

are we to better the standing of our young men? Their professional brothers are evidently unwilling to help them; they give them a stone when they ask for bread. Whether there is a real need for a political "Catholic League," it is not our province to decide; that there is a genuine need of Catholic combination in aid of our young men, we know only too well. That our young men are as bright, intelligent and skillful as their uncharitable opponents is beyond question; the man who would dare deny it is more to be pitied than laughed at.

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Volume XI; Number I. Somewhat behind hand, it is true, but we found it exceedingly difficult to shake off the habits of vacation and begin hard work again. *The Owl* for 1897 salutes its friends, trusts to be more punctual in future, and hopes to increase in interest for all its readers.

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In our June issue we published the list of those who had so generously donated medals for competition among the students. Two medals arrived after *The Owl* had gone to press. They came from W. L. Scott, B.A., Master in Chancery, Ottawa, and W. P. Lawlor, B.A., M D., Lowell, Mass. To these gentlemen, loyal and distinguished alumni of Ottawa University, we desire to return the sincere, if somewhat tardy, thanks of the students.

The present scholastic year, has brought very few changes in the administrative staff of the University. Rev. Father Mangin, after many years of devoted labor, retires from the direction of the theological department, and is replaced by Rev. Father Poli. Rev. Father David becomes prefect of studies in the commercial course, and his place as prefect of discipline in the senior department is taken by Rev. Father Hénault. The Junior students have as their prefect of discipline Rev. Father Campeau. The smoothness and harmony with which things are running prove that the changes have in no sense meant deterioration or disorder.

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The addition recently made to the college athletic grounds make them second to none in Canada. The recently acquired property, which includes all the land between the present field and Nicholas street, comprises about four acres, and will give us ample space for a distinct baseball diamond, football field and lacrosse ground. With proper sodding and the contemplated new grand stand, Ottawa College will present a magnificent campus to the view of its golden jubilee visitors.

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Before the October *Owl* shall have made its appearance, an important event of the college year will be numbered among the things of the past. We refer to the annual retreat of the students. We are