

No promise of any assistance whatever, had been made to the College authorities when the Science Hall was begun, but it is gratifying to state that within the past few months, two gentlemen of means, Mr. M. P. Davis of Ottawa, an old student, and Mr. M. J. Haney of Toronto, have given very substantial proof indeed of their interest in the work to be carried on in the new building. Each of them has donated the handsome sum of five thousand dollars toward defraying the cost of construction and equipment. These gentlemen, if consulted, would be reluctant to allow their generosity to be proclaimed to the world, but justice demands that their gifts be mentioned in these pages, and that the sincere thanks of the institution they have aided be tendered to them.

In connection with the benefit that would accrue to educational work in Ottawa by the establishment of a Science School and by increased private benefaction, it may not be out of place to here state a few facts not perhaps fully enough understood by all who may read these lines.

Leaving out of consideration its two Theological Schools, the courses in the University of Ottawa are open to all, and since the foundation of the institution have been attended by many students of different religious denominations. This is as might be expected, for in ninety-five per cent of these courses nothing could possibly be found objectionable by any one, no matter what his tenets may be.

[English is the only language used in the lecture rooms, except as in the majority of Catholic colleges, in the Latin lectures in Philosophy, and, as in all colleges, the lectures on the literature of modern languages when the students attending them understand these languages.

The institution in 1866 secured from the Dominion Government a charter empowering it to confer degrees similar to those conferred by other universities throughout the country. In 1889 it received from His Holiness, Leo XIII, all the privileges of a Catholic University.

In view of these conditions, it is natural that Catholics who, desire to have their sons, or the youth of their race, educated in English, should consider the University of Ottawa as existing