

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY OF OTTAWA was held in the Academic Hall of the University on Sunday afternoon, 11th of November, 1894.

There were present His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa, the Rev. Dr. McGuckin, rector of the University, the Rev. M. J. Whelan, pastor of St. Patrick's parish and a number of ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. J. A. J. McKenna, the president, occupied the chair, and opened the proceedings with an appropriate address. After acknowledging the generous aid and warm encouragement which the Society had received from His Grace ever since its inception, Mr. McKenna thanked those present for their attendance, and bespoke their assistance during the coming year. He then proceeded to speak as follows:—

The aims and objects of the CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY have been so frequently and so fully set before you that there is no need of my speaking of them in detail. It may not be out of place, however, for me to emphasize what is the great underlying idea of our Society. A distinguished convert to Catholicity, Mr. George Parsons Lathrop, has declared that the power of the Catholic laity is a moral Niagara allowed to run to waste. The Catholic Truth Society is intended to afford a channel for the utilization of some small part of that power in the work of making the truth better known.

The possession of every good gift carries with it a corresponding obligation. Now we Catholics know that we possess, in all its fullness, the priceless gift of Faith, that ours is the Truth, "whole and entire as God has revealed it for the illumination of the human soul, for the solution