

*HIS GRACE, THE MOST REV.
ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA
RECEIVED AT THE UNIVER-
SITY.*

On the eve of his departure for Rome, His Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop of Ottawa paid a visit to the University. He celebrated the students' Mass at seven o'clock a.m. in the College chapel. At half-past eight he was ushered into the Academic Hall, where a cordial greeting awaited him from the inspiring music of the College band, and where he received a hearty welcome from the students. Addresses, both in English and in French, were read by Messrs. C. C. Delany and Joseph Landry. The following is the text of the former :—

To His Grace, the Most Rev. Archbishop of Ottawa, My Lord, Archbishop :—

"Your early visit to the scenes of our labors and to the institution over which you have constantly watched with fond paternal care affords us reason of the greatest gratification and pleasure. We, therefore, desire to tender you our most hearty welcome and our sincerest thanks.

It is not, however, the only favor for which we would acknowledge our indebtedness. Last year your Grace's happy advent to our midst was the occasion, not only of rejoicing on our part, but also of an everlasting glory to our *Alma Mater*, inasmuch as, at that time, were conferred upon her, through your kind influence, the priceless prerogatives which she now enjoys, the grandest of all privileges, the raising of her to the dignity and rank of a Catholic University.

Should we endeavor, then, to express the deep sentiments of gratitude which animate our bosoms, we would scarcely find terms appropriate to convey to you the true state of our feelings ; but we do know that you will be pleased to receive even this acknowledgment in lieu of what we would otherwise gladly express.

So far, indeed, the programme of our University is not complete. There are many acquisitions yet to be made towards rendering it what we are exceedingly anxious to see it. But we trust that, assisted by Almighty God, strengthened by the blessings of the Church, aided by the indefatigable labors and exertions of our reverend and dear professors, and encouraged by the staunch and devoted friends whom heaven has raised up in our behalf, we shall very soon behold our College on a footing with other Catholic universities.

It delights us to inform you, and your Grace will, no doubt, rejoice to learn, that our class in Philosophy is the largest that has ever passed through the Institution, and that the number of Theological students this year bids fair to be greatly increased.

And now, Most Reverend Archbishop, that you

are about to set out upon another voyage to the Eternal City, whither the requirements of your extensive works for the glory of God and the salvation of souls call you, we would ask of you to be mindful of us and of our infant University when standing before the throne of Christ's Vicar. We have little to offer that would be worthy of your Grace, but what we have we cordially request you to accept, our warmest gratitude for past favors and our feeble, but fervent, prayers for a pleasant journey, a happy and successful voyage, and a safe return to your devoted children in Canada and to the students of Ottawa University."

In reply, His Grace expressed in suitable terms his thanks for the good wishes contained in the addresses. He said that he had always taken a lively interest in the welfare of the College, and that he would continue still the steadfast friend and eager promoter of the institution which he had the pleasure of claiming as his *Alma Mater*. Every one of those, he was pleased to observe, who had at one time, sat upon the benches of the University, had already made, or was about "to make his mark in the world"; some as devoted priests, laboring for the salvation of souls, and rendering their bishops happy in the thought of having such zealous pastors ; others, as good physicians, and others, still, as the directors and managers of the affairs of state ; but all as useful members of society and a credit to the institution wherein they had imbued those principles of piety and truth which sweeten the bitterness and illumine the darkness of the world.

Alluding to his visit of last year, His Grace concluded by saying that he could not promise to return laden with such transcending favors and privileges for the College as those conferred upon it a year ago ; but that he would bring back the choicest blessings which he could possibly procure from the Holy Father, and that he would be particularly mindful, in his prayers, at the different shrines where he would have the happiness of officiating, of the good cause of education, and especially of the future well being of Ottawa University.