

of Catholic students throughout the whole of Canada; and in offering you the tribute of our respect it is an additional source of gratification to reflect that we are honoring in your venerable and exalted person your glorious and saintly predecessor, the first Canadian bishop and the founder of the first Canadian seat of higher education.

How happy, too, is this occasion on which we greet for the first time the revered Archbishop of Montreal, whose learning and virtues have raised him to the high dignity of metropolitan of that most flourishing See, which has justly been called a focus of Catholic faith and charity. To us especially who have been blessed and doubly blessed in having so many of our youth trained by the good Sisters of Notre Dame, those heroic daughters of our Lady of Montreal, this visit of your Grace who so worthily fills the Archiepiscopal chair of the city of Mary is indeed an auspicious event.

We therefore join our welcome to that of the venerated and beloved Bishop whose guests you are, and whose friendship for you makes ours the stronger. In him you behold one whose life has been a battle for Catholic truth, and it is but fitting that this institution whose present flourishing state is due to his zeal should not be slow in honoring those whom he so much desires to honor. Welcome, then, thrice welcome, to St. Francis Xavier's College.

His Grace of Quebec replied in French. The happy blending of simplicity and dignity in the appearance of the venerable Archbishop, together with his kindly tone of voice held the attention of those who were not so fortunate as to be able to admire the glowing beauty and eloquence of his language. We shall be content to touch upon a few of the points taken up in his reply. He said that it was to him a great pleasure to come to the Diocese of Antigonish; not only for the purpose of seeing his distinguished friend, Bishop Cameron, but also owing to the fact that this diocese was at one time under the jurisdiction of the See of Quebec. It was not the first time that he visited our beautiful country and he hoped that it would not be the last.

Turning his attention to the students, he dwelt upon the excellent moral and intellectual advantages that were theirs. While a professor at Quebec, he had repeated testimonies of the high standing acquired by this institution in the young men it sent to the seminary. He exhorted the students to persevere in their studies, not to lose the benefit of the unselfish labors of their professors, saying, that they were here now to gather the sweets of virtue and knowledge from the flowers of good example and instruction strewn in their path, and that later on they were to