

THE COLLEGE AND THE PRESS.

Once already this year has THE OWL been obliged to refer to the over-zealous attention paid to College doings by the reporters of the Ottawa dailies. These enterprising gentlemen, did they confine themselves to simple statements of facts, might sometimes be considered officious; did they embellish those facts in a skilful manner might be called clever, but in such a bungling manner do they misrepresent us that untruthful is the only epithet which will suit. While these remarks apply in a slight degree to the other dailies, it is the *Free Press* which chiefly monopolizes them. Here are a couple of the recent evolutions of that imaginative journal. On the approach of St. Patrick's Day, when, for reasons already explained, we had decided to hold no banquet, not only was the banquet to take place (in the mind of the *Free Press* reporter) but it was to be of surpassing grandeur, covers were to be laid for three hundred students and Father Ryan was to come from Pembroke to be present. When the *Journal* had magnified the thirty students who attended the opening of the Jesuit Debate into a hundred, the *Free Press* showed itself twice as enterprising by doubling the number. Of course it cannot be possible that the newspaper men can ever allow themselves to be "stuffed" by the boys, though appearances occasionally point that way.

"AS ITHERS SEE US."

"The Ottawa College *Owl* is one of the neatest of our exchanges, but the reflections, in its editorial columns, on the other colleges of Ontario, with sweeping accusations of greediness and vanity, have a spiteful ring about them. The article on 'Gladstone and Ingersoll' is marked by some rather abusive language, which lends the number anything but a dignified tone. *Queen's College Journal*.

"The *Owl* of February, contains 'Gladstone and Ingersoll,' a strong article justly appreciative of the Grand Old Man and with little patience for the blatant infidel. 'Genius *versus* Talent,' for its fine discriminations and just conclusions, deserves careful reading. The editor gives a deserved rebuke to what he aptly terms the "unseemly wrangle" between certain Universities."—*Acadia Athenaeum*.

Whereupon THE OWL cocks his wise young head on one side and with a gentle melodious hoot remarks, "*de gustibus non est disputandum*."

Many of our students remember the pleasant countenance and hearty, cheery voice of Rev. P. F. Sexton, who was with us in 1885-1886. At that time the Rev. gentleman was noted no less for his success in the class room than for his eloquence in the pulpit. On St. Patrick's day last, Father Sexton addressed two very large congregations; one at Boston in the forenoon, the other at Lawrence, Mass. in the evening, and the reports that have come to our notice mention both efforts in terms of the highest encomium. Father Sexton is now assistant pastor of one of the principle churches in Boston, St. Thomas, Jamaica Plain.

From distant Kansas, comes the record of the success of another old Ottawaite. We read in the *Wichita Daily Eagle* that "Rev. J. F. Kelly's lecture on Ireland, in St. Aloysius' Hall, March 18, was well received as the audience on several occasions during its delivery attested by their bursts of applause. As a lecturer Father Kelly has few equals in this state. To show their appreciation of the Rev. Father's eloquent addresses on this and on other occasions the ladies of the congregation presented him with a beautiful gold headed cane. The father thanked the fair donors in his own happy way."