

a common matriculation, and hoped that the four universities would accept this policy, promising that if they did the department would conduct the examination free of expense. Three of the Universities did accept, and the fourth refused. He, as an acknowledgment, now pays the expenses, not of the three, but of the fourth. The only explanation of this method of pressing a policy and keeping a promise is that chartered Universities are to be treated with injustice unless they surrender their independence. Their money, it would seem, must also be surrendered. A little newspaper, supposed to voice the ruling policy, has recently declared that "Queen's must hand over her endowment to the Government before she can be allowed to co-operate in improving public education." The sweet reasonableness of this doctrine every free man must admit. The regard for the educational interests of the Province is manifest. It is enough, however, to say at present that any ministry that asserted it openly would not live long in a civilized country, and that the institution that preached it would be its own worst enemy. Fancy a newspaper in Massachusetts declaring that Harvard, Boston, Amherst and Williams must hand over their endowments to the Government before they could be allowed to co-operate in improving public education! That Cornell, Columbia, and other Universities in New York must also commit the happy despatch! That Oxford, Cambridge, London, and the Scottish Universities must go and do likewise! Enough on this subject. I apologize for the digression. More detailed treatment is needed, and I have promised to give that at a special meeting of the University Council, to be held next month.

One word more in acknowledgment of the liberality of our graduates and benefactors. Nothing binds men together so much as common action, of an unselfish kind, voluntarily undertaken towards the attainment of a high ideal. We, being many, have thus been made one. Other Universities have received large sums from a few wealthy donors in one locality. Our friends are in every part of the country, and of every religious denomination. Their action has consolidated them and us into an organism, closely united like a family. Into this family you gentlemen, who are to be laureated to-morrow, will enter. I can wish for you nothing better than the family spirit. The graduates and students are the strength of any university, and its best representatives to the general community. Let those who go from us, even for one short summer, remember that the reputation of their Alma Mater is entrusted to them.

#### THE LAUREATION.

The final day at last came when the successful students were to receive their reward in the stape of degrees, and at 2 p.m. an excited crowd had assembled outside the main entrance, which was for some reason or another closed. When it was opened, however, one grand rush filled the hall, the students occupying the gallery, where they conscientiously endeavored to rigidly observe the

rules as laid down in the last number of the JOURNAL, and in a great measure they succeeded gloriously. The platform was well filled with professors, trustees, members of the Council, graduates and friends of Queen's, among whom we noticed Rev. Dr. Smith, general secretary; Rev. Dr. Wardrope, of Guelph; Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, Toronto; John R. Lavell, B.A., Smith's Falls; Rev. A. H. Scott, Perth; Dr. Bolter, Stirling; A. T. Drummond, Esq., Montreal; D. B. McLennan, Q.C., Cornwall; Rev. Dr. Campbell, Montreal; Rev. James Gray, Stirling; Dr. A. P. Knight; Prof. Waddell, R.M.C.; George Y. Chown, B.A.; R. W. Shannon, M.A.; Rev. Dr. McTavish, Lindsay; John Hay, B.D., Campbellford; and many others.

The Principal, addressing those present, referred to the fact that on Tuesday the term for which Chancellor Fleming had been elected expired, and announced that the popular Chancellor had been elected again. (Cheers.) He then proceeded to install him. This ceremony was brief, the Chancellor undertaking, "in the strength God has given him, to defend the College and protect its rights." Then there was more applause, and the irrepressibles in the gallery sang that old song which, on so many similar occasions, has done duty, "For he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Geo. Chown, B.A., of Kingston, and Mr. J. R. Lavell, B.A., of Smith's Falls, placed the robes of office upon Chancellor Fleming's shoulders, notwithstanding the fact that they were informed that the Chancellor could put on "his own duds."

The Chancellor then made an interesting address. He said that he accepted the duties and responsibilities of the high position conscious that the authorities would accept his earnest efforts to discharge its obligations. He would again look for the indulgence and support hitherto invariably received. He was delighted to see the Principal back again and to express the common sentiment of all present, and of every one of the many friends of Queen's throughout the country, in hoping that his restored health would enable him to continue for many years the noble work he has undertaken.

Reference was made to the visit of the Governor-General and the manner of his reception. His Excellency has expressed his deep interest in the University, and has stated his intention of offering a scholarship of \$75 for competition. "Within the last few months we have lost an old and true friend in the death of Mr. John Caruthers," said the Chancellor. "We hoped that his life might have been spared for him to take part in laying the foundation stone of the Science Hall, which is to bear his name; it has been decreed otherwise. This hall will be a lasting memorial of his worth and of the aid he has generously given. Efforts were made so that the foundation stone could be laid during Convocation week, but this preliminary work has been deferred from unavoidable circumstances."

The Trustees having determined to issue a doomsday book much material has been collected by Rev. Dr. Wil-