

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.



THE following is the address of the Very Rev. H. A. Constantineau, O.M.I., Rector, delivered at the fifty-third Annual Commencement exercises of the University of Ottawa, June 19, 1901 :

Most Reverend Archbishops, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It behooves me, as Rector of the University, to make a few remarks on the occasion of the closing exercises of this scholastic year. It is a pleasing duty for me to do so on account of the very flattering report that I have to present to our friends and well-wishers with regard to the present prosperous condition of our institution. Our year's work has been, indeed, most satisfactory from every point of view. Students and professors have contributed towards this successful result. We have had, this year, the happy experience that devoted and zealous professors with honorable and studious pupils constitute a perfect college home. Our sincerest wish, then, is that the young men confided to our care during the year may, by their upright and manly conduct, deserve the same praise at the hands of the good and self sacrificing parents to whom they will soon return.

It is a great satisfaction to us to note that every student—yes, I may even say, without exception—has made a profitable use of the opportunities so abundantly offered him in this University for the development of his moral, intellectual and physical faculties. We believe and maintain that the moral training is the most important, hence it should come first.

Alas ! how many Catholic parents there are who overlook this most necessary factor in education, which, were it wanting, this essential feature, could claim to be nothing more than "instruction." We also know, by experience, that a young man who is good and virtuous possesses a foundation upon which he may build a solid intellectual edifice. The heart and mind of man were too closely allied by the Creator to imagine that it is possible to neglect one without injury to the other. As far as physical devel-