

of the sanctuary, and from that day to this your priestly career has been marked by tender piety, apostolic zeal, holy fearlessness of action, prudence of counsel, God-given fruitfulness of ministry. You have been a light in the diocese of Pembroke, and the unfaltering right hand of its venerable pastor.

Fittingly, then, has the Holy See recognized your wisdom and virtues by raising you to the purple, that the sphere of your benign influence may be enlarged, for the greater good and advancement of Mother Church. May we say, my Lord, that nowhere in Canada has your elevation to the episcopate aroused keener joy and enthusiasm than at the University of Ottawa, which has ever been proud to claim you as her loyal son, her benefactor, patron and friend. We, therefore, renew our heartfelt congratulations and our welcome to one who has shed such lustre on us and on this our student home.

May your episcopacy be long, happy and glorious; may it be full to overflowing with the choicest benedictions of Heaven for yourself, your priests and your people. In conclusion we ask Your Lordship's blessing.

The Students of the University of Ottawa.

HIS LORDSHIP'S REPLY.

Bishop Ryan responded briefly both in English and French. Speaking in his mother tongue, His Lordship expressed sincere thanks for the kind words which had been showered upon him, and of which, he stated, he considered himself far from worthy. They would serve a good purpose, however, as he would consider them as an intimation, not of what he was, but of what it behooved him to be. His Lordship modestly admitted that it would have given him great pleasure to have remained parish priest of Renfrew. Higher authorities, however, had seen fit to raise him to his present dignity, and it was his duty to give a willing response to their call. He was nevertheless proud of his promotion, since it had brought honor upon his Alma Mater, and joy to hearts other than his own.

His advice to the students was that they take full advantage of the strong Catholic principles which they would acquire in such an institution as Alma Mater. Then, as graduates, well equipped with the weapons of faith and good morals, they would go forth staunch and sturdy defenders of Catholic doctrines, and worthy children of both their college and their church.