

Some very interesting reminiscences of early college life were contained in the address delivered by Hon. Charles Marcell, the next speaker, who also received the degree of LL.D. He told of his boyhood days in Hull. In 1875 he had crossed the ice on the Ottawa river, for there was then no Interprovincial bridge, and had become a student of the university under the direction of the late Father Tabaret, one of the pioneers of Catholic education in the city. Then St. Joseph's college, the present important seat of learning, was situated in the midst of broad fields. Parliament Hill, upon which the present governmental buildings are erected, was at one time contemplated as a site for the university, said Mr. Marcell incidentally. Like the former speakers he paid his tribute to the late Archbishop Duhamel. "The University of Ottawa is one of the greatest monuments which will remain to his memory," he said. The great work of the Oblate Fathers, who had built the university was also referred to. Mr. Marcell then spoke in French in much the same vein.

Valedictory Addresses.

The valedictory addresses were delivered by Messrs. Edward Byrnes in English and A. Couillard in French. "The lessons learned in college will stand you in good stead in later life," said the first of the speakers. He referred to the feeling, almost of sorrow, with which he and his fellow graduates said good-by to their alma mater, a feeling tempered somewhat by hope for the future. He hoped that the university would continue to progress as it had and that the trophies emblematic of supremacy in athletics and debating would soon be regained. Mr. Couillard spoke to the same effect in French.

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We are assembled for the sixty-first annual Commencement. The first Commencement then took place just sixty years ago. An account of the exercises on that occasion has not come down to us. There were no doubt addresses in which the establishment of the colleges of Bytown, later the University of Ottawa, and the prospects of the young institution were dwelt upon.

Have the hopes and wishes expressed on the first Commencement Day been realized? Well, on that day enthusiasm may have run very high. Then, too, there have been obstacles, and hindrances and calamities that could hardly have been foreseen three score years ago.