

will look backward in a country's life, and beyond its limits, who will judge more wisely of its chances and its destiny, those alumni of a university's long life, the hope and resource of their country from one generation to another. "All great things which the coming generation is destined to do, have to be done by some like you; several will assuredly be done by persons for whom society has done much less, to whom it has given far less preparation."

The seal then of the University of Ottawa—a banner, as it were of religion, patriotism, and education—will embody the idea of its foundation. It is religious, even as those great Catholic foundations, six hundred years before, when universities arose, and when Oxford took its motto '*Deus illuminatio mea*': so we have as our guide, *Deus scientiarum Dominus est.*' As Dominicans and Franciscans then newly arising, for the sake of a society in great trouble through heresy, through the cruelty and greed of wealth and power, were among the first teachers at English colleges; so this college was founded by an order which out of the ruins of the revolution arose to evangelize sinful men in their madness, and which now has not forgotten that to the more intellectual among men, in their arrogance and presumption, religious instruction is perhaps of more consequence than to any others. From France the Oblate Fathers came; and as their Cross and the emblems of the Passion—"the cross of Christ, the measure of the world"—form the centre of the seal, so the ray of blessing and light is seen to descend on the sign of their congregation, *Gestu Dei per Francos.* "Certainly" says an 'Anglo-Saxon' historian, "the French Catholic has reason for holy pride as he peruses the annals of his country, and discerns so many instances of God's use of the arms of France to effect his designs in the world, especially in the sole really important matter of the preservation of His church." The missionaries are the sons of the crusaders. And we recall, too, that of all the old universities their Paris was the most renowned.

We have not only the Cross and the Holy Book, but also the signs of all those who form the greater part of our population in Canada: French, Irish, English and Scotch—the fleur de-lis, the harp, the rose, the thistle—and who are called to live and to learn under the guidance of the faith, by its light, in its strength.