

Ledochowski thought it was not prudent to attach the Chaldeans of Hindoostan to the patriarchate of the same rite which is in Turkey and governs at present only 50,000 of the faithful.

"Leo XIII, anxious as he is to augment as much as possible the autonomy of the oriental Catholic community respecting their usages and rites, intervened in the matter and finding the petition of the Malabar Catholics in perfect concord with the movement he has inaugurated, seems to have decided to constitute the Hindoostan Catholics in a new community, having a special patriarch of their own and their own bishops.

The Owl offers its most sincere congratulations to Mr. W. L. Scott, B.A., '84, on his recent appointment by the Ontario Government to the Master-in-Chancery in Ottawa. Mr. Scott made a complete and brilliant course of studies in Ottawa University. He then studied law at Osgoode Hall, and later on took the degrees of LL.B. in Toronto University. He has since been a member of the law firm of Scott and Scott, of which his father, the Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, is the senior member. Mr. Scott's appointment has met with the most cordial approval on all sides and has certainly added to the popularity of the Hardy administration in this district.

The City of Lowell, Mass., did a graceful and fitting thing in raising a statute to the memory of Rev. A. Garin, O.M.I., one of the most marked benefactors of that section of Massachusetts. The unveiling the statute took place with imposing ceremony on 21st October. Amongst those who attended from this district were His Grace, Archbishop Duhamel, Very Rev. J. M. McGuckin, O.M.I., Rector of Ottawa University, and Rev. fathers Duvic, Lecompte and Harnois, superiors respectively of the Oblate Scholasticate, the Oblate Mission College and the Oblate house in Hull.

OF LOCAL INTEREST.

It is customary at the beginning of every scholastic year to spend a few days in spiritual retreat. All studies and amusements are laid aside in order that we may enter seriously into ourselves and give our thoughts and hearts to God.

This year the opening exercises took place on Sunday the 11th inst., and were attended by mostly all the students. Rev. Father Pallier, O. M. I., who for many years was pastor of St. Joseph's parish, gave the daily conferences and preached to the English students. Rev. Father Lacoste O. M. I., discharged a similar office for the French students. Both these reverend gentlemen from their long residence in our midst were especially well qualified for this difficult task, and if we are to judge from the conduct of the students since the retreat it would be but faint praise indeed to say that the efforts of the preachers were productive of very satisfactory results. On Thursday morning the 15th inst. over three hundred of the students approached the altar rail to receive Holy Communion. In the evening the exercises were brought to a close by a short instruction and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Altar Society, which attained such a signal success, under the able direction of Rev. Father Coutlée has been entrusted to the guidance of Rev. Bro. Stüwe, an enthusiastic and painstaking director who will sustain the high standard of efficiency reached by the society in former years. Its object is to train the students to perform in a becoming manner the ceremonies in the chapel. The accuracy in ceremonies consequent upon the society's establishment is the only justification necessary to perpetuate its existence.

At a recent meeting the following officers were elected :

President, G. Prudhomme.

First Vice-President, A. Tobin.

Second Vice-President, C. Bouchard.

Sacristan, Jno. Hanley.