

In your Chancellor you have had a warm friend and wise counsellor. Then, again, you have been fortunate in having so gifted a man as Principal Gordon to step in at a critical moment. Surely a good Providence has protected and guided you.

If at any time in my career I envied the fortunate possessor of a degree from Queen's, that feeling is no longer dominant, and to-day I am deeply gratified by the honour just conferred, an honour which I accept as one more pleasing than any other I could name. To know that one can claim such an alma mater as Queen's is glory enough for any man, and I am now so imbued with the Queen's spirit that I could, if the surroundings and occasion were appropriate, initiate the Gaelic slogan that has brought such terror to the rank and file of various sporting organizations from time to time.

I hope it is not giving away what some might regard as a secret, but when the Alumni association met in Toronto a few weeks ago there was a sad disappointment— a gentleman, very prominent in your affairs, attempted the yell— I do not know the cause of failure—whether the quality of the dinner was at fault, or the quality of the water, which was nothing stronger than the good old microbic variety we drink there—at all events, if you had a phonographic record of the attempt you would not be satisfied and would insist on more careful coaching for the future.

A word, too, about the Medical Department of Queen's University. I do not think your Dean should take too seriously to heart any criticisms coming from a Toronto M.D. so obscure that his letter did not reveal his name. It is true that at one time it seemed difficult to know just how Queen's Medical Department could stand the pace without the resources of Toronto or McGill, but the broad educational policy adopted by the Government has settled for all time to come the future of your College, and fair-minded men everywhere delight that such is the case. If you have not as much clinical material at your disposal, as is the case in large cities, you make the best of what you have, and that is most important. I am not so certain that the one who studies a reasonable number of cases thoroughly and carefully will not be better equipped than the one who in his hurry to know everything at once, buzzes