

be said of Philosophy ; and, therefore, having been provided with the means of combatting old and dangerous errors we are able to make provision against impending storms. Were I to turn to my class-mates and ask them if they were ready to bear me out in what I have said, were ready to live up to the promises I have made, their answer would be a ringing "Yes." I do not any longer desire to weary you with this tedious recital. I hope the future shall give us occasion to show that we are more than idle boasters.

The members of the graduating class of '89 feel that they would be wanting in their duty were they to allow this opportunity to pass without extending their warmest congratulations to the Faculty and without expressing the joy they feel at the kindness of the Holy Father in seeing fit to confer upon the College of Ottawa the powers and privileges of a Catholic University. The seed sown by its sainted founder has grown into a stupendous tree, under the shade of whose branches the youth of this continent may find rest, healthful and invigorating. We desire at the same time to express to your Grace our high appreciation of your endeavours towards making Ottawa College hold such a conspicuous place amongst the educational establishments of this country. We desire, moreover, to say that we feel deeply grateful to you for having given us the opportunity of being the first to graduate from this university. It shall ever be our care to labor for the furtherance of the interests of our "Alma Mater," and, in this respect, we shall always regard you as our ideal towards the imitation of which it shall ever be our care to proceed. Far indeed will it be from our power to reach that ideal, but we feel and know that efforts unselfishly made, however insignificant, are honorable and praiseworthy.

Accept, then, my Lord Archbishop, our most sincere thanks, and believe us when we say that we shall ever look back with pride to our connection with an institution which can count amongst its friends and patrons such a distinguished prelate of the Catholic Church.

Rev. Fathers, kind professors and teachers, the class of '89, in the name of that education which you have advanced ; of those sciences which you have encouraged ; of that religion which you have adorned, thank

you for sacrifices undergone and for the endeavors made for our advancement. We pray that the smiles of a beneficent Providence will be ever with you. Permit us now to convey to you the sincere assurance that we appreciate your efforts, and no matter how cruelly or kindly fortune may deal with us, we shall ever look back with joy to the time when we were under your care. If it be our lot to occupy positions of importance in the religious, literary, legal, medical or mercantile world, be assured that we shall always be anxious to refer our success in a great measure to your kind and salutary advice and instruction. The parchment we last night received shall serve as a link to bind us closely, nay, irrevocably, to the memory of our "Alma Mater." We will ever hail with delight the occasion which will enable us to revisit our former college home, within whose cherished precincts we have together—you to teach and we to learn—conned some classic author, delved into the hidden mysteries of philosophic lore, taxed our brain over some intricate mathematical formula, or studied with delight some wondrous physical phenomena. All this is at an end, but we go forth strong in the consciousness, that by following the lessons received herein, we will be marching steadily in the path of Truth.

To our kind parents, whether absent or present, we turn with feelings of loyal filial affection and love, and say with all our hearts "May God bless and reward you." You have seen our infancy cradled, you have watched with eager eyes our progress from day to day. For the anxiety we have severally caused you, you will forgive us. The waywardness of which we have been guilty, you will generously forget. Let anticipation usurp the place of retrospection, and we shall ever strive to show that we are worthy descendants of a worthy sire. Permit us, then, to publicly give expression to our sentiments of deeply rooted affection and gratitude to you, and if it be not presuming too far, let us hope that you, to-night, share in our triumph.

Ladies and gentlemen, you and we have been often brought into contact, and, therefore, we desire, before we leave, to thank you for many favors received : rest assured that, long after we leave those College