

have much pleasure in enclosing my subscription for the present year. Although it is not essentially a chronicle of the doings of our Fathers at Ottawa, still it will form a connecting link with us here, and the members of the congregation in Canada. My connection with the College is not a very close one now, but it is one that is very dear to me, for poor old Father Bennett who died some time ago was my professor when I was a child, and was always a very dear friend.

When I had the pleasure of seeing you last, neither of us thought that we would be separated by the width of half the world. I had no idea that I should ever be in South Africa and I don't think you had any notion of Canada as your future home. If you find Ottawa as much to your taste as I find this country to mine, I have only to congratulate you. I have discovered here all that I ever dreamed of in the way of foreign missions. There are four good parishes of white people, principally my own countrymen, and all the rest is work among the Caffirs. Some fifty years ago these Caffirs were cannibals; but now although they retain their noble bearing and fine physique they are docile, and reverential to the priest and anxious for all kinds of useful knowledge as well as instruction in the truths of faith. Had we only a sufficient number of Fathers I have no doubt that in a few years the whole Basuto nation would be Catholic. There is a wonderful movement among them towards the Church at present, but alas! we are handicapped both for men and money, to avail ourselves of it. We put our trust solely in God. * *

Yours sincerely in J. C.,

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We have spared no expense in making the July-August OWL superior to anything of a like nature hitherto attempted in college

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His Grace Archbishop Duhamel.

Very Reverend Father Tabaret.

The University of Ottawa.

The College Chapel.

Academic Hall. •

Physical Laboratory.

Chemical Laboratory.

Students' Reading Room.

Students' Refectory.

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