

others were renowned throughout the then known world. The Gael, the Scot, the Frank and the Saxon all drank from Ireland's fountains of knowledge. Before the foundations of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge were laid the colleges of Ireland had long been institutions of great importance."

ALMA MATER, *by T. J. Sloan, '06.*

"Gentlemen, it is not given to us to look into the future. Were we permitted to see the things that shall come to pass in the great mysterious darkness of the speechless days that shall be, we might behold this institution flourishing in all the splendor of a full-fledged University. And it is our sincerest hope that such expansion *will* come to pass. How grand it would be if in years to come, and preferably in the near future, we could behold an Ottawa University with all its faculties in action, an Ottawa University wielding the influence it should control, an Ottawa University furnishing the necessary inducements and exerting the sufficient influence to retain its own students and to draw underneath its wings those who to-day are forced to attend other universities. But grander still would it be to see this institution a representative one and enjoying the support of all those upon whom its success must depend, the support of the Catholic clergy, the support of the Catholic laity, yes, the support of all Catholic Canada. Then and then only would we have an Ottawa University as it should be, then and then only would the good fathers be amply repaid for their work, then, and then only, could we expect great things of its departments, and, let me say it, of its 'football team.'—(Applause.)

Let us hope, then, that when we of to-day are no longer able to partake of this annual feast of Ottawa University, when others sit round this festive board to proclaim the joys and sorrows of a land whose lot has been persecution, that then we may look back from afar on an Ottawa University fully worthy of the name it bears, on an Ottawa University with a Science Course as well as an Arts Course, with a Law Course as well as a Theological Course, with a Medical Course as well as a Business Course. Let us hope that then we may see all who boast of the name of the Catholic being actuated by purely Catholic motives, realizing a sense of their duty,