

interfering with the work of the University, will give it a new impetus owing to the vigor and earnestness of this year's staff.

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### ALEXANDRIA'S FIRST BISHOP.

It has ever been the joy of Ottawa University to see her sons elevated to positions of honor and trust. She has been particularly fortunate in her old students, many of whom have been awarded high positions both in church and state. The University considers it of the highest importance to impart a thorough religious training, and, therefore, delights in the number of her students who have enrolled themselves under the banner of the church. Her joy has lately been renewed by the appointment of Very Rev. Father Macdonell to the new episcopate of Alexandria. This distinguished priest was in attendance at our University some thirty years ago. He pursued his theological course at Regiopolis, Kingston, where he was ordained by His Lordship, the late Bishop Horan, and shortly afterwards received charge of his native parish of Lochiel, Glengarry. Here he successfully continued for sixteen years, when he was transferred to the more important parish of St. Finnans, Alexandria, where he has continued until the present. The bishop-elect is a member of a family that has already given a bishop to the church, the Hon. and Right Rev. Alexander Macdonell, first bishop of Kingston. His appointment is particularly pleasing, as it gives satisfaction not only to his Scottish fellow countrymen, but also to all by whom he is known. He has labored long and zealously for the welfare of his fellow men and the glory of the church, and his work unostentatiously performed fully merits the high honor that is his. Of a reserved and retiring disposition, forgetful of self, and mindful only of duty, he did not put himself forward for such marked distinction, but his zeal and ability for God's holy work declared him a fitting successor of

the Apostles. The success that he has achieved in Alexandria points to still greater success as chief pastor in his enlarged sphere of action. THE OWL, on behalf of the University, congratulates the Rev. gentleman on his elevation to the episcopacy, and the diocese of Alexandria, in having as first bishop, a prelate of tried ability and merit. His consecration will take place the 28th of October.

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### FATHER STANTON'S JUBILEE.

The Rev. M. J. Stanton, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Smith's Falls, has reason to be proud of the demonstration with which the completion of his 25th year in the priesthood has been greeted. Not often, even in the case of the most widely-known priests, have "silver" jubilees been so signally honoured. On Thursday, 14th ult., there was a distinguished gathering at Smith's Falls. The illustrious Archbishop of Kingston, the Bishop-elect of the new See of Alexandria, a large number of Father Stanton's reverend *confrères*, and representatives from the neighbouring dioceses, met to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The proceedings opened by solemn Mass in the Parochial church, which was filled to overflowing, many of the prominent Protestants of the town attending to join their Catholic neighbours in a tribute of respect to a clergymen who had endeared himself to all classes and creeds. The reverend pastor was the celebrant of the Mass, immediately after which he was presented with gracefully-worded addresses accompanied by substantial tokens of good-will. These were presented on behalf of the congregation, generally; and by the local Branch of the C.M.B.A., the ladies and children of the mission, specially. Father Stanton made feeling and appropriate replies. In the Presbytery afterwards an address couched in terms of glowing eulogy and indicative of the friendship and esteem