

Augustine when he exclaimed "O Beauty ever ancient, ever new!" He will make us realize that everything good is beautiful, and everything beautiful is true. Originality must be cultivated during student life. One of the prime necessities is enthusiasm in study. There is another; it is principles. The student, say of history, must have some great and certain principles. The acquisition of facts becomes then, not only easier, but infinitely more interesting. Both facts and principles are indelibly impressed on the memory which, be it remembered, is a faculty of the soul, while the reason arranges them in an orderly and scientific manner, and deduces from them definite conclusions. But you answer, this pertains to the philosophy of history. Precisely. We want more philosophy in all our studies, and we shall have more originality. What enthusiasm and originality the theory of evolution gave to the study of natural science. But evolution is false? Study then to refute it. Above all things avoid that mental vagrancy—aimless study.

A DISAGREEABLE DUTY.

The above title fully expresses the sentiments with which THE OWL ventures to speak of the recent expulsions. Never before has such an occurrence been referred to, nor would it be referred to now, had not those who have just suffered the fitting penalty of their offences seen fit to take an utterly unprecedented action in laying the matter before the public gaze. They have followed a highly regrettable course, but as they courted publicity they cannot complain if the result should be censure instead of sympathy. Whatever share of the latter their fellow-students may have been charitable enough to give them, they have now deserved to lose, since they made use of it only to misrepresent us in the public press. The

four ex-students (we forbear to mention their names, although they themselves gave them to the city papers) distinguished themselves during their residence at the University by their persistently repeated breaches of discipline. Admonitions of the kindest sort fell on their ears unheeded. True manliness in their eyes consisted in fearlessly disregarding all the rules laid down for the maintenance of order. The Declaration of Independence, as understood by them, meant that university students were on precisely the same plane as their professors. The climax of their folly was reached on the 17th inst, and on the 19th they took leave of the University with anger in their hearts and insults on their lips. Animated with a spirit of revenge, and desire to injure as much as was in their puny power the institution which had sheltered them for so many months, they went immediately to the office of the *Free Press* and offered themselves to be "interviewed." The next evening appeared under sensational headlines an interesting and ungrammatical account of the "expulsions at Ottawa University." All the students, according to this veracious narrative, were aflame with excitement; indignation meetings had been held; there were dissensions in the camp, the faculty was divided against itself, some of its members being loud in their praises of Messrs. So and So as really good fellows who had sinned through thoughtlessness rather than through malice. The descent from fiction to history is an abrupt one. The students did *not* meet, nor did they send up a petition for mercy to the faculty, as they had previously done on every one of the rare occasions when an expulsion had been thought necessary by the authorities, excepting the very few cases in which student sentiment had been openly outraged. A committee representing a single class waited upon the Rector and interceded for *one* student only. But there