

sacrificing founders, and of the most sincere joy to the Canadian Church to have Ottawa recognized by the Holy See as a Catholic university. This recognition puts the Church's seal of approbation on the work in an unmistakable manner. It is a guarantee that here religion and science go hand in hand, that the light of Revelation will always shine so brightly as to exclude all danger from the *ignes fatui* of Pseudoscience. Deus Scientiarum Dominus est.

It is almost needless to say that the active energetic interest manifested by the most distinguished son of Alma mater will never be forgotten by the University or by the country which will realize more fully as time goes by, the debt of gratitude it owes to His Grace of Ottawa.

THERE IS IN AMERICA only one other Catholic university, Laval, besides the one in course of erection in the States, the great university of Washington. From the circumstance of the two languages Rome recognized the necessity of a second, an English university in Canada. The new powers with which Ottawa is endowed are those to grant degrees in philosophy and theology, such powers being neither received by Catholic Colleges from the State, nor recognized by them as belonging to the State to give. The courses of Philosophy and Theology then will be those most intimately and immediately affected. As is well known, it is the Pope's express wish, if it be not his formal command, to have St. Thomas studied in all Catholic universities. Of course the various authors whose text books are used in all Catholic Seminaries throughout America drew largely from the Angelic Doctor; but this is not all that is required. Those who receive degrees in Theology must have drunk deeply from the immortal Summa itself.

It would be premature to speak of the modification or improvement which may be made, but the judicious use made of the powers heretofore enjoyed by the

College is a sufficient guarantee that no effort will be spared by the Oblate order to afford every facility to students of taking such a course as will render them in every respect worthy of bearing the new dignity added to the degrees. That they will receive the hearty co operation of the English speaking bishops goes without saying, and ere long we shall see Ottawa university the centre of Catholic thought, representing and dissecting Catholic sentiment and Catholic intellectual progress.

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Sensational literature is doing more to demoralize the youth of this continent than any other agency whatever. Occasionally we hear of young hopefuls tugging themselves out in quest of scalps; of youngsters who have hardly discarded their knee-breeches stabbing or shooting each other over some *affaire du coeur*, even of youthful suicides. All directly traceable to the perturbation of the imagination consequent on reading the stuff which enterprising publishers furnish them in immense quantities. It may be said that the instances cited are so rare, that they prove nothing. They prove everything. They indicate what an incredible influence sensational reading may have. The distance between the normal state of a healthy boy's mind and that which leads to such crimes is immense, and we must take into consideration the havoc that is made where no such extreme results ensue.

Education, is the favorite panacea now a days for the thousand ills that society is heir to. Sensational literature is the cause, direct or indirect, of many of them. Some such thoughts came into our mind the other day as we read in the *Dalhousie Gazette* that the heart of Dalhousie throbs with gratitude to George Munro, its second founder. Singularly enough, about the