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## REASONS FOR CONGRATULATION

There is reason to rejoice over the very successful conclusion of the campaign for the assembling of a quarter of a million dollars quota in this community as part of the Million Dollar Drive for the expansion of St. Bonaventure's College into a university. There are in fact many reasons for congratulation.

In the first place Olean and the six other cities and towns embraced in the community to which the quota was assigned have once more demonstrated their remarkable spirit of loyalty to their respective home-towns and to the section of the state of New York in which they are located.

In the second place the campaign has had the effect of bringing forcibly to the attention of the people of Western New York in general the very commendable work that has been accomplished in the past at St. Bonaventure's College, the work that is still being done there, and the possibilities of tremendously increased efficiency and service in the future when the Million Dollar fund assembling campaign is completed and the college expanded into a university. The interest in the institution which this campaign has aroused will manifest itself in the years of the future throughout this section in many ways, we believe.

In the third place, the common cause in which they have engaged has brought together the people of all religious demonstrations in this section. The teams engaged in the work of the campaign represented every shade of religious belief within their membership. The spirit engendered as a result of this cooperation will have a lasting and very beneficial effect.

Therefore, as we have said, we have a number of reasons to rejoice over the success of the campaign. Had we failed to raise the quota, we would still have accomplished a great work in the advantages enumerated above.

As it is, the task of raising the remaining three-quarters of a million dollars among the alumni and friends of the college in the fifteen states in which the service area of the college is included, will be aided materially by the splendid results of the campaign here. We have shown that "it can be done" and the inspiration growing out of our achievement will have a most salutary effect. We will follow with intense interest the progress of the nation-wide campaign to be undertaken.

The establishment of the new university of St. Bonaventure's will mean much to Olean and the territory contiguous to the college, but it will mean as much to the state and to the nation. Christian education is the need of America. This is admitted by every thinking man and woman. The realization has come to us that education which does not include the inculcation of the general principles of religion and the morality that grows out of religious belief, is not only faulty but dangerous.

We have shown our realization of the need of colleges like St. Bonaventure's. We have shown our readiness and willingness to see the work of the institution continued and enlarged. The community has given generously of its substance to this end. We have awakened an interest in education of the character given by the college. That interest will be lasting. We have set an example to those who, in the fifteen states into which the drive is to be carried, will within the next year be asked to do their share. We have kept unspoiled the record this entire community has won for always meeting its obligations and responding to calls from worthy causes.

Yes, we have great reason to be proud and to be thankful. And the campaign was carried out without an untoward incident. It moved forward so rapidly that in five days of actual campaigning over a quarter of a million dollars was raised in Olean, Allegany, Bradford, Salamanca, Gettysburg, Elmira,

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In the greater, more useful, more service-giving St. Bonaventure's, we will have tangible evidence the results of our labor. May this old tree of knowledge that has blossomed and borne great fruit in years of the past, bloom in the future with the promise of greater fruit—splendid young manhood trained in the spirit of service to their country and fellow men!