

field, R. I., a convert has passed to his reward, and the Catholic Church has lost a faithful friend and firm defender. In 1884, when the Italian government proceeded to confiscate all the property they could lay hold of, the Colonel urged the President to interfere in behalf of the American College in Rome. He thus succeeded in saving this property from the general plunder, and in recognition of his services to the Church in this and in many other cases, he was honored by the Pope with the title of Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great.



OF LOCAL INTEREST.

On Monday evening, November 29, the French members of the University Dramatic Society of '97-'98 presented to the public their first effort. The play was a comedy entitled "The Vivacities of Captain Tic"; and the students who filled the various roles acquitted themselves admirably, thus showing what valuable histrionic talent the college stage may develop. The following is the caste of characters:

Horace Tie, a Cavalry Captain, M. A. Lavergne
Desambois, a very serious man - - C. McKay
De Guy-Robert, The Captain's Uncle,

L. Payment
Celestin Magis, a serious young man, J. Forest
Bernard, The Captain's Servant, - - G. Côté
Baptiste, Guy-Robert's Servant - - R. Lafond
A Guest - - - - - R. Bonin

Throughout the evening the College band discoursed appropriate music; and when, just before the last act, it struck the notes of "We're Champions Again," the whole student body took up the refrain, and gave the audience abundant evidence of the strength of their lungs and the harmony of their voices when sounding their long-familiar

song of victory. Needless to say, the chorus was enthusiastically received, for almost all present were staunch and admiring supporters of the Garnet and Gray.

When the last strains of *Vive la Canadienne* were wafted from the band-loft, the audience dispersed well satisfied with the performance, and remarks of approbation could be heard on every side. The evening had certainly been an enjoyable one; and THE OWL extends hearty congratulations to Rev. Father Gervais, the genial director of the Dramatic Society, as being largely responsible for the success of the entertainment, and also to the Rev. director of the band, Father Lambert, whose untiring efforts in behalf of the students are well known to us all.



AMONG THE MAGAZINES.

The November number of the "Rosary Magazine" contains the third of a series of papers on the great poet priest Father Ryan. The article is all the more interesting because it places before us a few of the letters written by the venerable priest, during his lecture tour on behalf of the Discalced Carmelites, an order of nuns who settled in New Orleans in 1877. The very spirit of the man breathes throughout his writings. His great hatred of popularity may be seen from the following extract from a letter written from Baltimore to a friend. "If you only knew how I despise this vulgar thing called popularity, the applause of the commons, the clapping of hands at lectures, the adoration of adulators, the plaudits of the populace, the praises of thousands, you would better understand my position,