

The English Jesuits are preparing a complete commentary of Holy Scripture, which will be based on the most modern scientific discoveries which throw considerable light on it. This great work, it is expected, will be published in 1893.

The number of Christian Brothers in the world engaged in the work of education is 15,000. The mother-house of the Order is at Paris.

The Right Rev. Dr. Paul Durieu, O.M.I., in his first pastoral as Bishop of the newly made See of New Westminster, says: "Looking back to 1863, when Pius IX sent our illustrious predecessor (Bishop D'Herbomez, O. M. I.) to British Columbia, to sow the seed of the Divine Word, what do we see? This Province was then almost exclusively peopled by Indians, plunged in the darkness of paganism. But the mustard-seed has now grown into a magnificent tree, under which have found shelter more than 15,000 Indians, who astonish the world by their progress in civilization, their excellent morals, and their Christian spirit."

A plan is on foot to establish in New York city a National University on the European plan, with an endowment of \$20,000,000.

GENERAL NEWS.

Rev. Father McGuckin, O.M.I., Rector of the University, preached a very eloquent sermon on the occasion of the blessing of the new Irish Church at Bay's Water, Ottawa. The church will be known as St. Mary's, and is the fourth Irish Church within the limits of this city.

The Triduum prayers at the several convents of the Grey Nuns of Ottawa was carried on with especial solemnity. The students of the University sang a select Mass at the Mother House, on Water street. Among the celebrants on these three days were His Grace Most Rev. Archbishop Duhamel, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Lorrain, the Very Rev. Mgr. Routhier, Rev. Fr. Gaudet, O.M.I., Rev. Dr. Fillatre, O.M.I., and Rev. Fr. Langevin, O.M.I., were among the preachers who delivered sermons on this occasion.

Very Rev. Fr. Martinet, O.M.I., the Superior General's legate to the Oblate

Provinces of America, paid a short visit to the University last month. After visiting the various houses in Canada he intends returning to the University, where he will remain for some time. His return is expected towards the end of the present month.

His Grace, the Most Rev. William Smith, D.D., Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, in a letter to his venerable old friend, the Rev. Dr. Dawson, makes mention of THE OWL, saying that he has read it with much pleasure.

The same kind reference is made by Mr. McDondell, of Morar, member of the County Council of Inverness, Scotland.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Lorrain, while on business at the capital, made a short stay at the University.

The closing exercises for the University of Ottawa take place on the evenings of the 16th and 17th June. As usual, the first evening will be devoted to the awarding of degrees, reading essays, valedictory, etc., and the second to the distribution of premiums to deserving students.

The Honors Exams. took place on the last three days of April. The Seniors many now breathe until June.

The base ball game between the Seniors and Juniors created no little excitement and interest among the spectators, and no less anxiety on the part of the beardless philosophers, until the fifth inning, when the score, owing to an unavoidable error, ran up in favor of the latters' nine. The class of '91, however, were just upon the point of retrieving their loss when time was called. The Seniors, nevertheless, feel confident of being able, with a little practice and a few alterations in the arrangement of their nine, to give their opponents, before the close of the year, an overwhelming defeat.

We notice, with pleasure, in the *Daily Express*, of San Antonio, Texas, that Rev. Father Smith, O.M.I., a former professor at Ottawa University, is steadily engaged in improving St. Mary's Church, of which he is at present the rector.

Last month, the solemn ceremony of blessing a new organ was performed by