

which 19th century books and magazines are choked. "Twere far better had he heeded the salutary advice to "drink deep or touch not the Pierian spring," where a slight draught intoxicates, but "drinking deeply sobers us again." Unfortunately this desire to quit college as soon as possible is rife among Catholic youth, and hence they are seriously handicapped in the great competition of life. Who are the leading physicians, lawyers, statesmen of the country? Undoubtedly those whose later studies were based upon the solid ground work of a liberal education. We trust that this consideration will lead those who may be wavering to pause and reflect before taking a step which may greatly impede them ever afterwards.

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### OTTAWA AS AN EDUCATIONAL CENTRE.

The capital of a country should lead the way in everything indicating progress and enlightenment, but especially in educational matters there should be no laxity at the seat of government. All eyes are turned towards the halls of legislation, and a seat of learning derives much benefit from being in close proximity to the founts of legislative wisdom. The Bishops of the United States showed their appreciation of this in choosing Washington as the site of the great Catholic University, and there is little doubt but that the educational legislation that may emanate henceforth from the United States Senate will bear the impress of consideration by the university professors.

Ottawa is highly favored in its educational establishments and facilities. The debates in the House of Commons and the excellent library attached to the Par-

liament offer inducements to be found nowhere else in Canada. Well equipped and efficient public schools, in addition to a Ladies College, Normal School, and a Collegiate Institute complete the circle of non-sectarian institutions. But it is to Catholic students that Ottawa should be especially attractive, for our houses of education in Ottawa are second to none. For young ladies, two well known convents, that of the Grey Nuns on Rideau street, and the Gloucester street Convent of the Congregation de Notre Dame, offer courses embracing all the branches of a useful and elegant education. The attendance at both of those houses is very large, and the rapidly increasing number bears testimony to the excellence of the training imparted. Ottawa University is too well known throughout the United States and Canada to need any words of approbation. It is but a few years in existence, but has already attained a high place among Canadian institutions of learning, and when the day comes, as come it must, for the establishment of the Canadian English-Catholic University, there is but little doubt that Ottawa will be the chosen spot.

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The interval between the appearance of the June and July-August numbers of the OWL has been too short to enable us to obtain all the details about the establishment of the Faculty of Law in the University. The arrangements are not yet completed, but it is hoped that they will be perfected in time to appear in the annual prospectus soon to be issued.

The prospectus of this year will contain most of the illustrations given in the present number of THE OWL.