

of this country, while extended and particularly blessed by the Vicar of Christ, Pope Leo XIII, when His Holiness raised the College of Ottawa to the rank of a Catholic University. To the new candidates appearing this year for academic honors, also welcome! You are highly privileged ones indeed, chosen from out of hundreds, nay, thousands. Many a youth less fortunate, multitudes of men, though risen to the highest posts by sheer force of talent and industry, are heard to say with a sort of envy: "Oh, if I too had had a chance to go to college!" Why is it that the college boy occupies first place in both family and society? True, he unfortunately too often falls a victim to his own levity and indifference. When in addition he adopts a riotous and vicious course of life, retribution soon drafts him into the ranks of the hopeless misfits. But in the college boy as a rule, parents, friends, companions, are sensible of a curious charm. What is more surprising still, people do not usually ask for great talent or great brilliancy. Merely to chance upon a seedling that promises splendid fruitage some day; merely to watch its growth or aid even by a mite in its development, proves to be, they feel, some of the purest joy there is in life. It is much in this vein THE REVIEW feels, if it is supposed to feel at all. It is going to be the sympathetic spectator of your doings for the ensuing year. This is in fact the chief object of its existence. Hence its profuse welcome for you as its prospective supporters and contributors. And of one thing be certain. For the least, for each and every one of your literary fledglings THE REVIEW promises the warmest kind of a welcome.

THE RETIRING EDITORS.

All is fleeting here below. Each has his day, then ceases to be. Especially is this true with the editor of a college magazine. The graduates of 1901, who served on last year's staff, have gone from among us to pursue their labors in different fields; yet do we owe it in gratitude not to suffer them to pass without a little word of thanks. If the REVIEW of 1900 or attained any eminence in the world of college journalism, if it won any measure of respect