

Of Local Interest

On Wednesday morning, January 15th, at half past eleven, a reception was held in honor of His Lordship Patrick Thomas Ryan, Bishop of Renfrew. Besides the faculty and students, over one hundred and twenty-five priests from the city and surrounding points, practically all graduates of Alma Mater, assembled in the spacious rotunda of the university, to do honor to the recently appointed bishop.

Addresses of felicitation and welcome were read both in English and in French, the former by Mr. C. Mulvihill, and the latter by Mr. A. Harris. In behalf of the faculty and student body of Ottawa University the speakers extended a hearty greeting to His Lordship, congratulating him on his promotion in the ranks of the Church, and assuring him of their loyalty and love.

The honor which had been conferred upon him, they said, was the subject of especial tribute, inasmuch as Ottawa University claimed him as an alumnus. In concluding their remarks, each speaker expressed a sincere hope that success would attend the efforts of His Lordship in his new field of labour.

May it please Your Lordship,—

On this joyful occasion of Your Lordship's first episcopal visit to the University of Ottawa, we, the students, desire to offer you a most cordial welcome. A Prince of the Church always feels at home in a Catholic college, but you, my Lord, must have that feeling in a very special manner to-day, for were you not, are you not still, one of us, and are you not most truly at home in Alma Mater?

Loking back to the days when you lived within these walls, we find your brilliant academic career characterized by painstaking assiduity in study, respectful and affectionate co-operation with the professors, kindly help, encouragement and good-fellowship towards your class-mates, keen interest in the various student activities, intense loyalty to your college, and many other splendid qualities of mind and heart, which not even your well-known modesty and simplicity could effectually conceal.

Harkening to the voice of the Lord, you crossed the threshold