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On this, the occasion of the fiftieth birthday of the University of Alberta, I bring to you on behalf of my colleagues in the Government our warm birthday greetings and our very best wishes ad multos annos. Fifty years is a long time in the life of a man, but it is a short period indeed in the life of a university. Yours, however, has been a remarkable half century of increasing strength and of widening influence for your province and thereby to our entire country and to the world. It seems almost incredible that the University of Alberta began fifty years ago so modestly on one floor of a high school, with the president and four professors who, together, almost outnumbered the total student body. At the beginning of this present session I understand that you have over five thousand five hundred students enrolled, and that your plans are complete for the establishment of the University of Alberta in Calgary, thus extending the service of the University. Even in a country such as ours which has become accustomed to near miracles of rapid development, this spectacular expansion of the service and prestige of your university must surely long since have out-distanced the brightest hopes of those courageous and enlightened men of fifty years ago who planted such a sturdy twig now grown into this vigorous and noble tree of learning.

In a more personal vein, I express my deep sense of the honour which the Friends of the University of Alberta have accorded to me in inviting me to deliver this year the lectures in memory of Henry Marshall Tory. The tangible memorials of this great Canadian are many, splendid and abiding, but who would venture to assess those more intangible memorials of the heart and of the mind - memorials which will keep alive the contributions of this dedicated scholar who was the founder of so much that is excellent in the intellectual life of our nation. The