

many are already taking advantage of this, why cannot all do so? Then the Catholic reading public will have no excuse for not supporting their own papers, they will give them a large patronage, and the result will be most beneficial to the cause of truth.

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### LAST WORDS.

Ere transferring to others my responsibility as managing editor and proprietor of THE OWL, a few remarks in regard to my connection with the journal will be opportune.

After listening for some time to the oft repeated wishes of past and present students that Ottawa College should be represented among the collegiate press, knowing the devotion of our old students to their Alma Matre, and having a high regard for the abilities of the higher students of the time, I ventured, with the consent of all concerned, (for I belonged to the scientific, not the literary department of the University,) and the assistance of an able board of editors, to establish THE OWL. From its first flight into the diverse scattered haunts of old Ottawa students its success was assured, and soon a bulky mail, containing words of commendation accentuated with legal tenders, astonished the local post office clerks with the strange address "THE OWL."

The new venture prospered and made rapid progress, and eight months after the appearance of the first number, it began its second volume in an enlarged form and with a handsomely engraved cover. Having proved beyond doubt that Ottawa University students could be as successful in journalism as in other lines, I was anxious that others, to whom the task might prove more congenial, would relieve me of my responsibility. But no one coveted the honors of the editorial chair, and the third volume began under the old management. The duties of the position continually increased till they be-

came so onerous as to interfere seriously with my own legitimate work in the scientific department of the University. Consequently a few months ago I determined that there must be a change. After some consultation with the faculty, a mutual agreement was entered upon, resulting in THE OWL, after this issue, becoming entirely the property of the University.

Though I cannot say on what lines THE OWL will be conducted in the future, it is evident to all that the change can be but for the advantage of the journal. The fact that THE OWL can now speak authoritatively for the University will increase its influence with the contributors both to its literary and to its advertising pages, and this means nothing less than prosperity.

With a ready-found subscription and advertising patronage for the starting point, the new management can easily make THE OWL a financial success, not to speak of its benefit to the University in being an aid to the students and an advertisement of the University itself. That the progress of the paper under the new regime will be as rapid and as extensive as it was under the old, is my sincere wish.

As in former years, I desire to close the current volume of THE OWL with a testimony of my gratitude to the students who so kindly shared the labors of publication with me. To Messrs D. A. Campbell, M. F. Fitzpatrick and T. Curran, I owe no small measure of thanks for their work in the various departments of the paper, following the editorial pages. No less grateful am I to Messrs D. Murphy, J. P. Smith, C. D. Gaudet and J. P. Collins, for their work, which though of minor importance, was that assigned to them, and was well and thoroughly done.

But the work that told most was that performed by Mr. J. P. Smith, who, at times aided by Messrs D. Campbell and M. F. Fitzpatrick, explained in glowing terms to the business men of Ottawa, the