

walls, we shall continue to harbor thoughts of the kindest feeling towards our friends in Ottawa City. People of Ottawa, there is a duty you must meet, and meet manfully. You can now glory in the knowledge that your city possesses a Catholic University; do not sit idly down, and allow the delusive hope to seize you, that it is an altogether self-supporting institution. No! be up and doing; you owe it to yourselves, to your children and to your fellow-citizens. You owe it to the cause of Catholic education in this country to lend your aid, not only moral, but material, to advance the interests of this, the only University for English-speaking Catholics in this Canada of ours. Do not allow yourself to be led into the belief that you are doing enormous benefit by pointing to this splendid building and saying: "Behold that noble seat of learning! What a joy it is to think that our fair city is the possessor of such an institution. Lo! Here, and here alone, perfection has taken up her abode." Not at all. If it were asked "who is the friend, the firm, true-hearted, ever-to-be-trusted friend of this, our "Alma Mater" we would answer, "Not he who is perched upon the house-tops, shouting hosannas to the four corners of the earth, proclaiming the glories of Ottawa University; but rather he who has placed himself at the bottom, in the most honorable of all attitudes, that of strenuous, yet unassuming effort. Not he who talks, but he who does." Citizens of Ottawa, may we hope that you will heed these words of counsel. Professors, Teachers, Ladies and Gentlemen, permit us now to say Farewell.

Comrades, you and we are about to separate. The parting is a sad but inevitable one. Let differences be forgotten. Let that generous feeling prevail which would urge you to say of each one of us "With all his faults, we loved him well." Truly indeed are school-days the happiest of our lives; not is this realized until we are brought face to face with the truth, that we must now advance to meet a cold unsympathetic world, caring little for friendship or affection; human beings cruelly jostling one another about in their desire to reach the long-looked-for, ever-sought-after goal of comfort. Yes, school-mates, do we sincerely regret this parting, but we shall bear with us reminiscences which shall help to cheer us in

our moments of sorrow, and, when we are in a pensive mood, we shall form an imaginary picture of the inauguration of lay professors and the accompanying demonstration; of the stolen re-unions in the rooms of the corridor; of the undergraduates banquet; of the glorification consequent upon the triumph of our Foot-Ball Team over some doughty opponent. In spirit shall we live through these scenes again. To the Foot-Ball Team we would say "Long may the laurel crown of victory perch upon your banner; may the day be far distant when an opponent is found capable of forcing you to say, "we are at length defeated." May the the Rugby Foot Ball teams of Canada long refer to you as "That invincible team from Ottawa College."

As the question has so often been discussed as to whether or not the encouragement of Sports in such a university as this is favorable or unfavorable to mental development, it may not be inopportune to advert to a circumstance which we think to be a striking and unanswerable argument against those who have ventured to raise the cry that athletic exercises are injurious to the best interests of the student. Of eight members who composed the graduating class of this year, eight (a very good percentage) have been successful in procuring the number of notes required to give them their degree. Of the same eight there are some who have been actively identified with the progress either of our Foot Ball, Lacrosse or Base Ball teams for several years past, and the remaining members have given enthusiastic support or encouragement, have ever lent their aid to cultivate a desire for healthy, vigorous and manly exercise. If, therefore, this physical exercise has been characterized as the bane and bugbear of true university training, does it not seem strange that we all have ever taken an active interest in Athletics, and have at the same time passed a sufficiently creditable examination to warrant the Faculty in conferring the degree? Surely it does. We would therefore say to you "Continue to be enthusiasts in sports; continue to give your recreation hours to vigorous exercise; continue to develop a healthy bodily constitution and you will, at the same time, fortify and animate your mental faculties."