

prising every branch of useful and practical knowledge, neglecting nothing that an educated man might be expected to know. The curriculum lacks nothing that is necessary, and contains nothing that is superfluous. Moreover all is arranged with admirable fitness. The first step gives light to the second, and so from light to light we are conducted in safety through the whole series. "By philosophy we are enabled to unite into a consistent whole the various seeming anomalies, and contending principles that are to be found in the minds, and affairs of men; and hence arises, not excellence in simplicity, but one for superior, an excellence in composition." Truly then, have we to-night been made the recipients of a great honor. Henceforth we are graduates of Ottawa University, and that is indeed a badge of distinction. By reason of it we can claim fellowship with many of the leading lights of the country. "Look over Canada and the United States to-day and you will behold former students of this institution in every sphere of life—in the Church, in Parliament, at the Bar, on the Bench, in the medical profession, in engineering, science, commerce, and industries,—clinging to the top-most round of the ladder of success." The alumni of old Ottawa College have shown themselves, solid, judicious, honest men, competent to fulfill the duties of any position in life. We are confident, with a confidence begotten of hope, that we who to-night fall into the ranks of the "old boys" will not be unworthy of those who have preceded us.

But in this, the hour of our triumph, we do not forget the debt of gratitude we owe to Providence. To the great Master of our destiny, we breathe a fervent prayer of thanks. We thank Him especially for having given us such good Catholic parents, those parents who have sacrificed so much for our sakes, who have undergone so much anxiety, and suffered so many inconveniences, on our account. To you, dear parents, whether present or absent, our hearts now turn with sentiments of profoundest gratitude. At this moment we feel that you share our happiness and that you are blessing us with all the fervor of parental love. Whatever may be your business cares, to-night they are all forgotten, and your faces beam with pleasure, at the thought of our success, in anticipation of our triumphant