

teachings of religion he will be a useful member of society, and will exert a salutary influence. In closing he exhorted the students to pay great attention to the religious as well as to the secular branches, and to have always before their eyes the words of the Redeemer which he took for his text.

At the conclusion of Mass the students repaired to the Academic Hall where a most hearty reception was tendered His Grace. Addresses were read in English and French by Messrs J. T. Hanley '98 and R. Lafond '00.

The following is a copy of the English address:

To His Grace the

*Most Reverend Archbishop of Ottawa
and Chancellor of the University.*

MY LORD ARCHBISHOP.—The day on which you annually visit our college home to pray with us for the blessing of God on the work of the new scholastic year, to witness the Profession of Faith of our teachers, and to address words of encouragement and advice to masters and students, ever awakens peculiar and lasting feelings in us all. We have faith enough to believe that the visit of Your Grace secures us choice favors from Heaven, and we feel it our duty to express our gratitude for the fatherly interest and affection you manifest towards us, as well as to assure Your Grace that we are determined to profit of the advantages which we find in this institution.

Last year's students have returned in large numbers, and there are many more

new-comers here than for some time past; Your Grace, we are sure, will rejoice to see by the increased attendance that the University continues to win confidence and golden opinions far and near. During the fortnight which has elapsed since studies were resumed, our classes and the majority of our college societies have been satisfactorily reorganized; and the harmony and good-will which prevail give promise of a most successful year. Your Grace, we are confident, will remember us in your prayers and thus continue your favors of to-day by striving to obtain for us the earnestness and perseverance in the discharge of duty which ever deserve success.

We shall always feel honored and gratified to see you present at our entertainments and other college events during the course of the year. These visits, we are aware, are often made by you at the sacrifice of time and personal convenience, but they bring us encouragement and joy, and we hope they may be our privilege as they have been that of past generations of students. In conclusion we thank you once more for the great kindness of which you have given us so many proofs, and we ask Your Grace's blessing.

His Grace in reply spoke of the fame the University had acquired. There were students who had come from far-away Mexico. The fame of the institution, he said, depended greatly on the students themselves. He then expressed the hope that this year would be a happy one for all the students and closed by exhorting them to observe strictly the rules of the house in every detail.

