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## Address of Dr. McKenna.

(Delivered at Commencement 1911.)

Very Reverend Rector,  
Reverend Gentlemen of the Faculty,  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

**I** FEEL as that man must have felt who, sitting in the lowest place, was called to come up higher. Proud and flattered as I am he must have been; and yet I am sure his step faltered as he walked upwards and speech to him was difficult when he tried to give expression to his gratitude for the kindly invitation.

A man would have to have a fine conceit of himself who could without embarrassment join the distinguished circle of men who have received degrees from this university—men who in church and state, in divinity and law and medicine, in the great profession of teaching the arts and sciences that make for human advancement and human betterment, have shed such a lustre upon the University of Ottawa.

And a serene consciousness of worth would be his who could hear unmoved such gracious and most highly flattering words as the very Reverend Rector has spoken of me. I dare not question the verdict, but I pray that in the days to come in this world and in the great hereafter I may be as kindly judged.