foran has become editor of the *Montreal True Witness*, that paper has undergone a decided change especially in its editorial columns. Such editorials as that on "Charles Dickens" in a late number will well repay perusal. To say that Mr. Foran has succeeded in making a marked improvement in the *True Witness* is to say what everyone is saying.

The thanks of the students are due to the citizens of Ottawa for their more than usual liberality in contributing prizes for the gala day.

Rev. Father McGuckin, O.M.I., has given a one-year scholarship to be competed for by the pupils of St. Joseph's school. Already, through the kindness of Rev. Father Whelan, Hon. John Costigan and others, there exist in St. Patrick's school, six three-year scholarships for the collegiate department in connection with the University.

Wednesday, June 22nd, will be commencement day at the University. This year a departure has been made from the former custom in awarding prizes and medals. For the future, no prizes will be given in the University course, but instead