

has reached the plain below. One of the greatest consolations of a professor amid the trials and vexations of his life of seclusion and of study is the thought that not one particle of those truths that he has placed in the souls of his pupils will be lost. One man makes ten others recipients of truth, each of these ten communicates it to ten others—and then, one day without any violent transition, arrives a complete transformation in the social body at which all men will wonder; the author thereof—this man who passes along our streets, unknown and unrecognized, but having under control a force greater than that of guns, more extended than that of kings—for to him it is given to convince and persuade.

If you now kindly cast a glance back on the road we have followed, you will see that we have rapidly pursued the student of the University from the time he leaves College to that when, his course completed, he comes to offer his services to society.

The thoughts that I have too cursorily laid before you this evening, have not the merit of novelty, they are in truth very old. They are, if I mistake not, identical with those which Origen sought to acclimatize in the schools of Alexandria, and that Albertus Magnus submitted to the Middle Ages with all the authority of his genius and of his long experience. Since that time many evolutions have taken place in ideas; many changes in methods; the Renaissance came and went, to be followed by the Reformation so called, and that in turn to be succeeded by the Revolution; and each of these levelled one by one the stones of the grand edifice raised by the church, and known as the Catholic University. Theology was dethroned, Philosophy reduced to a secondary role. To find Christian order in the teaching of the sciences, we must now go to Rome when the Popes have preserved it in its

grandeur and its integrity. From Rome has the Catholic University of Ottawa received its crown, upon Rome will it model itself—to Rome will it ever turn with its whole heart and soul.

Because it will be Roman, it will ever be essentially Catholic, Catholic in teaching, Catholic in discipline, Catholic through its professors, Catholic through its students. For this University no preference of persons, race or people. Already has it had on its escutcheon intertwined beneath the cross, the maple leaf, the shamrock, the thistle and the rose. Already in its classes and on its grounds it has had since its very origin, bound in sincere friendship, the first born son of Canada, the chivalric child of old Scotia, the patriotic descendant of green Erin, and the favored young American. In its teaching body it has ever possessed talents matured in various climes. In future, this unity in variety will make itself more and more felt after the example of the great universities which have ever regarded genius as cosmopolitan.

If now you ask me when we expect to realize these great projects, I will say that for my part it will not be in the very early future. Bologna was for two centuries without any other course but a faculty of Law; it took three centuries to bring Paris to full maturity; the University of Ottawa will in less time attain its end, because it commences on higher ground and in a country where everything moves more rapidly; because it is favored with sympathy, and secured by protections that cannot fail it. Hope then may we in fullest confidence, that He who by the hands of His Vicar on earth hath vouchsafed to bless, may likewise, grant it life, strength and activity, for his own glory, the honor of the Holy Church and the prosperity of this "Canada of Ours."

