

religious state, and erected for the Oblate scholastics a splendid home on the banks of the Rideau. The houses of the Oblates in Montreal, Quebec and Hull, and their residences at Maniwaki, Mattawa and Temiscaming have during the last quarter of a century wonderfully increased their sphere of parochial and missionary labor. Last year on the 8th of December the Oblates celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their arrival in Canada and well indeed was the beautiful parable of the mustard-seed applied to their progress. True it is that the seed was planted by Mgr. de Mazenod, true the Almighty Himself gave it its present vitality, but to Father Fabre too, for the wise direction he gave to the work of his brothers in America, is due the gratitude of all who have been benefitted through the unselfish efforts of the Oblates.

In the year 1883, the number of Oblate Fathers in the United States, and the importance of their works, warranted the detachment of the American houses from the province of Canada, and the formation of a new province whose members enjoy, according to the constitutions of the Order an autonomy of their own. The labors of the Oblates in their parishes in Lowell, the missions and retreats preached by them throughout the Northern States, and their arduous work in Texas have continued to be crowned with greater and greater success. This happy state of affairs is due, in no small degree, to Father Fabre who knew how to encourage and appreciate the worth of each and every one who labored under him.

While thus directing the various works of his religious family in different parts of the world, Father Fabre ever remained the pious unassuming religious he was, when, at the early age of thirty-eight, he was called by the unanimous vote of his brothers in religion to the first place in the Order. His intellectual qualities were far above the average. Those who had him, in his younger days, as professor of philosophy remember with what ease he could soar over the clouds of false systems and bring his students to gaze steadily at the bright sun of truth. His numerous letters both public and private attest a penetrating mind and great prudence in counsels. In company he was most agreeable and even witty; he ever showed him-

self a highly educated gentleman and above all, a faithful disciple of Christ.

All who ever had occasion to meet him know with what charity and earnestness he interested himself in the welfare and success of the humblest member of his large congregation. His love for his religious family was surpassed only by his devotedness to the interests of the Catholic world, and his letters attest the deep affliction caused him by the trials and persecutions which the Church has had to suffer in our days.

It was hoped that he would continue for many years his useful and generous career. Such, however, was not the will of God. A few months ago, his naturally delicate health completely broke down under his long continued labors and anxieties. The venerable Father was obliged to leave the Mother-House, in Paris, and seek near the monumental and historic monastery of Royaumont a repose declared absolutely necessary. Neither the skill of the most celebrated Parisian doctors nor the devoted cares of the sisters of the Holy Family could stop the progress of his illness. Fervent prayers were offered up for him by his brothers in religion throughout the world, but God was not pleased to work the miracle which alone could have saved him.

When made aware that his end was near, he asked to receive the last sacraments and the Apostolic benediction. He lingered a few days longer, edifying all near him by his acts of tender piety and his sentiments of submission to the holy will of God. At last on Wednesday, the 26th of October, he passed away, holding in his hands the cross he had received on becoming a Missionary-Oblate and the book of rules he had faithfully observed during life. We may well hope that he enjoys the reward prepared by the Almighty for his good and faithful servants, and that in heaven he continues to pray for those whom he has left behind. *Pretiosa in conspectu Domini mors sanctorum eius.*

A solemn Mass of Requiem was sung in the University Chapel on the 3rd inst. by His Grace Archbishop Duhamel for the repose of the soul of the late Superior General. A number of the city clergy and all the students were present. *Requiescat in pace.*