

Ottawa University of Tomorrow

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OUR dreams of tomorrow are woven from the thread of the realities of today and as our eye attempts to pierce the veil, we blend fancy with the reflected image of fact. Hence it is with unmingled delight that we face the future of Ottawa University.

In the minds of many educators, there is a unique place to be filled by the small, well-equipped Christian college. This conclusion would indicate that we cannot afford to strive for numbers alone.

But what does it mean to be well equipped? Necessarily there must be funds, and funds sufficient to provide adequate buildings; to make it possible to retain able men on the faculty for a series of years; to be free from the depressing strain of penury.

But vastly more than this is essential in the making of a college. There are those intangible elements of atmosphere and school spirit, the stimulation of tradition, the consciousness of having the loyal support of a great denomination, the valuation of standards not only scholastical but moral and social as well, the personality of teachers which should inspire, the true essence of loyalty and enthusiasm on the part of students and alumni, these operated under the direction of the great Christian Ideal, make up a college that is worthy of long life.

What then is the outlook for the Ottawa University of Tomorrow? There is well under way at the present time, the largest financial campaign in the history of the institution. At present there is an endowment of a quarter of a million dollars but this campaign will double that amount. The buildings now upon the Campus are: The Old Science Hall, University Hall, Girls' Dormitory, the new Gymnasium. The present effort will provide for a New Science Building, a Library, a Central Heating Plant.

In the matter of making the Campus more beautiful, the activity of the Campus Improvement Association has been most gratifying. This organization is made up of former students and friends who wish to be members by assuming the small obligation of one dollar per year. Its possibilities are unlimited. The movement was launched by the Class of 1916 by the erection of a splendid flag pole surrounded by a macadamized driveway.

The scholastic work of the school is now fully accredited by large universities—East and West. There is in the atmosphere of the school a tone that is exhilarating and productive of the strongest fibre of character.

The faculty consists of men and women whose lives are upon a par with their superior instruction. The institution is recognized in the state for its standing in athletics, oratory and debate.

With this as our present view, the future seems merely to enlarge and magnify the same qualities and continue its growth and development in a similar direction. As we look at the landscape drawing of the Campus as it will be in years to come, our mind's eye catches a glimpse of the ever-increasing opportunities and achievements of our beloved college.