

able man, but owing to the burning of the college building in 1874, he was able to effect but little during his short presidency of scarcely more than a year.

Dr. Anderson was followed in the presidency by Dr. P. J. Williams, a teacher of wide reputation, who inspired much confidence in the educational efficiency of the institution, attracted nearly a hundred students to it, developed a strong normal department, and was enabled to present diplomas of graduation from the academic and normal departments to a considerable number of young ladies and gentlemen. Accepting a position in the State University, he was after a time succeeded by Prof. T. M. Stewart as acting president. Prof. Stewart brought to his work a high ideal, and endeavored to give to the instruction and the literary requisitions the standard of an Eastern school. He was successful in his efforts. His students were able to enter the best Eastern colleges, and to graduate the same year in which they would have graduated had they remained here.

After two years of effective administration of presidential duties by Prof. Stewart, Prof. M. L. Ward was chosen president, and continued full president of the school for four years. Under his administration the college section of land was platted, and one hundred acres of it sold for \$45,000, the beginning of a productive endowment. Musical, Normal, Business and Art Departments were added to the organization of this school; but with the exception of the Musical Department, these accessory departments were subsequently dropped. Since the inauguration of President Ward, during his and the subsequent administration, the school grew rapidly and constantly in attendance, more rapidly, probably, than any other school in our denomination during these years.

With regard to the three years during which I had considerable to do in the management of University affairs, first as president of the Faculty, and afterward as president pro tem of the University, I do not

care to speak, except to record the fact that during these years the new college building was practically begun and the work carried forward, and that practical provision was made for the raising of an additional \$50,000 endowment, so often endorsed by the State Conventions.

In July, 1891, Rev. Franklin Johnson, D. D., of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was chosen president. The fact of his coming secured at once the hearty co-operation of the American Baptist Education Society, which offered to give the institution \$10,000 for further endowment, provided that during the year 1891 the City of Ottawa finish the north wing of the college building at a cost of \$18,000, and that the denomination throughout the state raise at least \$25,500 on or before January 1, 1892. These conditions will doubtless be fulfilled, and then Ottawa University will take another step forward toward the realization of the high ideal which her friends entertain with regard to her future.

#### A SENIOR'S REFLECTIONS.

HERE we are—Commencement, '91. Whether with both of our feet or not remains for the coming ages to reveal. But at any rate we have attained our majority. This is the time to make our entry in life's journal. Put it down in red ink, for we have spent at least a decade in anticipation of this glorious moment. And yet, strange to say, as the once far-off day when we are to receive our sheepskin approaches with awful certainty, we are inclined to view the matter with slightly different feelings. Now don't be in a hurry in supposing we are going to be sentimental, all at once, and to mourn the parting from the dear Professors, and the likewise female students; that conclusion is obviously foregone.

But the fact is, that while we realize the dignity of our situation, and appreciate the deference shown to us by all the would-be graduates, together with our own peculiar