

visitor; but their intense loyalty and affection for the Chair of Peter cause them to feel particularly honored in the visit of him whom the Sovereign Pontiff has appointed to be His immediate representative in this Dominion.

They desire to offer to your Excellency the expression of their sincere respect for you in the high office that you occupy, and to give you the assurance that, as faithful sons of the Church they shall have no loftier ambition than to display towards you as the first ecclesiastical authority of this country, entire and unquestioning submission.

Your worthy predecessor was a frequent visitor in our midst, and has left among the student body souvenirs of kindly interest and of generous sympathy that have placed them under a deep debt of gratitude towards him. We trust that Your Excellency will find time, notwithstanding your many and important duties, to grace occasionally our student gatherings with your distinguished presence.

In common with the rest of the Catholics of Canada, we extend to you a hearty welcome. We pray that your sojourn amongst us may be long and blessed with every happiness and consolation; and that the church of this country, under your zealous guidance, may grow and prosper in accordance with the earnest desires of Your Excellency and of the illustrious Pontiff whose solicitude has sent you to us.

THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

His Excellency replied in a very gracious speech, saying he was indeed pleased to be among the students. He congratulated them on their inestimable happiness in attending a Catholic institution of learning. Despite revelation itself human science has often been in error, and wandered away from the paths where God intended it should tread. To-day, particularly, many educationalists by precept and example seek to draw youth away from the knowledge of religion and plunge it in the mire of rationalism and atheism. The students of Ottawa University were indeed fortunate in becoming acquainted with true science as the handmaid of religion. He congratulated the University on the great progress it had made, thanks to the zeal, devotion and untiring energy of the Oblates, to whom he wished every success. He trusted that in the near future they would be able to build an Academic Hall