AN HONORED ALUMNUS.

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LANCING in retrospect over what has been accomplished in the wonderful intellectual progress of our fair province, we are inclined to attribute a great measure of this development to the successful efforts of our High Schools and Universities. But another force is at work to produce this desirable position, a force as truly efficient, powerful and universal in its own sphere, and this we know as the common school system of Ontario. The thousands of successful pupils in our province can fully attest that our Separate and Public Schools have no fear of competition and can well bear the test of the most rigid examination. Recognizing the fact that a great body of trained teachers is annually required, the Educational Department has wisely provided for training schools and the results of the Toronto, Ottawa and London Normal Schools and of the Hamilton Normal College need no comment ; they speak for themselves. What this province has and must have are corps of properly trained teachers, whether lay or clerical, duly educated in method and practise, and fully equipped in every branch in order to keep apace with the requirments of this advancing age. The recent jubilee celebration of the Ottawa Normal school placed this institution prominently before the public, and emphasized some of the problems—which we in Ontario, and especially the Catholics of Ontario, must solve in order not to retard our own Separate Schools but advance them to the coveted goal of success.

Here we pause and pass aside from these contemplations in order to felicitate our sister institution, the Ottawa Normal School on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee, and offer congratulation to its honored Principal and our illustrious alumnus, John A. MacCabe. On the occasion of this joyous celebration, *The Review* joins with the thousands of friends who have paid tribute to the inestimable qualities and genius of the devoted Principal, who has so faithfully presided over the destines of the Ottawa Normal dur-