

an earnest plea in favor of the Church's claim to be the divinely-appointed apostle of true progress. We are pleased to note that we shall soon be afforded an opportunity of listening to the fervid oratory of Dr. O'Rielly of Detroit, and Daniel Dougherty, the silver-tongued orator, of Philadelphia. May all these be but the initiation of an era of intellectual excellence, in which the thoughts of the public mind may be justly and faithfully fashioned. Thought is the ruler of the universe. National greatness will ever accompany that people whose thoughts are based upon the principles of goodness and truth.

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Reading, in the *Queen's College Journal*, of the recent jubilee celebration on the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Queen's University, we were much pleased to note the broad-minded and liberal spirit that seemed to pervade the orations then delivered. We were also surprised to find that some of the speakers in this strain were known to us as the most rabid and bitter fire-brands illuminating the so called "Equal-Rights" platform. It will require much more than the oily utterances of these Jekyll-Hyde characters to convince us of the decay of their deep-rooted aversion to at least a very great portion of the people whom, as was then expressed, Queen's was anxious to include within the circle of its extended embrace. It is difficult for us to presume that Queen's could, in any way, be in sympathy with Catholicity; for she was denominational in her inception, in her struggles and in her progress. "The Presbyterian Church," says her College Journal, "rocked her at her birth." There is, moreover, the fact, as admitted and proclaimed by the chancellor himself, that in Kingston and elsewhere the United Empire Loyalists and their descendants have multiplied and given their impress to the community; and the present aspect

of this impress is nothing more nor less than antagonism to Rome. An undenominational Queen's University is beyond the range of possibilities, for in the very assumption there is inconsistency, and we believe that Queen's would resent with "might and main" the charge of inconsistency. In conclusion we will offer our congratulations, upon its continued prosperity, to Queen's, the Presbyterian University of Kingston, and we wish them every success in their endeavors to build up a great and comprehensive Canadian Nationality.

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On the night of the 11th February the news was flashed over the country that Toronto University was in flames. We could scarcely credit the first intelligence, until it was confirmed by later reports, announcing that it was but too true. We cannot refrain from expressing the deep grief we feel at the loss that not only Toronto, but Ontario, and in fact the whole Dominion, has sustained in the destruction of that great seat of learning. Upon many points we could not agree with the principles laid down by Toronto University, but now, in the moment of their great trial, we hold to the universal law that misfortune make us kindred, and offer to the supporters, friends and trustees of the institution our sincere sympathy. We hope that, like the fabled bird, Toronto University will, from its own ruins, spring again into life and being, to enjoy, if possible, greater prosperity than has up to the present been its share. We would deeply regret if its reconstruction could not be, forthwith, commenced; for we bear willing testimony to the fact that it has added many eminent names to the long category of those who have shed a lustre upon the name of Canada in the paths of science, literature and art. We trust that the re-erection of its material pile will bring about a reformation of its intellectual methods.