

read column after column of such columnies and some of them indeed emanating from reverend divines of their own province. Ingratitude and injustice are the jewels that for some years past have been ornamenting many Ontario pulpit orations. Is it then at all to be wondered at that from Quebec constantly comes the cry: "treat our fellow-countrymen and co-religionists in Manitoba as we treat you in Quebec. We ask no more and will be satisfied with no less."

OBITUARY.

REV. Z. VAILLANCOURT, O.M.I.

"Thou shalt rest, and thy sleep shall be sweet."

Forty years of a saintly life, twenty-one as a faithful religious and sixteen as a model priest—such is the record that Rev. Zotique Vaillancourt, O.M.I., brought with him to the judgment seat of the Creator when on Saturday morning, Jan. 18th, at half past 8 o'clock, in the Water Street Hospital, he peacefully passed from earth.

Rev. Father Vaillancourt, O.M.I., was born at St. Rose, Quebec, in 1855. After finishing his collegiate course at the College of Ste. Therese, in that Province, he entered the Novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1874. Making his oblation in 1876, he was soon afterwards sent here to the University, where he pursued his theological studies until 1879, when he was called to the priesthood. Appointed then as permanent professor, he devoted himself chiefly to Latin, Greek and French. Three years ago he removed to the Juniorate of the Sacred Heart, then on Wilbrod Street, but continued to teach his classes at the University until last February, when ill-health obliged him to seek rest. He went to the Novitiate at Lachine, but returned to Ottawa last September much broken down in health, so much so that he immediately took a room in the General Hospital, which he was destined never to leave until that Saturday morning when his soul gladly obeyed the eternal summons of God. A holy life was crowned by a holy death. Rev. Father Vaillancourt died a martyr to duty nobly fulfilled.

In that sacred cause he had overtaxed his energies, and consumption laying its deadly grasp on him, brought the man of God to an early grave.

On Saturday afternoon the body was borne in procession from the hospital to the University and placed in the inner parlor, where, clad in the priestly robes it was exposed to view, and on Sunday was visited by large numbers of people. At the High Mass for the students in the University chapel on Sunday morning, the Superior, Rev. Father McGuckin, taking for his text the words, "Thou shalt die," in the course of an eloquent sermon feelingly referred to the deceased, and paid a high tribute to him as a priest and an Oblate. On Monday morning at nine o'clock the funeral procession started from the University for St. Joseph's Church. First came the students, followed by the Scholastic brothers, with the Seminarians wearing surplice and cassock; then came the fathers of the Scholasticate, Dominicans, members of other religious bodies in their respective habits, the professors and Faculty of the University, and lastly the body of the dead priest, in an open coffin borne by six fathers of the University. As that solemn array slowly moved forward, the University band, under the direction of Rev. Father Lajaunesse, O.M.I., rendered the Dead March in Saul, and the plaintive notes vibrating on the crisp morning air added to the sorrow that filled the hearts of old and young. Entering the Church, where a large number of the faithful had gathered to take part in the sacred ceremonies, the priests and brothers took seats in the Sanctuary, while the body was placed in front of the High Altar. The Sanctuary and the pulpit were tastefully draped in black for the occasion. A solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. A. Vaillancourt, parish priest of Ste. Therese and brother of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Father Coûsineau Superior of St. Therese College as deacon, while Rev. Father Duhaut, O.M.I., of the University, and a life-long friend of the deceased, acted as sub-deacon. Five brothers of the dead priest, besides other relatives, occupied seats before the main altar. The choir of the University, under the able leadership of Rev. Father Lam-