

himself to the Eternal City to study the Canon law, whence he returned with a doctor's diploma.

In the seminary, he alternately taught rhetoric, philosophy, dogmas, ethics, and Canon law. All his old pupils are loud in their praise of his scientific knowledge,—of the precision and lucidity that characterized his method of teaching. At the same time, the council of the seminary was careful to invest him with every office of responsibility and honour.

He was one of the founders of the Laval university, in whose prosperity he takes the liveliest interest. His attachment to it is all the deeper because of the many annoyances and anxieties it has caused him, as the heart of the parent holds in especial tenderness the most wayward of its children.

For thirty years and odd he has been the most prominent figure connected with the seminary,—sharing all its pleasures and its pains, its triumphs and its reverses. He has been unsparing of his time and energies in its defence; undertaken transatlantic journeys, voluminous correspondence, compilation of memoirs, polemics, pastoral letters, and mandements; and if the results have not always materialized as he wished, it was owing to no fault of his, as he neglected nothing that might advance the magnificent work he had in view.

No more painful ordeal could have been imposed on him than that which summoned him to leave this fond retreat for the archiepiscopacy. He regarded the dignity of the more exalted position as an inadequate compensation for the loss of the contentment and happiness which were his in the humbler one; and few, if any, will feel disposed to question the sincerity of these words of his mandement: "We take God to witness that we never desired or intrigued for this awful charge, of whose dangers and responsibilities, to-day more than ever, we feel keenly conscious."

When the trying moment arrived for him to take his last farewell of the peaceful roof that had sheltered him so many years, he seemed to break down, the few words he spoke causing the deepest emotion.

"It has always been to me," he said, "a fond and agreeable sight to witness the reunions of the large family that met in the seminary of Quebec, in the Laval university, and the college of Lévis, over which Providence willed that I should preside as superior and rector. In these haunts of study and retirement I always felt that loving