

is there than vocal music for one who aspires at becoming a public speaker? Many of the students see the advantages to be had from the study of music, and join one or other of the different musical organizations in the college. But this is not enough. Untiring perseverance is the only sure road to success. The fact of belonging to the band or to the choir will not make any one a musician unless he attends the practices and makes the best of the advantages placed at his disposal. There is no reason why Ottawa University should not have a first-class choir and a first-class band. There are in our midst quite a number of good vocalists, and their merits would soon become conspicuous if they would but form a singing class and have regular practices. Let the vocalists, the members of the band, let all who follow a course of music, whether vocal or instrumental arouse themselves, practice conscientiously and perseveringly, and we feel certain that before many months the boys of '93-'94, can boast of musical organizations equal in proficiency, if not superior, to those of any preceding year.

#### ORDINATIONS.

Two days previous to the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord His Grace, Archbishop Duhamel, ordained the following in the Basilica :

Priest—A. Bellemare, O.M.I. Deacons—B. Pilon, O. Corbeil, P. Philion, G. Tourchette, and C. Lambert, O.M.I. Subdeacons—Wm. McCauley, H. Major, Bro. Sebastin, and Bro. Maritius. Minor orders—Bro. Paschal, Bro. Barnibas and Bro. Evo. Tonsure—H. Delmas, O.M.I., and P. Gagné, O.M.I.

Rev. Father Bellemare was a prefect of discipline in the University last year. On Sunday, the 14th of January, he celebrated High Mass in the University Chapel. He goes forth to his labors in the Lord's vineyard accompanied by the

best wishes of many warm friends here.

On the same date the Rev. T. M. Donovan was raised to the priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield, Mass. Father Donovan made his classical course in Ottawa University and graduated with the degree of B.A. in June, '90. He studied theology in the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and in the Catholic University, Washington. The Owl and his many old friends still among us, wish him success in his new career.

#### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Prince Maximilian, nephew of the King of Saxony, has been ordained a priest. The ceremony was performed at Reichstadt, Saxony, on the 29th of December last.

There are more students of Irish blood in the different Roman Universities than of any other foreign nationality. At the conferring of degrees lately in the Propaganda, nineteen of the forty-five Doctors in Philosophy and Theology bore Irish names. This is another illustration of the truth referred to by Cardinal Manning, when he said that at the Vatican Council, St. Patrick could claim more mitres than any other Apostle.

Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, of Massachusetts, who was Speaker of the House about half a century ago, has contributed to *Scribner's Magazine* for January, his reminiscences of Daniel Webster, particularly in regard to his reply to Hayne and his general methods of preparation for his wonderful oratorical efforts. Mr. Winthrop is one of the few men living who knew Webster intimately in his prime, and this paper is one of unusual interest.

A short time ago Right Rev. Bishop Keane read a paper on "The Relation of Philosophy with Science" before the Society for Philosophical Inquiry, in the philosophical lecture room of the Columbian University. The paper has been pronounced one of the ablest, if not the ablest, ever read before the Society.