

Important Services Recognized.

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The presentation to Dean Hellmuth, which took place yesterday, is an occurrence demanding more than a passing notice. It was not a simple compliment, such as is frequently made by a number of friends to some favored individual, but rather a grave and valuable testimonial on behalf of a wide section of the public, on account of efforts and services of no ordinary a kind. It is seldom, indeed, that, in this country, any one can be found who has at once the will and the power, the perseverance and executive ability to bring to a successful issue so many enterprises as those with which Dean Hellmuth has been associated, enterprises which, though they have involved much forethought and labor, are specially directed to the higher aims of educational and religious advancement. It may be useful to recall the most prominent of these: First, as a justification, as it were, of the presentation; and, secondly, by way of an incentive to others who have it within their means to forward the best interests of the community by which they are surrounded.

Dr. Hellmuth left Quebec for this city in 1862, the object in view being the establishment of a Theological College in this Diocese. Having matured his plans, he placed his object before the religious public in Canada and England, and after some months of exertion found himself rewarded in the collection of about \$62,000, with which suitable premises were purchased, and a sufficient endowment secured. The object of Huron College, thus founded was the preparation of young men for the Church, and Dr. Hellmuth naturally became its Principal and occupied the Divinity Chair. At this time no chapel was attached to the College—a want that was soon felt. The north end of the city, where the College is, being situated at a considerable distance from any place of worship, Dr. Hellmuth determined to build a suitable chapel, to serve the double purpose of supplying a place of worship to the inhabitants of the north end of the city, and of administering to a want in connection with the College itself. This purpose was soon carried out, and, it may be added, almost at his own expense and that of his family.

These objects being accomplished, a wider field of usefulness presented itself to Dr. Hellmuth. Having succeeded in setting in beneficial operation a theological seminary, he aspired to establish an institution which should embrace secular education in its highest as well as some practical branches, being at the same time under suitable moral supervision, and aided by religious influences. The scheme matured itself in his mind. A large and well situated block of land was purchased, and we soon saw a magnificent pile of buildings arise, which for size and internal adaptibility for the purpose intended, has scarcely an equal on the continent—we believe has no equal. Many people shook their heads as the buildings arose, and not a few predic-