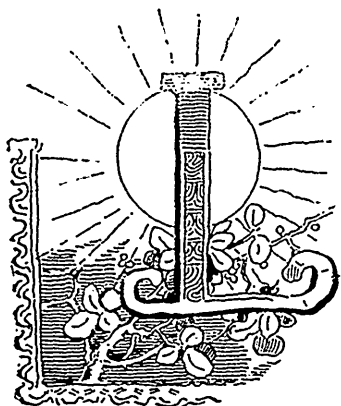


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of Catholic education in English speaking Canada shone forth in magnificent splendor, heralded by the inspired words of the greatest of the Popes. The preparations for the inauguration of the Catholic University of Ottawa were on a scale of grandeur commensurate with the occasion. The University buildings were brilliantly illuminated, the west wing being dedicated to the Rev. Dr. Tabaret, the east wing to the Alumni, and the centre to the University of Ottawa. Appropriate mottoes backed by tinted lights were placed in the different windows with pleasing effect. Within the scene was one of surpassing magnificence.

Never did Alumni have greater reason to crowd the halls of their Alma Mater, nor friends to rejoice, nor foes to fear. From every Province of the Dominion and from several States of the American Republic old students and firm friends came to do honor to the University and to the University's honored founders. In every exercise of the 9th and 10th of

October the University of Ottawa was directly and intimately concerned. Her most distinguished son, the Archbishop of Ottawa, chose from amongst his clergy those whom he wished to have as his most trusted aids and councillors, and constituted them the Basilica Chapter of Canons; the memory of the illustrious Bishop Guigues, founder of the College, was perpetuated by a magnificent statue in bronze and marble; likewise was the figure of the great Father Tabaret reared aloft before the institution of which he was for so many years the able head; and lastly, formal effect was given to the brief of His Holiness Leo XIII., raising Ottawa College to the rank and dignity of a Catholic University. Verily was there then reason for joy, and joy there was depicted on every countenance: triumph in every eye.

For those in anyway interested in education, the grand event was the formal inauguration of the University, and an idea of the importance attached to this ceremony may be formed from the truly representative nature of the assemblage gathered in the Academic Hall on the evening of the 9th. Church and State united for once in acting towards a common end. The Church sent a prince, eminent prelates, distinguished priests and religious personages, and by the side of those sat the Ministers of the Crown, the lawmakers of the country. Literature, art, commerce and the learned professions