

the contrary, you must ever look upwards and carry your ideal from lofty to loftier heights.

Do not forget that, in order to accomplish our journey through life—a momentous task we have to deal with—the first requisite is an ideal, with a lively faith, and the cult of honour, coupled with self-respect.

Senator Coffey also spoke on the occasion. He said:

Rev. Fathers and Students,—

I am deeply sensible of the honour which has been conferred upon me by the Faculty of the University of Ottawa. In our progress through life we find that one of its most cherished prizes is the thought that we enjoy the regard of our fellow-citizens, increased when this evidence of esteem proceeds from those whose ideals go beyond the things that pass away. It is a long span of time since I first began to realize and appreciate the splendid educational work undertaken and carried on with such zeal and perseverance in the capital of Canada by the Fathers of the Oblate Order. We have signs and tokens of the past when we look at the statue of your first Bishop on the grounds of the Basilica, and young and old may draw inspiration from the life-work of that great man, and young and old may, as they look upon his countenance in bronze, feel as if he were still speaking to them the words "Go on and on and fight the good fight;" and no less may we all, but especially the Faculty and students of the University, become possessed of an incentive to noble achievements by studying the life of that equally great man, Father Tabaret, who was ever a brother to his brother priests, and a wise, yet indulgent, father to the youth who came to the University to receive a training which would give us men whose lives would be as beacon lights to their fellows. When the history of our country is written, account will be taken of those who contributed of their best to bring it honour, to bring it glory, to bring it freedom, and to bring it prosperity, and surely it will be noted that the Fathers who conduct this great seat of learning had taken a splendid part in the work of nation-building; it will be noted that the men whose early lives were spent in its class rooms have, by putting into practice the lessons of their youth, become the exemplars of all that is good and true and noble in every walk of Canadian life. Herein the patient striving of the Oblate Fathers receives its reward. Believe me, I do not speak in this wise with the purpose of being merely complimentary on an occasion of this kind. Deeply do I feel the truth of what I have said. My acquaintance with men of affairs has brought me