

## **Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, D.D.,**

### **Bishop of London, Ont.**

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The new Bishop was born in Kingston, Ont., May 17, 1867. His father, Dominick Fallon, was born in Leitrim, Ireland, and his mother, Bridget Egan, is a native of Limerick. Both came to Canada when very young, and have since resided in Kingston. Bishop Fallon received his early education from the Christian Brothers of his native city. He afterwards attended the Kingston Collegiate, from which he subsequently matriculated for Queen's University. After one year's attendance at Queen's he came to the Capital and became a student of Ottawa College. While a student in Ottawa, His Lordship showed himself to be abundantly supplied by nature with those characteristics, which mark out men to be the leaders of their fellows. He entered with zeal into all the activities of college life. He took a prominent part in the English Debating Society, and soon gave evidence of a natural gift for public-speaking. He was, likewise, one of the organizers of the first annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet, a function which is still continued by the students as one of their most hallowed traditions. It was while he was still a student at Ottawa that the Owl first made its appearance as a College journal. Bishop Fallon was on the first board of editors and had the honor of contributing an article to the first number.

Some years ago Bishop Fallon was renowned throughout Canada as a football coach.

After five years in Ottawa College he graduated with much distinction in 1889 along with Rev. Father Wade-Smith, his successor as Provincial of the Oblate Order in the United States, and the late Rev. D. V. Phalen, editor of the Antigonish Casket.

Having thus finished a very brilliant college career, he listened to his Master's call and entered upon a course of theological study in the Ottawan Diocesan Seminary, where he remained three years. He then decided to enter the religious life and joined the Oblate Order. He was sent by his superiors to make his novitiate in Holland. While there his health became so poor as to cause them serious apprehension and by a special dispensation he was permitted to finish his novitiate in Rome. His probation being over, he again took up his studies as a student of