DOUGLAS Edward

Was born in Edinburgh on 1st December 1819, the son of devout Anglican parents. He was received into the Catholic Church in February of 1842 and was ordained priest in Forli, Italy, on 25th June 1848. Shortly afterwards he joined the Redemptorists. He took his vows in St. Trond, Belgium, on 8th December 1849. Having offered to put at the disposal of his superiors the considerable inheritance he had received from his father for the purchase of a residence in Rome, he was summoned by Father Rudolf von Smetana to assist in the search. Coming to Rome in 1853, he was successful in purchasing the Villa Caserta on the Esquiline. In 1854 he was appointed superior of the Roman province, in which capacity he attended the general chapter held in the newly acquired Villa Caserta in 1855. Elected consultor general, after completing his third term as Roman provincial, in 1862 he was appointed rector of the house of Sant'Alfonso, once the Villa Caserta, retaining that office until his death on 23rd March 1898.

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