

so far from proving an obstacle to the Society's usefulness, it has been one of its most fruitful features. The French and English sections have, by their harmony and good-will, set an example which the whole Dominion might follow with advantage. Differences of race and creed have been revealed only by mutual courtesy and willing co-operation in the grand aims of the Society. From the rule of kindness and deference there has been, from the opening of the first to the closing of the last meeting, no instance of departure. It is also noteworthy that the Society has been the means of renewing relations between the two branches of the French race in the new world—that of Canada and Acadia, and that of Louisiana—the *Athénée Louisianais* of New Orleans, being one of the first of foreign organizations to respond to the invitation of the Honorary Secretary. In the list of the corresponding members, moreover, eminent sons of the French race have their places along with illustrious Anglo-Saxons of both hemispheres. Had the Society effected nothing else than these exchanges of cordial sympathy, it would not have lived altogether in vain.

The letters from eminent foreign societies which greeted the entrance of Canada into their illustrious sisterhood were most gratifying. M. Camille Doucet, perpetual secretary of the French Academy, in acknowledging the Hon. Secretary's invitation to the Institute of France to send a delegate to the meeting at Ottawa, said that Dr. Bourinot's letter had been received with the most cordial sympathy by each of the five Academies that constitute that great centre of universal learning.

The circulation of the Transactions has done much to make Canada better known at the chief seats of enlightenment in the Old World. "Not a week passes, says the report of the Council for 1887, "without some evidence being furnished of the attention that the papers are receiving in cultivated circles abroad, and requests for the volumes are constantly at hand from various centres of intelligence to