

erection act must have produced a favorable impression in the minds of the bitterest opponents of Home Rule. His visit will certainly be productive of good results among those who heretofore have looked with contempt, or at least with coldness, on every Irish movement.

We feel convinced that Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde carries away with him pleasant memories of his visit to Ottawa College, and his speech to the students would certainly seem to indicate that he was deeply touched by their manifestations of patriotic sentiments. He characterized their reception as not being second in enthusiasm and evident sincerity to any that had been accorded him since he set foot upon American soil. God speed him and his cause.

Look here upon this picture and on this. — During the late Intercollegiate Foot-ball series a 'Varsity club was laying the flattering unction to its soul that its defeat was due to the roughness of its opponents. At the same time the papers were filled with letters accusing the students of this same university, not of roughness on a foot-ball field, but of rowdyism in their own convocation hall!

The faultfinders were not equally disinterested either, were they, 'Varsity?

It affords us the sincerest pleasure for more than one reason, to notice the election of our former fellow-student, Mr. Gerald A. Griffin, of Toronto, as president of the Ontario Rugby Football Union. He always manifested a lively interest in all manly sports and is an enthusiastic admirer of the favorite college game of foot-ball.

What is especially gratifying is that the Toronto University delegate nomin-

ated him. We take this as indicative of the good will of the 'Varsity club, and we are glad to believe that a very few of that club made a great deal of noise,

Congratulations, Gerald!

Fanatics who see in anything connected with the Papacy nothing but the beast and scarlet woman of the Apocalypse must have thought that the world, for the past few weeks, was going mad.

Protestant sovereigns and statesmen vied with the rulers of the faithful in honoring Leo XIII on the occasion of his golden jubilee. Clear sighted statesmen recognize that the Catholic Church is, at least, a valuable aid in eradicating the evils of modern society, though they may not acknowledge that she alone can revivify the civilisation which she formed out of barbarism. Indications are that in the not distant future the Eternal City will be restored to the "Prisoner of the Vatican" who will then be untrammelled by any earthly laws in the fulfilment of his sublime mission.

We would remind any of our friends who might be disposed to be hypercritical, that all the typos of THE OWL are students, and of course amateurs.

One of the primary objects in establishing THE OWL, is as stated in the Salutatory, to unite more closely the Students of the past with those of the present, and with their Alma Mater.

We are desirous therefore that former students should manifest their interest in our work, in a practical way, that they should feel themselves free to make suggestions, and from time to time contribute articles, which we shall have great pleasure in publishing.