

Galveston. Father Verdet, the Superior at Brownsville, having lost his life in a shipwreck on the Gulf of Mexico, his place was immediately taken by the subject of our sketch, which position he filled for 18 years. While here Father Gaudet completed a cathedral, much desired by his predecessor and his parishioners. He also built a dwelling house for the Brothers, and St. Joseph's College, an institution for boys. After all this labor he was called north and stationed respectively at Lowell, Buffalo, Plattsburg, and lastly at Ottawa University, where for ten years he acted as Chaplain to the Grey Nuns and the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. Father Gaudet was heartily welcomed by his old parishioners, and the Brownsville *Herald* hopes he will make another long stay amongst them, adding the hope that all may be spared to see the Rev. Father a centenarian.

The Manchester *Guardian* says: Laval University appears to be the only one in the British Empire which has solved the problem that is perplexing collegiate bodies nearer home, to combine poverty with efficiency. The article then gives a detail of the small endowment, large debt and low fees of the university, and credits it, notwithstanding these drawbacks, with being a flourishing institution, but claims this to be due to the fact that ecclesiastical influence is strongly exerted on behalf of the *only* Roman Catholic university in Canada. The institution, with its four faculties of arts, law, medicine and theology, reminds one of the ancient University of Paris, and has sprung directly out of the seminary opened in 1688 by Bishop Laval, an institution intended for the training of missionaries. Afterwards lay students were admitted and a royal charter applied for in 1852. In the matter of lectures professional men of Quebec show a very high sense of duty in devoting time

and labor almost gratuitously in the cause of education. Prominent among these latter we find the name of Lieutenant Governor Chapleau in connection with the law faculty. And in this we see a good lesson set for some of our Catholic friends. We have no fault to find with the article in question except in the statement that Laval is "the *only* Roman Catholic University in Canada." We cannot much blame the *Guardian* for its ignorance of Canadian institutions; Englishmen are so insular; but we were extremely surprised to find the same words printed without comment in the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the *Catholic Register*. The OWL wishes to inform those who are ignorant of the fact that its protecting wings are spread over another flourishing Roman Catholic university, situated in Ottawa City, the capital of Canada.

OBITUARY.

Man's uncertain life
Is like the rain-drop, hanging on the bough
Amongst ten thousand of its sparkling kindred,
The remnants of some passing thunder-storm,
Which have their moments, dropping one by one;
And which shall soonest lose its perilous hold
We cannot guess.

The certainty of death, and its uncertainty. These are two themes with which everyone is familiar, and yet upon which few reflect until some sad occurrence come to make them feel that indeed

"Our lives are like the summer:
Ere we know that yet we live,
Our souls to God we owe,
To God we give."

Scarce a vacation passes without its chapter of fatalities; scarce an opening of a new scholastic year arrives that brings not with it the sad duty of noting one or more places left forever vacant by the ravages of death. The year just beginning offers unfortunately no exception to the rule. Eugene St. Julien was a mem-