

## Of Local Interest

Mid the hustle and bustle of student preparations, the fall term at Ottawa University was ushered in on September 4th. A largely increased attendance, which has been considerably augmented by the number of more recent arrivals, marks the opening of the new term. The number of registrations for every class exceeds those of last year, and the 1912-13 session bids fair to be one of the most successful in the history of Alma Mater.

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A significant quietness pervaded the atmosphere around the college campus during part of the week commencing on September 15th, rendered so by the fact that the university students were engaged in the performances of the exercises of their annual retreat. The English scholars, both resident and non-resident, received their spiritual instructions in St. Joseph's church, being advised by Rev. Fr. Duncan Campbell, of St. Raphael's. The French speaking students were instructed by Rev. Father Poulin, of Clarence Creek. Their exercises took place in the Sacred Heart church.

The retreat was brought to a close on the morning of the nineteenth, when the students received Holy Communion in a body at early mass. At the conclusion of the services, Rev. Fathers Campbell and Poulin addressed a few parting words to their respective charges. In giving his final words of advice, Rev. Father Campbell exhorted the boys to seek, in all their college activities, a lofty student honor, the acquirement of which would mean much in the development of a character, and spell success in later years. The Reverend Father also commended the students for faithful attendance at all the exercises. Rev. Father Poulin spoke to the French boys in a similar tone.

A most impressive ceremony took place at a later hour on the morning of the 19th, the occasion being the chanting of the mass of the Holy Ghost, at which service His Grace, Archbishop Gauthier, occupied the throne. The whole student and professorial body attended the ceremony, and the seminarians were also present. Rev. Father A. B. Roy, O.M.I., rector of Ottawa University, was the celebrant at mass, being assisted by Rev. Father A. Jasmin