

nection with them, the students resolved not to allow the occasion to pass without expressing the feeling they entertained towards him. On the evening of January 10th the rev. gentleman was invited into the recreation-hall, over which he had so often presided, and on his entrance was greeted with an outburst of applause. Messrs. C. C. Delany and C. J. Charbonneau then advanced and read addresses in English and French respectively. The addresses contained expressions of the regret of students at the departure of their disciplinarian, of their esteem and love for him, of their appreciation of his painstaking efforts to further their interests, and of their most sincere and heartfelt wishes for his success in the land of the west. Accompanying the addresses was a silver cornet, than which no more suitable or acceptable present could have been chosen, as the Rev. Father is much given to music and was one of the cornetists of our band. Rev. Father Jacob was altogether taken by surprise, and was quite overcome with emotion. He made brief replies in English and French, in which he expressed his sorrow on leaving the students, and thanked them for their valuable and beautiful present and for their kind expressions and good wishes. He concluded by saying that in after-years wherever he would ring forth the notes from his cornet, the sound thereof would recall to his mind the many fast friends he left in Ottawa University, and that in his prayers he would ever remember them.

### LITERARY NOTICES.

*North American Review*.—The January number of this review came to our table as an exchange for the Christmas issue of *THE OWL*. A publication in its 76th year, and with a large subscription list, needs no word of commendation from us. Its intrinsic merits have gained for it a reputation that needs no bolstering; its authority amongst American magazines is unquestioned. The current number contains fifteen articles on subjects of present interest, and by writers of undoubted ability. Canadian readers would probably name as the best. "Ireland in the Light of History," by W. E. H. Lecky; "Can we Coerce Canada?" by Eliastus Wiman, and "The Late Financial Crisis," by Henry Clews.

That Mr. Lecky has investigated the facts bearing on his question with patience and thoroughness, all will admit: that he has drawn correct and impartial conclusions is a matter on which he will find the best blood and brain of England against him. Mr. Lecky writes history from the Unionist standpoint, and, while acknowledging the gross cruelty and injustice of English rule in Ireland, he unmercifully scores the Irish for their attempts to make their national existence more tolerable. Mr. Lecky belongs to the *a priori* school of historians—Macaulay, Froude, Goldwin Smith—who first lay down their conclusions and then use their time and talents to bring the facts into agreement.

"Can we Coerce Canada?" is a powerful article. Mr. Wiman makes a strong argument for the abolition of the state of "Commercial belligerency" now existing between Canada and the United States. He is right in saying that Canadians will not have annexation, though it is to be hoped they will soon come to see that commercial reciprocity is not synonymous with national union. Mr. Wiman contends that both countries would benefit by unrestricted commercial intercourse. One thing is certain: Canadian trade and industries need scarcely fear any further depression; they appear to have struck rock bottom.

Henry Clews, an authority on finance, explains the causes of the late financial crisis. Grossly inflated speculation, rank exaggeration in pushing forward public works, ignorance of the science of finance—these, and some minor influences were what convulsed the money world and drove so many strong concerns into bankruptcy. This paper shows so clearly, though without malice aforethought, the thorough rottenness of the whole monetary and credit systems, that we almost wish Edward Bellamy's reforms were to come in 1900 instead of 2,000, A.D.

Max O'Rell, the famous French *Confrancier*, whose visit to the University some years ago is still of pleasant memory, contributes "Reminiscences of American Hotels," a paper that contains a little fiction, considerable humor, and much truth.

On the whole the *Review* is very readable, style and matter being of a uniformly high order.