

deserving especial and grateful mention. I regard this as not merely an educational but a moral triumph, not for us merely, but for the whole province of Quebec, and especially for its more capable and ambitious young men who desire the best preparation for the work of life. It is especially noteworthy that our cause has been sustained in the legislature by the ablest and best men of both political parties, of both races, and of both creeds. This is a guarantee that the benefit sought is not partial or invidious, but for the good of all, and it is an honorable evidence of the fact that when great public and educational interests are concerned, the leading men of this province have the magnanimity to sink the party differences which may divide them. It is an illustration to our young men that there are higher political considerations than those of party, higher public interests than those of race, and higher religious objects than those of mere creed. In this matter our Province of Quebec has at length shown a good example, and has earned for itself a good degree among the peoples of the world. And now permit me to be prophetic. I believe that the recognition of the B. A. bill is the beginning of a new educational era. It will induce many of our young men to devote some additional years to preparatory culture for professional life. It will thus tend to raise still higher the standard of the professions, and to introduce the time when our young barristers and physicians will pride themselves on their academic culture and success, will be the friends of liberal education, and will go on to take their higher degrees in arts, so that, whether at home or abroad, they will be recognized as men of academical standing as well as of professional eminence. This is what you are to see in the good time coming. We, the older members of the university, have had to work under less favorable conditions, and must pass away before these and other advantages resulting from recent advances shall have been realized. But we are not disposed on this account to appear before you with the mournful cry of the old Roman gladiators—*morituri salutemus*—but rather, with the exulting shout of another gladiator in the nobler arena, we would say we have fought the good fight, we are finishing our course, we wait for the victor's crown.

Current Events.

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