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Few of our readers will have failed to hear or read numerous comments on Rev. Dr. Fillâtre's departure, before these lines appear. Ottawa students and Ottawa citizens knew Father Fillâtre too well and too favorably to think of his departure as of an ordinary event.

Father Fillâtre has been a professor for a quarter of a century and spent most of that time in the University of Ottawa. Were he to commit to paper, his twenty years' experience in Ottawa, he would give us a truly valuable record of the changes in Ottawa University during that period. The confidence of his superiors has for

long years given him a prominent place in the government of the University, and to him certainly belongs much of the credit for the beneficial changes and the progress made here during the last two decades.

It was as professor, of course, that Ottawa students knew him best, and in that capacity no words of ours could do him justice. His scholarly attainments, breadth of views, and sympathetic turn of mind made him a model educator. He could point out in the most abstruse questions, realities and practical bearings which never failed to awaken the interest of his hearers. None of us who have followed Dr. Fillâtre's lectures in philosophy will ever forget the new fields of thought they opened up, the high aspirations they brought out, and the firm and lasting hold they gave the learned lecturer on his students' affections and confidence.

Beyond the walls of the University, Father Fillâtre enjoyed, an enviable reputation as a preacher, writer and lecturer. In the pulpit he ever reached the hearts of his hearers by an earnestness, persuasiveness and unction, which often made his sermons nothing less than eloquent. His contributions to different publications, were they collected, would, it is said, make several volumes. His favorite subjects were those relating to the social problems of the day, but he frequently showed too that he could interest and instruct in many literary and scientific questions. The magnificent addresses and testimonials presented to him in the Academic Hall, before his departure, by St. Patrick's Literary Society, L'Institut Canadien and the Labor Unions of Ottawa, prove how highly he was esteemed as a lecturer and writer. The laboring men's demonstration in his honor, is especially gratifying to note, coming as it did from the sons of toil, without distinction of race or creed.

The Owl regrets that no ability it