

Pope Leo XIII, in 1893, ordained that wherever it is possible, a public novena should be made in preparation for Pentecost Sunday. Devotion to the Third Person in the Triune Godhead is by no means a novelty to students. From time immemorial has it been customary in bodies academic to begin study and lecture by recital of the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*.

#### VARIOUS.

The Canadian Dominion is forging ahead. During the past fiscal year, the budget shows a surplus and an increase of debt of \$6,000,000.

The Federal Government yearly grants \$60,000 for the beautification of the national Capital. By a bill just passed, the Ottawa Improvement Commission will be a body of nine commissioners whose "compensation is entirely honorary."

While Pope Leo XIII. in his latest encyclical traces the present troubles in society to modern systems of philosophy, he repudiates the charges that the Church is the enemy of science, progress, liberty and civilization.

The Hague Treaty has been ratified in the United States Senate. Oscar S. Straus, formerly United States Minister to Turkey, has been appointed a permanent member of the Committee of Arbitration at The Hague, in place of the late ex-President Harrison.

May 15 Parliament was prorogued after an uneventful though profitable session. The domestic affairs and the material progress, especially of the Dominion, were given full deliberation.

The expenditures made in Columbia University last year are estimated to have been over \$1,000,000. It costs to keep the lamp of learning trimmed and burning.

Archbishop Corrigan of New York, Admiral Sampson of the United States Navy, and Dr. Grant, President of Queen's Uni-