

*DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.*

It is a long time since the Capital has been honored by the presence of so many and such noted ecclesiastics as those who recently visited Ottawa on the occasion of the dedication of new St. Joseph's. Archbishops Duhamel, Walsh and Cleary and Bishops Lorrain, MacDonald and Emard and numerous other ecclesiastical dignitaries took part in the dedication ceremonies in the new church on Sunday, the 19th of November. During the afternoon of the same day these distinguished personages, accompanied by Sir John Thompson, Solicitor-General Curran and other prominent citizens visited the University by invitation of the Faculty. Shortly after two o'clock the visitors entered the Academic Hall where addresses were presented to them in English and French by the students. The address in English which here follows was read by Mr. Jas. Murphy:

*Right Rev. and Rev. Lords:*

It is indeed with feelings of the purest joy and admiration, that we, the students of Ottawa University, are assembled here this afternoon to bid your Lordships a hearty welcome. Well may we feel honored, and well may we rejoice for have we not to-day in our very midst the leading lights of the illustrious Hierarchy of this great Dominion? As Catholic students who have enjoyed from our infancy the precious privilege of a Catholic education we owe your Lordships a lasting debt of gratitude. You, one and all, have been highly instrumental in founding and maintaining churches, schools and other religious institutions throughout the country. The noble object for which you have assembled on this auspicious occasion admirably reflects the eager solicitude, warm love and untiring devotion which you have at all times manifested towards the welfare and prosperity of Mother Church.

We congratulate you, my Lord Archbishop Duhamel on this the occasion of the dedication of a magnificent house of worship in your arch-diocese. The massive grandeur of the new St. Joseph's Church, the ability and wisdom displayed

in its erection are highly emblematic of your Grace's episcopacy. You have worked zealously and heroically in behalf of those under your spiritual direction. You have built up for them churches, schools, convents, hospitals, aye you have crossed over the stormy ocean and obtained for the members of your arch-diocese the honor of having in their midst this Catholic University acknowledged and blessed by the Pope himself.

We are highly delighted, Right Rev. Archbishop Walsh, to have the pleasure of beholding you in person. Your name is familiar and dear to us, intimately associated as it is with the great work of Catholicity which is being carried on in the western part of this fair province. We are often pleased to learn through the columns of the Catholic press of the abundant success with which your saintly labors are being crowned. The fact that a goodly number of students come yearly from your arch-diocese to this institution convinces us that you are a true friend to our Alma Mater. Be assured we fully appreciate your good-will and desire to tender you our sincere thanks for the same.

Your eminent talents and profound knowledge, my Lord Archbishop Cleary have long ere this made of you an object of pride and admiration, not only to the students of this institution, but also to the whole Catholic population of this vast country. Our University is indeed greatly honored by the kindly feeling of encouragement which your Lordship has ever manifested in her behalf. Thank you, my Lord, for your kindness and may we often in the future have the pleasure of your distinguished presence in our midst.

When we behold you, my Lord Bishop McDonald, we are thrilled with feelings of pride and hope. We remember that you have travelled the same path which we are now travelling, that by your untiring industry, perseverance and especially by your entire confidence in Him who is the Lord of Lords you have reached your present exalted position. We feel confident that the prayers and sacrifice which you offered up this morning in our chapel will be productive of exceeding good fruits in our midst. Accept, my Lord, the homage of our best wishes and earnest prayers.