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CARPE DIEM.

If the end of education be complete living, and few will deny that it is, then there is a vast deal of wisdom in seizing every opportunity that tends to further educational development. THE OWL wishes to draw attention to a few of the many advantages that lie within reach of every student of Ottawa University, and that go to make Ottawa one of the most highly-favored educational centres in America. It is to advantages altogether external to this institution that reference is made, but which, nevertheless, are in fullest harmony with a University training, in fact require it for their thorough appreciation.

The library of Parliament is sufficiently complete in every department to satisfy the wants of the most exacting student in any branch of the ordinary range of studies. Its importance for purposes of reference and research can scarcely be over estimated. The best means of proving that we realize this, is to make use of the books of the Parliament Library for the increase of our knowledge and the solution of our difficulties.

Another aid to our education is the House of Commons' debates. No man is thoroughly educated who has not an intelligent grasp of the great political and economic questions that make the history of his country. Students of Ottawa University hear those questions discussed in the most thorough manner and by the most competent statesmen in the land. The privilege of assisting at these debates bears with it another not inconsiderable merit. It is the attendance at a series of lectures in practical oratory of the highest type. No deliberative assembly in the world contains six men superior in bril-

liancy of talents or solidity of character to Hon. E. Blake, Hon. W. Laurier, Sir John Thompson, Sir R. Cartwright, Hon. D. Mills and Hon. J. A. Chapleau, each an exponent of a different style of oratory and each a master in his line.

Nor have students of natural science cause for complaint. Geologists will find in the fossiliferous strata of the Silurian formation, of which Ottawa forms part, ample scope for interesting and instructive personal investigations. Or they may visit the Geological Museum of Canada, where the mineralogical and geological specimens exhibited will do much to augment their scientific acquirements and to foster their national pride. The National Fisheries' Exhibit will prove more conclusively than any number of blue books that the point at issue between us and our American neighbors concerns no "mere kettle of fish," but an extensive branch of commerce of the greatest moment to Canada. Students who take an interest in scientific farming (and who is not benefitted by a knowledge of agriculture?) will see in one visit to the Experimental Farm more than can be understood in a cursory examination.

All these are advantages that lie at our hand. They are intimately connected with our course of studies and with the resources and possibilities of Canada. The student who does not make proper use of them is doing a grave injustice to himself and to the country that he hopes later on to serve.

NOVEL READING.

The New York City Attorney, in conjunction with a few broad-spirited citizens, has lately devoted himself to the furtherance of a scheme which, if carried to a successful issue, will place him and his co-workers among the number of national benefactors. They propose, according to a recent issue of the *N. Y. Mail and Express*, to put a stop to the publication