

"All are aware that special examinations must be passed, that special certificates are absolutely required, for young men that wish to become candidates for the study of medicine, of law or of pharmacy. The certificate of matriculation is by far the most common, because it may be obtained in a shorter time. This certificate, given by our University, entitles its holder to register as a student at law or in pharmacy, whilst the same certificate with one year's additional attendance in the arts course, admits him to the study of medicine.

This certificate of matriculation is not given by Catholic colleges outside of Ontario; hence we have often seen young men that spent long years in colleges outside of this province, altogether unable to enter upon the study of medicine or law. The doors of these two learned professions were closed against them because they had not fulfilled the provincial requirements, by matriculating from some chartered institution of learning in the province of Ontario. This is a matter that is deserving of the most serious consideration of Catholic parents.

I might perhaps add that our University is the only chartered Catholic institution of learning in which young men may matriculate and then proceed to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Science and Literature, or Master of Arts. These degrees grant special privileges not only to students residing in Ontario and in other English Provinces of the Dominion, as well as in the neighboring Republic, but also to those that reside in the province of Quebec.

Our University is bound by its charter to adopt in its examinations, the standard of the University of London; it is for this reason that our academical degrees are an indication of true merit; they always represent a standard of learning equal to that of the best Universities in the United Kingdom.

It on this account, because of the great work that we have carried on so successfully for over fifty years, and also because this is the only chartered Catholic College in Ontario, that the Holy Father Leo XIII some ten years ago, signally honored us with the title of Catholic University, thus making Ottawa University the centre of Catholic education in Ontario. As a result of this special distinction—a distinction that is enjoyed by only two other institutions on the Western Continent—Laval and Washing-