

NEW PRIESTS HONORED.



DESIRING to present some little token of their esteem to the Reverend Fathers Fitzgerald, Prud'homme, Kirwin and Legault, on the occasion of their elevation to the holy priesthood, the student body repaired to the Senior Study Hall on Saturday afternoon, June 1st, and after a ringing 'Varsity Mr. J. E. McGlade, '01, read as follows :

Reverend and Dear Fathers,—On this the day of your elevation to the ranks of God's sacred priesthood, the students of the University desire to express, though it be in a feeble manner, their sentiments of joy and gratification in being able to greet you as God's holy anointed. Realizing the sublime dignity of the sacerdotal character, we honor and venerate him on whom it is conferred ; but when it is borne by one who has been a student, professor or disciplinarian of this University, our veneration and respect is increased a thousand-fold. Hence, Rev. Fathers, the present students, some of whom know you as fellow-students, others as professors or disciplinarians and all as friends, offer you their most heartfelt congratulations on your admission to the divine army of the Catholic priesthood. In these moments of our happiness, however, we are not unmindful that the life to which you have been called, though a glorious one, is beset with the greatest difficulties. Therefore shall we pray the Almighty that you may faithfully discharge the duties of your sacred office as the ordained representatives of Christ, and that fitly representing by word and example the rights of God to men, you may be a glory to the priesthood, a source of strength to the Church and an honor to your Alma Mater.

Wishing from the depths of our hearts that God may grant you many years of fruitful service in the sacred ministry, we ask, in conclusion, that to-morrow, when for the first time you ascend the holy altar of sacrifice, you do not forget in your all-powerful requests to the Divine Victim, the student body of the University.

We are also pleased to see about you to-day those who were associated with you in the earlier years of your course, and to them also we desire to extend our greeting, not only as alumni but as those whom God has recently stamped with the divine