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REMARKS.

We are pleased to place before the readers of the "OWL," one of Rev. Father Gervais' musical compositions, the "Cecilian March." This march was written originally for the College band and has often delighted our College audiences. Recently Rev. Father Gervais reduced the March for the piano; it has necessarily lost by the process, but is still a beautiful piece of music.

The present issue of the "OWL" has quite insensibly taken on a decidedly educational cast. No harm will thereby be done. If there is one

question which, more than another, needs to be clearly and fully treated, both in its unchanging principles and its varying results, it is that of education. For Catholics, the matter is of supreme interest and importance. He was not far from the true line of action who said, that if he were called upon to to sacrifice either the parish church or the parish school, he would retain the latter and let the former go.

Read the article, "Our Separate Schools." It is based on facts and figures extracted from the report of Minister of Education for 1896, and it teaches a much-needed lesson to those bilious Catholics—for there are such—who can see nothing good in their own schools, and who drop into an ecstasy of superstitious reverence before the public schools—of which they know nothing.

The privileges of poetry will, perhaps, protect Rudyard Kipling from the just wrath of the Canadian people against the latest title that has been forged for their country. "Our Lady of the Snows" may be poetic, but it is not true when applied to Canada. It is a poor return for the preferential clause of the new Canadian tariff, by which we discriminate against other nations in favor of Great Britain.

Give more than a cursory glance at the two noble speeches we print in this number of the "OWL." Hon. John Costigan and Sir Wm. Hingston have raised the discussion on the education question high above political exigencies and personal interests. They have made it a matter of conscience, of