

to the highest cultivation of all branches of polite learning. To answer to this emergency, Father Tabaret called forth what seemed to be inexhaustible resources. Before his death in 1886, the college buildings had extended across the whole square, incandescent light was installed, specious dormitories, studies, class-rooms, gymnasium and libraries were equipped, excellent laboratories for physics and chemistry established. The presence of his work declares it lasting and durable.

To guide the destinies of College at the death of Father Tabaret, a firm hand was needed. When Father P. Prevost was declared the next president, it was agreed that a worthy successor to the founder had been found. He knew something of the work from his former position as bursar, in which position he did much to make the institution widely known and loved. These hopes were not to be realized, however. After seven months of rectorship Father Prevost died.

Father Fayard, O.M.I., succeeded. Progress is seen in the opening of our beautiful chapel and in the publication of "The Owl," which for the last three years has been known as THE OTTAWA UNIVERSITY REVIEW. But Father Fayard's term of office has been rendered forever memorable by one event — the elevation of Ottawa College to the ranks of a Catholic University. This honor was chiefly owing to the zealous efforts of Archbishop Duhamel in behalf of his Alma Mater. He it was who presented her cause at Rome. He had represented the past services rendered by Ottawa College to both church and state; the ability of the institution to continue those same services, since even with its proportions at the time in a city filled with structures worthy of legislative, judicial, and governmental functions, the College was not one of the least remarkable. With Pope Leo XIII, the eminent patron of learning, the plea was all powerful. In 1889 a Papal Brief was issued bestowing on Ottawa College all the honors, privileges, and rights enjoyed by its sister Universities, Laval and Washington. Relative to this Brief, it is to be found given at length in the University Prospectus.

Father James McGuckin, O.M.I. became the first rector under the new conditions. During his term the studies, without being sub