

efforts to further its progress, that we naturally expected to see him here till he should be called to his eternal reward. But the life of a religious is not guided by his inclination. At the altar long ago, when he enlisted in the army which fights the good fight under the banner of Mary Immaculate, Father Balland vowed obedience to his superiors. Now, at their request, with feelings no doubt akin to those of a brave soldier who is ordered to retire from the thick of the fight, he leaves the institution which he loved, whose success his tireless energy and great abilities helped in no small manner to ensure, to go whithersoever duty calls. It is not given to the onlooker, however interested, to know all the considerations which weigh with those who have charge of a large congregation such as the Oblates, but we have the fullest confidence that these have acted wisely, prudently, and in the best interests of all concerned. This is not the place to attempt to give an extended notice of our late Prefect's work amongst us, but, as has been truly said elsewhere, "when the history of education in Canada comes to be written Father Balland's work will claim many a page." His scholarly attainments and indomitable energy will find ample scope elsewhere in the world-wide field of labor which his brother Oblates are working. That he will leave the impress of his genius on his new work we feel certain; that he will find as true and warm friends in his new home as he made during his stay at Ottawa University is our sincere and earnest wish.

The present Prefect of Studies, Rev. Dr. Antoine, distinguished himself at the Gregorian University in Rome, taking the prize in mathematics from numerous competitors. During the past two years which he has spent at Ottawa he has entered into the spirit of the University, and, by his patient and sympathetic study of its workings, has thoroughly qualified

himself to discharge the duties of his new position.

Rev. Father Griffin, who for the past three years filled the Chair of Physics, has gone to Johns' Hopkins. His great natural ability and his facility for prosecuting his chosen studies ensure for him a place among the foremost scientists of the country. His place will be filled by Rev. Father Gauvreau, late Professor of Geology and Mineralogy. Father Gauvreau has long been an earnest student of the natural sciences, and has just completed a summer course in physics at Harvard.

Father Balland, as Professor of Mathematics, has a worthy successor in Rev. W. Murphy, O.M.I., an enthusiastic student of mathematics, and a devoted, painstaking teacher. He who, like Father Gauvreau, is happiest when engaged in his favorite studies, spent the vacation at Harvard, where he followed the course of civil engineering for teachers.

Rev. Father Duhaut, for many years Professor of Latin and Greek, has severed his connection with the College, and is at present engaged in parochial work at Hull. Father Duhaut was a faithful and conscientious teacher, and his absence will be keenly felt by the important classes which he had in charge.

Rev. Dr. Nilles, who last year proved that he was not less a theologian than a philosopher, will henceforth devote his whole time to Mental Philosophy, in which department he has established an enviable reputation. His successor in the chair of Dogmatic Theology, Dr. Lacoste, though a young man, has the distinction of having graduated first in the Roman University in 1889. When we consider that some of the brightest students in the Catholic world were his competitors we can appreciate the honor won by the learned young Professor.

On the whole we have every reason to believe that the recent changes, far from