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We must not close this sketch without referring to Bishop Spalding's efforts to erect in this country a school for the higher education of Catholic youth, both lay and cleric. He saw that our educational institutions were merely preparatory, fitting their students for the ordinary affairs of life, but leaving no forces in reserve for times of emergency. This deficiency he endeavored to supply by the erection of a Catholic University. One would imagine that such a project would be hailed with delight as soon as broached, especially when along with the proposition were offered the funds necessary to carry it into effect. We are nevertheless compelled to record the fact that the foundation of our Catholic University met with opposition where it was least expected, and that its inauguration was attended by obstacles which at times threatened to destroy it. Bishop Spalding in this only experienced the reception met with by his illustrious uncle when he founded the American college at Louvain. Like him also, he snatched success from the jaws of defeat, and placed his cherished institution on such a firm basis that it can no longer be looked upon as an experiment. His appointment as president of the Catholic Educational Exhibit at the World's Fair was a wise one. Whether he be appointed to succeed Archbishop Kenrick in St. Louis, or be permitted to pursue in peace his life of study in Peoria the *Colorado Catholic* believes that it echoes the heart-felt wish of all who may read these lines when it says: "May he long be spared to the church in America, to strengthen by his voice and pen the sacred cause of God and truth."