

*NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS TO THE
VERY REV. RECTOR.*

On New Year's eve, as has always been the custom, the students gathered in the Dramatic Hall for the purpose of offering to the Rev. Superior their good wishes for the ensuing year, and of bidding him God speed upon the advent of 1891. The English address was read by Mr. F. L. French, the French one by Mr. Charron. They were expressive of the respect and affection felt for him as Rector of the University, and of their hope for his success in the government of it. We append a copy of the English address :—

J. M. McGuckin, O.M.I. M.A.

To you, as Rector of the University, we are assembled to offer our greetings. The time is opportune ; our relations make the labor a duty which we may not shun, and which we would not if we could. The old year is about to leave us, and the new to welcome us. The one, with its remembered joys and regrets, will soon be lost in the irrevocable past ; the other, with its conjectured happenings, will soon be upon us, bringing us face to face with pleasures, and mayhap, disappointments, which the future has in store for us. Standing between the two, looking backward and forward, we desire to express our sorrow for the shortcomings of the past, and our determination to benefit by the opportunities of the future. We would, at the same time, tender to you our heartiest good wishes that the coming year may be for you one filled with every good gift that God may bestow.

These are not idle words. In this action, our heart is our guide ; and the longing to speak what we feel has sprung from the sentiments of respect and affection which we entertain for you. We realize the difficulty of saying anything that might not be qualified as commonplace, but we do claim for our utterances to-day the merit and novelty, if novelty it may be called, of added sincerity.

As Superior of this institution, your responsibility is great. The government of a University demands unceasing toil ; and its success depends, to a very great extent, upon the energy and enthusiasm of the directing spirit. The development of the youthful mind is a sacred and, at the same time, an arduous and delicate task ; and he who assumes it must acquire a special power if he desires his labor to be successful. In the face of these truths, it is easy for us to understand the difficulties of your position, and the severe trials which necessarily surround you. May God give you ample strength to meet them, is the most that we may wish or pray for. The favorable results of your past efforts give us strong hope that your coming ones will produce abundant fruit. We do not wish you to be as successful as heretofore, but moreso. The motto which you have tacked to your standard is "Upward and Onward ;" and by that motto you have determined to stand. Rest is dangerous. The sluggish stream is ever stagnant. Triumph should be but the incentive to renewed effort.

Enemies we have. Enemies bitter and watchful ; who are ever active that they may discover a favorable moment for the outpouring of their reproaches. That such a time may not arrive, we must do something ; we must show that we are progressive, that we are modern. To you, as one who feels the necessity of this, we owe our thanks as well as congratulations. You have recognized the necessity of meriting the good-will of Protestant as well as Catholic educators ; you will now, we feel, do all that, by human effort, you may do to acquire their sympathy and encouragement ; and, with God's blessing, you will be successful. And, being successful, this University for English-speaking Catholics will attain the position which, by right, belongs to it, the first amongst the Catholic educational establishments of the land. That such may be the effect of your endeavors, is the yearning that lies deep in our heart.

Accept, in conclusion, our most cordial wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

In reply the Rev. Rector urged upon his hearers the necessity of pursuing their studies with all possible zeal ; and promised to assist them in their work as far as it was in his power to do so. He alluded to suggestions made, and held out the assurance that anything he could do would be done to realize the expectations of the students with reference to the University. His words were received with enthusiasm, every one determining to do everything possible in order to profit by the good advices offered. We trust that Father McGuckin will be long spared to continue the work he has now commenced of placing before the people of Canada the true condition of affairs in this institution, and the good work that is being done herein.

*A HEARTY FAREWELL TO A
DEVOTED DIRECTOR.*

Those of the students who are unacquainted with the strict rules of obedience that govern the life of a religious, were somewhat surprised at the suddenness of instructions from the Very Rev. Superior General, to the effect that Rev. Father Jacob should join the Oblate mission in far off British Columbia. For the past four years Rev. Father Jacob has been very intimately connected with the students. He has filled the positions of study-master and head disciplinarian, and in those capacities, though exercising the functions of master, he has ever been regarded by the students as a friend. Hence it was, that upon receiving the news, that he was about to sever his con-