

Vincent's since its foundation, and the valuable work which the institution is doing, is evidenced by the fact that many of its former inmates, hold honorable positions in every walk in life. The last State Legislature had no brighter ornaments than two former members of the Asylum. We sincerely wish that continued success will crown the efforts of Father McKinnon, and that he may be enabled to redouble his efforts in the prosecution of so noble a work.

In Memoriam.

W. A. LEONARD, '81.

It is our sorrowful task to chronicle in this issue the death of W. A. Leonard, '81, of Lawrence, Mass. The students of Ottawa in the years '74-'81, who had the singular favor of his acquaintance and companionship, who knew him in the vigor of his early life, when the future held out to him high hopes and promises, cannot but grieve over his untimely removal from the busy and onerous cares of this world. Death snatched him from our midst in the prime and power of manhood: we cannot murmur, but it is our privilege to mourn. The sad event occurred at 6:30 p. m., Saturday, Jan. 11, when that fatal malady, pneumonia, overcame his not very rugged constitution. Mr. Leonard's reputation as a musician of unusual ability still endures in Ottawa, and to perpetuate his memory as such, he left several masses and divers other musical pieces. Being an alumnus of this Institution, we prided in his success and hailed with delight the news of our old friend's progress. When he was amongst us we foretold for him a brilliant future; we knew that his was to be no ordinary career, for he possessed a talent for his favorite art that would needs beget superiority. Our prediction was but be-

binning to be verified when death intervened and said, "here it must cease." and the mandate was irrevocable. Several years previous to his death he had been musical director at St. Mary's Church, in Lawrence, and under his guidance the choir had attained a degree of proficiency that evoked from all words of encouraging commendation. The members of the choir, whose director he was, adopted resolutions of condolence, as did also the Young Men's Catholic Association. Both were expressive of the deep sorrow felt at his death, and of the earnest sympathy with his family in their affliction. These were but a few from among the many evidences of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. We could not expect otherwise, for esteem flows naturally from worth, and worth was one of the qualities that helped to make up the character of our departed friend.

The funeral took place at 10:30 o'clock the following Wednesday from St. Mary's Church. The attendance was very large. In view of the prominent part the deceased had taken in the musical services of the church, the organ and raising of the organ loft were draped in black.

The solemn services were unusually impressive from the fact that three brothers of the deceased were the officiants. Rev. D. J. Leonard, O.S.A., being Celebrant. Rev. Augustine Leonard, O.S.A., Deacon; and Rev. John Leonard, O.S.A., Sub-deacon, the former two being old students of Ottawa.

THE OWL extends to his family its deepest sympathy at the loss of a son and brother, who, at the early age of 32 was taken from them; an age when high aspirations are enkindled, and honorable ambitions formed, and, in the case of W. A. Leonard, when the light of fame was to shed its splendor upon him. May his soul rest in peace is our earnest prayer.
