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THE ARCHBISHOPS' VISIT.

Seldom indeed did the professors and students of St. F. X. College have more reason to rejoice, than on the evening of Monday, Oct. 3rd, when they were honored by a visit from two of the highest dignitaries of the Catholic Church in Canada — Archbishop Begin of Quebec and Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal.

At 7 p. m. their Graces, accompanied by our own beloved Bishop, entered the convocation hall, which had been, beforehand, fittingly and tastefully decorated. After a splendidly executed "March" by H. Hayes, the following programme, specially prepared for the occasion, was carried out in a manner that reflected much credit on those who took part in it;

Ecce Sacredos Magnus, St. Cecelia Choir
Quartette
R. A. J. McIsaac, J. J. Corbett, H. Hayes,
A. McDonald.
Address, L. E. A. O'Keeffe
Quartette,
W. P. Rawley, R. A. J. Melsaac,
J. J. Corbett, H. Hayes.
Vive Leone, St. Cecelia Choir

The address on behalf of the Faculty and students, which was read by Mr. O'Keeffe, was as follows: ---

My Lords : --

In bidding you a hearty welcome to St. Francis Xaverius College, we beg to assure you of the genuine pleasure and profound respect with which we receive you within these walls. To us indeed it is always a source of gratification to see among us any of those venerable and exalted pastors whom the spirit of God has placed to rule His Holy Church; but the present auspicious occasion offers many special motives for rejoicing. Quebec, the Mater Ecclesiarum of this vast Dominion, the historic city upon whose heights was placed the first Episcopal throne; what loyal son of our Holy Church in this fair Canada of ours can fail to feel honored and gratified at a visit from the Archbishops of that illustrious and venerable See. From it brave pioneers have gone forth to plant the Cross of Christ throughout the length and breadth of this country and beneath the fostering care of that parent church the seeds of divine faith took root and developed into the numerous and flourishing churches which to day adorn this portion of the Lord's vineyard. The seat, too, of Catholic learning, the city which so justly prides itself on its great university founded by the industrious Laval. Quebec appeals to the heart