

remind you that this meeting is not of our making. We had passed you by in silence, casting an eye of pity upon your weakness, and would have left you undisturbed had not your own temerity forced you upon our notice. You thought to offend by printing "Owl" without a capital, whereas you merely displayed a spirit which would be pitiable were it not so contemptible. Such tactics may befit the third-rate ward politician, but students, who should be nothing, if not gentlemen, should blush to employ them. And let us whisper into your ear a bit of friendly advice. Until you are sufficiently well versed in French not to make such gross errors as to write *L'Hibou* for *Le Hibou* you would do well to confine yourself to plain every day English. We would thank you, moreover, to forward a key with your next criticism as, although we are moderately successful in digging out the meaning of Sophocle's choruses, we must admit that such a *mélange* of bad English and worse French as that with which you lately favored us, is beyond the scope of our poor intelligence. The editorial department of the *Monthly* is about as unique as the exchange. Let any one who desires to acquire the latest slang phrases turn to its editorial page. He will find them there in full, and but little else. A paper which is obliged to devote the chief portion of its editorial space to reviling the students of the institution from which it emanates for finding fault, (and with good reason), with the manner in which it is conducted, should, ere it criticizes others, bethink itself of the scriptural injunction, "Cast first the beam out of thine own eye and then thou shalt see clearly to take out the mote from thy brother's eye." In conclusion, friend *Monthly*, "You shall digest the venom of your spleen e'en if it do split up," for to the OWL deprecation from you is of as little consequence as would be approbation.

We clip the following from St. John's University Record:

"What was the matter with the Ex-man of the *Forham Monthly* when he edited his columns for the November issue? Apparently he had just finished enriching his vocabulary with an annex of graceful (?) French phrases, for he sprinkles them around with painful liberality and gets the names of the exchanges inextricably mixed up with French. Halifax is a most pains-

taking gentleman in his line, but he might as well serve his say in "United States without trimmings. Sure, the ways of the exchange editor are admirable."

### PERSONAL.

We are pleased to learn that the Very Rev. O. Routhier, V.G., of Ottawa, has during his recent stay in Rome received from His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., the title of Apostolic Protonotary. To Monsignor Routhier, THE OWL extends its hearty congratulations.

Rev. Father Dacey, O.M.I., who was so highly esteemed by the students while a professor of this institution, is still proving his devotedness as a good religious priest, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Lowell, Mass., where he is now stationed. The extraordinary efforts he is making to render the Young Men's Catholic Institute, of which he has been lately appointed a director, a society such as will attain the end for which it was organized, are, indeed, commendable, and we heartily extend him our sincere congratulations upon the success which his society has already reached.

Rev. Father Desmarais, who belonged to the class of '85, and who, owing to ill-health was not ordained until Christmas last, paid a short visit to his Alma Mater on the 8th inst. He is on his journey to Oregon, where he will be stationed in the diocese of Portland.

Owing to the wonderful increase in religious labor throughout the diocese of New Westminster, B.C., the Superior-General of the Oblates found it necessary to call upon the University for assistance. Rev. Father Jacob, O.M.I., who had held the position of Prefect of Discipline in the senior department, since Christmas of '88 till almost the present time, and who, during his period of office, made himself esteemed and loved by all those entrusted to his care, responded cheerfully to the call of his superiors. He will be employed in British Columbia. Before his departure, the students obtained permission to tender their worthy Disciplinarian a token of the high regard in which he was held, and, accordingly, read to the Reverend Father suitable addresses, ac-