

Again the university seminary has been enriched from the graduating class in the persons of Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Delany, both of whom have been so long and favorably known among the students. In Mr. Fitzpatrick the "corridor" loses its most popular member, at least, so says that august body. He will be missed among the boys with whose interests in and out of doors, he was always so closely connected. Like all good students, he was an active worker for THE OWL, always considering it a pleasure to labor in its behalf; his contributions show with what success his efforts in this direction have been attended. Mr. Delany will also be missed among us, but most of all are we loath to see his name removed from the Owl, to which he afforded invaluable aid, even during the hurry of the final examinations. THE OWL takes this opportunity of thanking both gentlemen for their kindly aid, and hopes their names may be occasionally found among our contributors during the coming year.

Rev. Father Emard, O.M.I., who for the last few years has been professor of history and geography in the university, is now in Lowell, where he labors among the English speaking members of the Immaculate Conception church. Father Emard is an enthusiastic worker, and when he undertakes a task he spares no pains to do it well.

Revs. G. Gauvreau, A. Gratton, W. Murphy and W. Smith, O.M.I., of the university staff, have been following the summer course at Harvard, in physics, chemistry, astronomy and botany respectively.

Rev. Father Harnois, O.M.I., the zealous and amiable parish-priest of Hull, has been appointed pastor of the Sacred Heart church, Ottawa, and, besides, takes charge of the Juniorate, where a few young men are being educated under the special care of the Oblate Fathers. In this latter work he is assisted by the Rev. Fathers Vaillancourt and Coutlée, O.M.I.

Ottawa College has often been the scene of assemblies and re-unions; but, never did it open its doors for such a noble assembly, such an edifying re-union as it contained on the 20th August last, when nearly one hundred fathers and

brothers of the Oblate Congregation assembled from the length and breadth of this vast Dominion, to join in the annual retreat. Truly, it was an impressive scene, and one calculated to draw forth applause from those who are wont to scoff at religion, to behold hardy missionaries kneeling side by side with college professors; and venerable priests grown gray in the service of the Lord, offering up their prayers in company with younger members who had just made their first sacrifice for mankind. The retreat which lasted for eight days was carried on under the supervision of the representative of the Superior General of the Oblates, Very Rev. Father Martinet who preached several eloquent sermons.

Very Rev. Aen. McDonell Dawson, LL.D., is in receipt of an interesting letter from the Rev. Lord Douglas of Annan, Scotland. In the opening paragraph, the writer makes kindly mention of the Owl, which seems to have found its way to distant Scotland. Father Dawson's "History of the Catholics of Scotland" also comes in for more than a passing notice from this noble priest who finds time to read much, though his duties are so numerous and so difficult. We Catholics in Canada are wont to consider the case of Catholicism in Scotland as almost hopeless; but when we read this letter and learn of the strenuous efforts that are being made in the way of spreading the faith, by open-air preaching, Catholic schools, etc., etc., we are filled with hope that the Catholic wave which is now sweeping over England, may, ere long, find its way to the shores of once faithful Scotland. Father Douglas, himself, has under his charge three hundred and twenty-nine souls scattered through seven parishes, and has established a school which is attended by seventy-nine pupils. He takes a particular interest in the homeless boys so numerous in the large cities of England and Scotland. His first motto is "save the boy," and, acting on this principle he has made several trips to Canada, bringing with him on each occasion a fine crowd of healthy, intelligent youths, many of whom are located in good homes in the eastern part of Ontario. Judging from their eagerness to converse about the good qualities of their benefactor, he will have little difficulty in bringing about the pro-