

Confederation" is among the milder terms, applied to them. Now we have here in Ottawa College on a small scale this same problem. But here the problem is solved. In all the societies of the house, and they are many, in all the games, and they are not a few either, all meet on equal footing and each, on knowing more of the other, learns to appreciate the good qualities characteristic of the various nationalities. This intercourse has a liberalizing effect on all. He would be very enthusiastic or very stupid who would think any college in the Dominion perfect. Perfection we do not claim for our Alma Mater; but we know that she has retained much that is good in the systems both of Ontario and Quebec, while she has discarded some of the cherished evils of both. It is not surprising then that fault is found with her by critics on both sides of the Ottawa River. Ontario men, otherwise intelligent, condemn Ottawa College in such unanswerable terms as these "It is managed by priests!" and the not less bigoted cry is heard from some Lower Canadians "C'est Anglais." So on the appearance of THE OWL we were not surprised to see in a journal representing the latter class, the laconic but significant comment "C'est Anglais."

It is gratifying to us, and must be suggestive to others, that our French-Canadian fellow students generally are not imbued with the same spirit. Instead of condemning THE OWL because it is English, they take the broader view that since English is our official language it is conducive to the best interests of the College that it should be so. Our experience warrants us in saying, that were bigotry removed, and some steps taken to let French speaking and English speaking Canadians know more of each

other, the French-Canadian question would soon cease to trouble any but pessimists.

THE WATER ANALYSIS.

THE good people of Ottawa have been naturally very much interested in discovering the cause of the fever epidemic. Hence the action of the City Council in having the water analysed, was generally commended. Rev. Prof. Marsan, O. M. I., furnished them with a complete and accurate analysis which showed that there was no reason for apprehension from our water supply. Still, many argued that the fever germs "must be in the water." "Besides, Father Marsan is a Catholic priest, who, doubtless, is engaged half the time in trying to realize the dreams of the alchemists of the dark ages, and would find the analysis of water a dry subject. Let us have some enlightened Protestant perform the analysis and you'll find that the water is impure."

So another analysis was made, and appended to the report was the conclusion (?) that the water is unfit for drinking. "Good," triumphantly exclaimed the told-you-so sages, "now we have the worth of our money. Let us buy 5,000 filters." Anyone endowed with the faintest trace of natural logic, however, would have seen that the "conclusion" was arrived at in a very remarkable way. The figures for each substance tested for, and the particular conclusions drawn therefrom, were almost identical with those of Father Marsan, as he himself pointed out in his letter to the *Citizen*. To justify his sweeping condemnation of the water then Mr. Shutt had to rely on the results of his tests for bacteria, which showed from 96 to 145