

motives. I was no longer fascinated by surplice or the sache, but with a desire to acquire knowledge so as to make a suitable use of it. It seemed to me that I could never be happy, unless I become conversant with the sciences spoken of in those two volumes. Realizing by my conversation and general trend of thought and inclination that such was my great ambition, my parents finally decided to send me to college whatever it might cost them."

Thus began Bibaud's college career at the age of eighteen, an age when such career is generally brought to a close. In 1800 he entered the college of St. Raphael, formerly Chateau Vaudreuil; of which Mr. Chicoisneau was then director. The college of St. Raphael was founded at Long Point in 1773 by the esteemed Mr. Curateau de la Blaiserie and was later transferred to Montreal. "At the time it was destroyed by fire in 1802" writes Maximilien Bibaud in his account of the material and intellectual progress of Canada, "my father was the first to see it, but the spirit of mischief which is the most accepted disciplinarian among unruly school boys, prompted him to say nothing about it. "After all," he thought, "what is the burning of a college compared to these accursed school tasks with which the pupil is crushed like the ass under his burden."

After the destruction of this institution by fire, the author of *Epîtres et Satires* continued his studies until the opening of the new college where, under