

honored, and the hope that the new academician might be long spared to enjoy this and higher dignities.

The following is a copy of the Diploma.

Academia romana Sti. Thomæ Aquinatis  
jussu et auspiciis Leonis xiii Pontificis  
Maximi instituta Kalendis Jan., 1880.

Diploma cooptationis academicorum.

Rdo. Henrico Lacoste è congregatione  
Obl. M. Immaculatæ.

Cum nobis singulare studium perspectum sit  
quo docte ingenioseque versaris in eâ philoso-  
phandi scientiâ quæ est à Sto. Thomâ Aquinate  
in spem immortalitatis tradita. Te per has  
litteras libenter cooptamus in exterorum  
Academiæ nostræ decemvirale collegium, ut  
junctis nobiscum viribus, operam tuam ad  
illustrandam et latius diffundendam tanti  
Doctoris sapientiam sedulo conferas.

Quâ autem ratione sis ipse propositum  
assecuturus, Litteræ declarant Leonis xiii  
Pont. Max. ad V. E. Antoninum De Luca  
Cardinalem quæ præcipiunt: "Ut cætus  
academicus in Urbe Roma instituatur, qui S.  
Thomæ Aquinatis nomine et patronatu insignis,  
eo studia industriamque convertat, ut  
ejus opera explanet, illustret; placita exponat,  
et cum aliorum philosophorum sive veterum  
sive recentium placitis conferat; vim  
sententiarum earumque rationes demonstret;  
salutarem doctrinam propagare, et ad  
grassantium errorum refutationem, recensque  
inventorum illustrationem adhibere contendant."  
Id nobis de industriâ doctrinâque tuâ  
ipsi pollicemur. Vale.

Datum Romæ die 26 Decembris, 1896

C. CARD. MAZZELLA PRÆSES

Salvator Talamo a secretis.

(Translation.)

Roman Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas  
founded by order and under the patronage of  
the Sovereign Pontiff, Leo XIII, the 1st day  
of January, 1880.

Diploma of aggregation to the Academy  
of St. Thomas, granted to Reverend Father  
Henry Lacoste, O.M.I.

We have had abundant proofs of the  
singular ardor wherewith you pursue the  
philosophical studies of which St. Thomas  
has traced the rules for us, and which point  
out to us the surer way towards our  
immortal destiny. Wherefore we are happy

to proclaim you one of the ten foreign  
members of our Academy. Henceforth you  
will then unite your efforts to ours, in order  
that we may develop and propagate afar  
the wise teachings of so great a Doctor.  
As to the method which you must follow to  
reach the end in view, it is plainly indicated  
in a letter of Leo XIII to Cardinal de Luca,  
wherein we read these words:—We desire  
to establish in Rome an academic College,  
which, in the name of St. Thomas Aquinas  
and under his glorious auspices will strive by  
all means to bring to light his wonderful  
works, explain his doctrine by comparing it  
with that of other philosophers, whether  
ancient or modern, so as to show its clear-  
ness and power. In short, you must apply  
yourself constantly to spread around you  
sound doctrine, in order to stem the invasion  
of growing errors, and to guide the march of  
new sciences." This is what we expect from  
your zeal, your activity and your learning.

Given at Rome, the 26th December, 1896.

CARD. MAZZELLA, *President.*

SALVATOR TALAMO, *Secretary.*

After His Grace had handed the  
diploma of membership to the new  
academician, the audience was favored  
with a quartette, "Canada, Land of  
the Maple," by Messrs. L. Payment,  
J. Gookin, G. Fitzgerald and A.  
Mackie.

Next followed the presentation of  
addresses. First came the address  
from the students of theology. It  
was to have been read by Rev. A.  
Newman, '93, but illness prevented  
him, and at the last moment he was  
replaced by Rev. L. Raymond, '93.  
The following is the text of the Latin  
address:—

Reverendissimo necnon Clarissimo Doctori  
J. Henrico Lacoste. Theologiæ Dogmaticæ  
Lectori, ad Academiam Sancti Thomæ  
Aquinatis nuper electo.

Reverendissime Pater et Doctor.

Quum hisce diebus amici tui congaudeant  
scientes te inter socios Academiæ Romanæ  
Sancti Thomæ Aquinatis adscitum fuisse, nos  
sane discipulos tuos in hocce Seminario  
Ottaviensi educatos, haud mediocris affectu  
lætitiâ, quod alta et tuta doctrina magistri  
nostri, excellens hoc testimonium laudabile-  
que præmium obtinuerit. Equidem nos