

RECEPTION TO BISHOP DONTENVILLE, O.M.I.

IT frequently happens that the students of the University have the pleasure of welcoming to their midst a bishop or archbishop; but seldom if ever has their greeting been more cordial than that which they lately extended to the Right Rev. A. Dontenville, O.M.I.

Twenty-five years ago the worthy prelate came as a student to Ottawa College, then a very small building in comparison with its present extent. With marked success he passed in turn the various examinations required of him, and at length renounced the world for the sombre gown and became an Oblate of Mary Immaculate. After his ordination he labored for four years as a professor in the University, and then he was called upon to take up his abode in far off British Columbia. There he spent his time in teaching and doing missionary work; and now, invested with all the sacred dignity of a bishop of God's Church he has returned to pay a visit to his college home and to the companions of his younger days.

Those who knew him years ago find in him the same gentle and unassuming character as when he last took leave of them; and the tender bond of sympathy which ever unites the past students of Ottawa University with those of the present, combined with the hearty welcome always extended to illustrious guests in swelling the burst of applause which filled our Academic Hall on February 10, when Bishop Dontenville appeared before the assembled students. An appropriate

address in French was read to him by Mr. A. Lavergne, '99, and the following is a copy of the English address as read by Mr. John T. Hanley, '98.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND AUGUSTINE DONTENVILLE, O.M.I., D.D., BISHOP OF GERMANICOPOLIS AND COADJUTOR OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

MY LORD:

It is with genuine pleasure, and pride that the students of the University of Ottawa see you here to day. We feel that our welcome to you cannot be too cordial, for we see in you one of our graduates in Arts and Theology, a former member of our professorial staff, an Oblate of Mary Immaculate and a Prelate of Holy Church.

The records of *Alma Mater* testify to your marked success whilst a student; later, as we have often heard, your scholarly attainments and uncommon geniality won you the esteem and confidence of all who had the privilege of having you as a teacher; and then, your many qualities of head and heart, especially your zeal for the glory of God, we know, made your labors in the sacred ministry productive of the best results. Hence we were not surprised when a few months ago you were chosen by the successor of Peter to preside over an important portion of the Lord's vineyard. Your Lordship, we hope, will not deem it presumption on our part when we assure you of our conviction that, in the elevated station you occupy, you will always be an honor to the Episcopacy of Canada and to the institution of which you are one of the most distinguished sons.

Your Lordship, we have reason to believe, continues to take a lively interest in the University. You will then, we have no doubt, be gratified to learn that