

conducted the students' retreat and we feel that we are already acquainted. May that acquaintance blossom into lasting friendship and devotion to our Superior. We have heard of your labors in Tewksbury and Buffalo and we are confident that in our Capital City you shall be equal to the burden of the task imposed upon you by religious obedience. We trust that our conduct as students under your fatherly care will not tend to make that burden heavier.

And now while wishing you God speed in your new sphere of duty we cannot but revert for a moment to the loss which we have just sustained. We allude to your predecessor whose kindly spirit had endeared him to the students, and we are sorry indeed to know that sickness and pain have been his lot for some time past.

But we know that the best way to comfort him is to extend to his successor the same good will and active co-operation that we have tried to manifest towards himself. Thus it is, Very Reverend Father, that we, one and all, profess our loyalty to this institution and its ideals; our loyalty to you, who represent before us the great religious order which has charge of the destinies of old 'Varsity.

May God bless you and your work.

THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

THE RECTOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Mr. Ulric Valiquette then presented the address in French. At its conclusion the new rector came forward, and in reply to the hearty good wishes of the students, spoke as follows :

Beautiful sentiments, fittingly expressed ! Fine music, well rendered ! Most interesting audience ! Still, to be candid with you, boys, (I could not be anything else,) I hear, in the depth of my soul, a strange note, which is out of harmony with my actual impressions—a kind of invincible repugnance to such a demonstration. It is so contrary to my natural instincts and whole religious training. Besides, it is in itself a formality, and formalities, like all rules and regulations, are more or less galling to poor, fallen, human nature, *even during college life*. If Adam and Eve had not sinned, we are told, there would have been very few formalities, rules or regulations, if any at all. Conscience, clear and upright would have sufficed. But, alas ! original justice with one exception, the Immaculate Mother of God, is a thing of the past. We need formalities, rules and regulations as the cripple needs his crutches.