

tending to duty in Ottawa College and Scholasticate denote everywhere the zealous priest, the most humble and most pious religious. May his future career be blessed with success wherever he goeth!"

The *College Whim* contains an excellent synopsis of the orations delivered on Commencement Day. It was with a slight feeling of surprise and also of pleasure that we read the appreciations given of the characters of Cardinal Richelieu and Napoleon Bonaparte. The fact that both of these statesmen accomplished great things for civilization in France is too frequently overlooked, while on the other the injurious effects of their ambition are viewed through a microscope. It would seem that the students of Baldwin University are taught broader principles of history.

The *Critic* presents a very pleasing appearance, the engraved headings for the different departments being an excellent feature. Several brief editorials, prize lists, and the prize essay on "Tennyson's Quest of the Holy Grail" constitute the principal portion of the contents of the June number.

It must be an exceedingly prosperous school that is able to publish such a creditable monthly as the *High School World* of St. Paul, Minn. The issue of July contains a lengthy history of the proceedings of Class Day. The authoress of the prize essay on "The American Girl" bravely upholds her sex's rights to college education and a profession. Though not agreeing with all the sentiments expressed in the essay, we must admit that it is written in a charming style.

The students of "Old Niagara" deserve credit for the enterprise which has published two numbers of the *Index* before most college editors have settled down to work. The exchange editor of the *Index* seems to be the terror of the evil-doers in the college press. His method of dispensing justice even if possessing some of the rude elements which in civil society go to constitute lynch law, yet results invariably in an even distribution of rewards and punishments. The castigations which he administers, if given with a heavy hand, are always well deserved.

The Owl, as representative of the Ottawa University of the East sends greeting to the *Campus* which is the organ of the Ottawa University of the West. The

September number of the *Campus* contains a paper on "Morality of Politics" full of suggestions which are very apt at the present moment when the exigencies of two great parties are leading them to borrow the aid of a violent demagogism.

THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

A long felt want has undoubtedly been satisfied by the recent organization of the Scientific Society. Against the method at present in use for the studying of the sciences—that of the ordinary class recitation—we have nothing to say, but we contend there is no better way to become conversant with scientific questions than by submitting them to public discussion and investigation.

It seldom occurs that the exposition of any subject, through the medium of a carefully prepared essay, fails to convey fresh knowledge, even to the most instructed and when an opportunity for mutual advancement is afforded, it is to the best interests of all who can, to take advantage of it.

Of course the Society will deal only with those sciences which are studied in the university course. This however is by no means a little. The mineralogist and geologist will have an opportunity of making known the result of their researches, the astronomer also will be enabled to ventilate his ideas upon the phenomena of the heavens, finally physics and physical geography will, we are sure, prove an ample ground work for many an interesting and instructive paper.

The society has been reorganized this year, with unusually fair prospects. Rev. Father Dontenville has been chosen as its Director, and the following gentlemen have been elected to fill the various offices.

President, - Mr. David V. Phalen.
Vice-President, - " A. J. E. Leonard.
Secretary, - " Felix M. Devine.
Treasurer, - " J. P. Donovan.

Moreover any work presented to the society upon any subject of a scientific nature, will be previously revised by a committee composed of the president, one of the students and the professor of that science to which the work may appertain. Mr. M. F. Fallon has been elected to the committee upon papers re-