

rica, but we demand that education be based upon religion, that it breathe of the gospel—in a word, that it be Christian.

#### TRIBUTE TO DEAD FATHERS.

We shall not, this evening, dwell upon the great loss this college sustained in the untimely death of the Rev. Father Tabaret, nor on the scholastic year that followed his departure, for in that year a second victim was asked of us, in the person of the Rev. Father Provost, the immediate successor to the founder of this school. He was but a short time in our midst, but long enough to re-plunge the college in mourning by his early death; long enough to allow us to measure the greatness of our loss; his premature death was a sore trial to us all. The venerable and venerated Father Bennett, for so many years a devoted labourer in our midst, was also called to his well-earned reward during this same year. We had all loved him as a kind and tender father; we know he is among the "Blessed ones of God," for of these was he here on earth. You all admired him as a saintly man, for he was and he is a saint. The importance of the work so worthily begun, the future awaiting it, the brilliant hopes held out to urge us to advance fearlessly—these are the mediums that have led us to attempt such an organization as will secure the unity, and therefore the strength of our forces, without in the least limiting the scope so liberally purposed by the great mind that planned the work. At the beginning of this scholastic year of 1887-1888, we started out on our venture. It is a consoling fact that during this past year the students thronging our beautiful chapel, and the spacious study halls and classrooms, by far outnumbered those of the years previous, and in justice we must say that the year's scholastic work was arduously pursued; hence the glorious crowning. Our young men have proved to us by their severe application that they

are not solely devoted to keeping at the top of the list for football and for the other athletic sports, but that they are still more desirous of bringing back to their homes the unquestionable proofs of their achievements in the noble field of moral and intellectual endeavour. It is our fixed and unalterable determination to continue Father Tabaret's work, as he had designed it, to give it such development as our forces permit. In 1866 the college authorities obtained the privileges of a university. Since then their constant aim has been to set the college on such a footing as would justify the most sanguine expectations of all interested in the work. As early as 1872 degrees were conferred, and from that time the number of applicants has yearly increased. Thankfully acknowledging the kindly co-operation of some of the ablest lawyers in the city, who have anticipated our desires, we have resolved to establish a board of examiners, that will enable the Faculty to confer henceforth the various degrees sought by the law students. We are confident that in the near future other privileges may be extended to our young men. We hail, in advance, the day when, within this enclosure, the complete university system will be at work, when on such an occasion as this you may see upon this stage the young men, who, with their robes and insignia, represent the five faculties. That will be a proud day for the College of Ottawa; then shall we feel that we have deserved well of the country, of science, and of religion. A glorious day for Ottawa, so justly proud of its Parliament and of its leading men, when its crown of glory will be a strongly intertwined wreath of science and religion.

After this glowing discourse, the Rev. Father Provincial congratulated the students whose "honours were sitting fresh upon them." He thanked His Grace the Archbishop, the benefactors and friends of the college for their presence.

