

manner. It may not be unknown to you, that the University of Ottawa has been conceded equal rights with the sister Universities of Ontario, with respect to the Scholarships founded by the late Cecil Rhodes. And, in pursuance of the founder's plans, she expects to be able, in the future, to send, every few years, a representative student to Oxford. The Imperial Government has honored the Faculty, by extending an invitation to the Rector, to assist at the first re-union of the Colonial Universities' Conference, to be held shortly in London, under the chairmanship of the Premier of England, a mark of esteem all the more to be appreciated since our direct co-operation has been solicited.

But in the summary of the year's events, there is one feature, it seems to me, that forms a fitting climax to the other favors. I allude to the presence among us, of the first representative of His Holiness, on whom our beloved Institution directly depends. The presence of His Excellency, Mgr. Sbaretti, means much to the University of Ottawa, which is Catholic *first, last and always*, attached heart and soul, to the See of Peter, craving for no favor that she cannot obtain as a Catholic institution, yet, the measure of her zeal is the measure of Christ's devotedness to humanity.

Nevertheless, if we consider the points from which one can form a judgement, her program, her ever-growing staff, her equipment, it is evident, that in her own sphere no apology is needed for the assertion that in every respect she is second to none.



—In the service of mankind to be
A guardian god below ; still to employ
The minds brave ardor in heroic aims,
Such as may raise us o'er the grovelling herd,
And make us shine for ever—that is life.

THOMSON.