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"There is a necessary theme

Of which we hate to speak;

Because as some wise sage has said

It does involve some check.

We wish that all subscribers pause

To grasp this subtle thought;

And soon resolve that they will do

The self-same deed they ought.

Our business principles compel

The settling of all bills;

And how shall we perform that task

Unless the fountain fill?"

A word to the wise ought to be sufficient.

*Pacific Pharos.*THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
OF OTTAWA.

The news that His Holiness, Leo XIII, has canonically erected Ottawa College into a Catholic University will be hailed with joy by every English speaking Catholic of Canada. What, it may be asked, does this add to the university powers already possessed by the College? Let us go back to the time when all Christendom was Catholic, to the dark ages, as they are insolently called by those who ignore the vigorous intellectual life which then flourished. Here we find the origin of universities. Yes, Paris, Bologne, Salamanca, Oxford, Cambridge and many others which counted their students by tens of thousands are monuments to the intellectual activity which then obtained. Then all Christians looked to the vicar of their Divine Master, to the visible head of the Church which had received the command "Teach all nations," for recognition and approbation of these great works. The Church had formed these nations from barbarous tribes, the Church had brought them to a state of advanced civilization, and to the Church, they cheerfully acknowledged, belonged the right to lead them along the bright, never ending, yet perilous road of higher intellectual development. But this is the age of divorce—the Civil authority is divorced from the Spiritual, Education divorced from Religion, Philosophy from Theology, and the Natural Sciences from Philosophy. It is needless to point out the numberless errors, the bewildering confusion, which are the issue. The limit is chaos, moral, intellectual and civil. The Catholic Church true to her motto *Semper Eadem* has ever kept the old paths, has ever indicated the good ways, has never relinquished her God-given right of teaching. Hence, although Ottawa College was previously endowed with university powers by the State, it is a source of great consolation to its self-