

you see before you students from every province of this vast Dominion and from many States of the great neighboring Republic. Despite the vigorous conditions of entrance and promotion, the number of students in the classical course has steadily increased until larger rooms and the division of some classes have become necessary. Our graduates maintain a most creditable standing in the law, medical, and theological schools which they attend, and after qualifying for the professions of their choice, almost invariably reach honorable and often eminent places. We are conscious, My Lord, that during the many years you spent in Ottawa, you did very much indeed to insure the prosperity of the University, and we are happy to have this occasion of expressing our gratitude for the many advantages which you have generously contributed to afford us.

In conclusion, My Lord, we sincerely thank you for the honor you do us by your visit to-day, and we hope that this may be only the first of many occasions on which we may have the privilege of kneeling to receive your blessing.

His Lordship replied to both in a very touching manner. On arriving in Ottawa he expected, he said, to be welcomed by the Fathers of the University, since he enjoyed the pleasure of a previous acquaintance with most of them; but what he did not expect was the enthusiastic reception he had just been tendered by the students. He thanked them for their warm-heartedness, remarking that it reminded him of the days when he was himself a student. He then cast a glance at the marked progress of the University. Its graduates were scattered all over the continent; and, wherever he met them they were always able and honorable men, for they had received while here the foundation not only of true science but also of true religion. This led him to remark that he believed teaching a most meritorious

occupation; it had always been for him a very pleasing task; for he ever had before his mind the fact recently expressed by His Holiness Leo XIII that where the youth received a thorough religious training the Church in that country had nothing to fear. In conclusion, His Lordship made a statement which ever finds a responsive chord in the hearts of a community of students,—he had secured for them a holiday. When the applause occasioned by this remark had subsided all present knelt to receive the blessing of His Lordship; who then left the hall bearing with him the esteem and admiration of the whole student body, while all united in the wish that they might in future have an opportunity of enjoying a more intimate acquaintance with the young Prelate whose first appearance before them had left so agreeable an impression.

On the following evening a more substantial reception was prepared for His Lordship from British Columbia in the form of a complimentary dinner given by the fathers of the University. Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface was also present, as well as many other visiting clergymen.

About eight o'clock, when all had participated to their hearts content of the various delicacies mentioned on the bill of fare, the banquetters repaired to the Academic Hall to assist at the presentation of "Richelieu" by the Dramatic Club of the University; and the manner in which the actors took their respective parts rendered them well worthy of the bursts of applause which their efforts frequently called forth. It was a noticeable fact that the names of the two female characters of the drama were not to be found on the pro