

specially for them. Catholics do so indeed, and that the institution responds to reasonable expectations is attested by the success which graduates of the University have, almost without exception, attained in the higher walks of life, throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion and in many states of the neighboring republic.

Though certain that the adoption of a different course would bring more students to its Classical Departments, the University of Ottawa has resolutely kept up a very high standard of studies, in the conviction that thorough work would win and maintain confidence, and tend to attract endowments. In winning and maintaining confidence the University is proved to have been successful by the number of students in attendance, and also, though this is stated with regret, by its having to close its doors to many deserving young men who, on account of limited means, need assistance to complete the long course of studies required for a degree. Confidence is shown in another and no less convincing way, by the readiness with which the diplomas and certificates of the University of Ottawa are accepted by all the seminaries and schools of Law, Medicine and Science throughout Canada, and in all of the very large number of similar institutions in the United States, in which they have been presented.

Unfortunately the institution has not received as generous benefactions as the majority of Protestant colleges. A comparison of what members of different denominations have done for their institutions of higher education, certainly would not give our co-religionists the place that they occupy in point of number, nor even, we believe, their present position in order of means. This fact may be explained, in part at least, by the larger contributions of Catholics for the erection of churches and maintenance of primary schools. Catholics too, have rightly a firm conviction that the members of religious orders and many of the secular clergy, may be relied upon to give their time gratis for the cause of higher education, and bring to their work talents, attainments and energy that cannot fail to command success. When all is said, however, it must seem regrettable that wealthy Catholics should allow an institution like the University of Ottawa to remain practically without endowment.