

Among the many complimentary notices our January number received, none was more agreeable than the following, coming as it did from so unexpected a quarter :

"We have received a copy of the January issue of the UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA REVIEW. The number before us is well executed both from a literary and typographical standpoint, and contains some seventy-five pages, exclusive of several pages of advertising. It is brimful of racy articles both literary, scientific, social and political, made up of original and selected matter. Among the former special mention might be made of two editorials—one on United States expansion, which treats in a racy and logical style of the advantages and disadvantages of the annexing of the Philippine Islands to the United States. The question is discussed in a common-sense matter-of-fact way. The same may be said of the article on Yellow Journalism, and the literary style in both is also free from that shrouding of ideas in metaphor and pedantry which often mars the writings of college students, even long after they have left their *Alma Mater* and gone into the world. A lecture on the moon by one of the students throws additional light on that already luminous body, and an article on "Who has a right to teach?" discusses the education question logically and intelligibly.—*The Renfrew Journal*.



Editorial Notes.

From the Brockville *Times* of the 11th inst. we take the following :—

"Father Murphy, of Ottawa University, delivered an excellent lecture on "Astronomy and its Uses," last night in the Brockville Collegiate Institute, to a large audience, Judge McDonald in the chair. Father Murphy has a pleasant manner, a good voice and a natural eloquence, all of which helped to make his lecture a real treat.

Father Murphy referred to the ancient study of astronomy, the worship formerly paid to the heavenly bodies, and the profound knowledge of the science acquired by the ancients. He paid a glowing tribute to the fathers of astronomy—Copernicus, Bacon, Newton, Herschell, Galileo—and by lucid exposition and by charts and instruments showed his audience how to appreciate the work of these great scholars. Reference was made to the chronological connection between great historical and astronomical events. The speaker, showed, too, easy ways to find the constellations of "Ursa Major," "Ursa Minor," "Polaris," and Venus, Mars and Jupiter. The practical application of astronomy to chronology, navigation, geography, electricity, etc., was also clearly shown, and its necessity