

The Holy Father has sent a congratulatory brief to the learned writer.

By the death of Marshal McMahon, France loses one of her greatest field generals and bravest soldiers. He entered the military school of St. Cyr, while very young and after graduating in 1830 entered active service in the Algerian wars. In 1855, he led the attack on the Malakoff, in the assault on Sebastopol. For his bravery in that charge he received the cross of the Legion of Honor. In 1859 he won the victory of Magenta, for which Emperor Louis Napoleon made him Field Marshal and Duke of Magenta. In his campaign against Germany, McMahon's plans were over-ruled by the feeble French Emperor, who, coerced by political warriors, insisted on holding nominal command of the army; thus the brave general suffered many reverses. The French people, however, appreciated his worth and in 1873, elected him President of the Republic, an office that he held for six years. McMahon was a soldier of the true Christian type, without fear or reproach. He died on the 17th of October at the age of 85 years.

With the news of the death of Marshal McMahon also comes that of the death of Charles Gounod, the celebrated French composer. "Among the worthiest and most beautiful of his unrivalled gems are masses and other religious compositions for the service of the Church. Gounod lived and died a fervent Catholic."—*S. H. Review*.

The members of the National Leprosy Fund of Great Britain, of which the Prince of Wales is the President, has sent to the leper settlement of Molokai, a large handsome stone cross which was erected at the settlement, Sept. 6th, in honor of Father Damien. The presentation was made by the under-secretary of the Foreign Office, and accepted by the Catholic Bishop of Honolulu.

UNIVERSITY BAND '93-'94.

Our Band for '93-'94, owing to several favorable circumstances starts out with exceptionally bright prospects. Rev.

Father Gervais, who in past years has won golden opinions both from the members of the Band and from the public, will continue as Director for the general practices and on public occasions. He will be assisted by Rev. O. Lambert, O.M.I., who will see that all members do what is expected of them. Under their joint leadership, and by good work on the part of the members, the Band will assuredly be the best that the University has seen for several years. The following is a list of its members:—

Clarinets—Messrs. Jos. Tassé, J. R. O'Brien, A. Keho, and F. Lappe.

Cornets—Messrs. W. Brophy, C. Keho, E. Mousseau, W. Trainor and Charlebois.

Altos—Messrs. E. Fleming, Qungley and G. Olivier.

Baritones—Rev. A. Lajeunesse, O.M.I., and Mr. A. Mackie.

Bases—Rev. O. Lambert, O.M.I., and Messrs. W. Herckenrath, M.A., Prenoveau and Proulx.

Drum—Mr. E. Tessier.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

SOUVENIR OF THE DEDICATION OF NEW ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH is the title of a handsome booklet prepared in the University. Among the excellent cuts which it contains are the portraits of the Archbishops of Ontario, Dr. Tabaret, Founder of the University, Dr. McGuckin, our Rector, and the venerable Pastor of St. Joseph's, Father Pallier. The *Souvenir's* literary work is, like its general appearance, tasty and elegant; a really beautiful feature is the happy grouping of appropriate illustrations around the touching verses entitled, "Twin Temples," reproduced from the last Christmas number of the OWL. The illustrations and historical sketches of Catholic institutions in Ottawa, which it contains, make the *Souvenir* worth having in every Catholic home in the Capital.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, OR HOW THE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED, by Francis J. Finn, S.J., Benziger Brothers, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago, publishers, 1893.

Father Finn's renown as a pleasing story-teller is so widespread that criticism