

John Hoskin, Esq., K.C., LL.D., the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University, addressed the audience which had assembled in the north lecture theatre on the occasion of the formal opening. He spoke of the building and equipment, emphasizing in a very pronounced way the great progress which had been made in medical research. He remarked that the work of construction had been completed in the short space of fourteen months from the time that the decision to build was arrived at. He also referred to the happy circumstance that the increased and efficient accommodation was provided at the very moment when two Medical Schools, namely Trinity and Toronto, had amalgamated, and when these increased facilities were so urgently required. Dr. Hoskin considered that we had to thank the Government of Ontario for the financial aid which they have provided, not only in connection with these new buildings, but also for the convocation hall which is in prospect. He then formally handed over the keys of the new buildings to the President of the University on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and in doing so he paid a tribute to the untiring energy of the Dean of the Medical Faculty, Dr. Reeve, to whose persistent efforts the completion of these new buildings is largely due.

President Loudon accepted the care of the building from the hand of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and assured him that the Medical Faculty would use the buildings for the advancement of medical science in a manner that will enhance the reputation of the University and redound to the benefit of the public. He acknowledged with gratitude the prompt action of the Trustees, the Government and the Legislature. He would not forget the handsome way in which they had made provision for the Medical Faculty and for the department of Physiology. He then proceeded to recall for the benefit of his audience some facts regarding the progress of medical education in Ontario, and spoke as follows:—

“From the year 1788 onwards machinery has existed for the licensing of practitioners. At that time little or no teaching was available. Regular medical courses were begun in 1844, when on the 15th of January the inaugural lecture of the Medical Faculty of King's College, the then Provincial University, was delivered. The Faculty had been established after much controversy and negotiations, and it is to be noted that the Faculty of Medicine was then on a par with those of arts and law in the University, and was equally with them a charge on the endowment, drawing eventually between eight and nine thousand dollars annually from this source.

Within ten years after the establishment of medical instruction on an apparently permanent basis the University actually