

attacks of Roman intolerance and superstition. How well has he conned his lesson! He then takes the offensive, and emits a torrent of abuse in which the terms, "ignorance," "idolatry," "Papist," "intolerance," and "superstition" suffer more permutations and combinations than algebra takes cognizance of. This is how he, a public school graduate of scarce a year back, shows that the public school is all that Catholics can justly ask for! We are glad, however, that the journals making a specialty of this kind of literature emanate from institutions of but a local reputation; our exchanges from other universities discuss more healthy and congenial topics. These latter recognize that Catholics have a grievance, and like President Elliot of Harvard, demand that the public schools be improved in such a way as to be non-objectable. We mention this, not entirely acquiescing in the belief that public schools as such can be made wholly satisfactory to Catholics, but merely to show that there are Americans, in the truest sense of the term, desirous that justice shall prevail.

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#### AT LAST.

A recent Act of the Quebec Legislative Council reminds us that last year a writer in the THE OWL was very severe upon the council. We are not in a position to state that their severity had the effect of causing the venerable legislators to reconsider this action, but in any case they have now decided that graduates of McGill University may be admitted to the study of law, their sheepskins being guarantees for their fitness. Doubtless the reason for denying the graduates admission until now was a desire to prevent the number of lawyers from increasing too rapidly. Such an increase is certainly to be expected, for Quebec has already so great an overplus of advocates,

notaries, *et hoc genus omne*, as proves that the minds of the young men of that province are strongly inclined to the study of litigation. Nevertheless the university graduates should be allowed to come in. Their trained intellects will leaven the heterogeneous mass, and they will keep the standard of the profession raised to its proper height. Law used to be a *learned* profession, let it continue to be so as much as possible. At one time lawyers were almost invariably men of culture; the name *pettifogger* was invented for those who were not. If the university men are given equal opportunities for the study of law they will drive out the pettifoggers and thereby do the country a service. Don't let us talk of the professions being overcrowded. As Daniel Webster used to say, "There's plenty room at the top."

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#### EXIT OTTAWA COLLEGE.

If anyone imagines that the chief or only cause of our withdrawal from the Ontario Football Union is the recent legislation of that body, he is profoundly mistaken. Our decision on this point was neither hasty nor of recent date.

After our first season's success in the Union we found ourselves confronted with a category of prejudices and baseless charges sufficiently serious and numerous to discourage an ordinary club. We saw clearly then that it was only a matter of time until we would be forced out. But we were resolved to stamp some stories with the brand of falsehood. We have done so. Our opponents are pleased to acknowledge (and mark the delicacy of the compliment) that they no longer consider us rough ungentlemanly players, but that we are very clever at football and really good fellows after all. Neither do they regard any longer as true the charges that our team was or is composed almost entirely of students from the United States hostile to the Canadian game. It is even