

an Old Boy. It was, he said, with more than usual honor that he arose as the representative of the great cosmopolitan college, McGill, to give his quota of good wishes for the Institute. Men of the foremost rank had emanated from McGill and had lifted high the torch of learning. He hoped that many students from the loved old school, the Ottawa Collegiate Institute, would in future enter the portals of McGill University, there to further their learning as only can be done in a University. "We have a national destiny," he said, "which is not interwoven with that of any other people no matter how good they may be (applause), and we have not yet gone beyond the foundations of a structure which I believe will yet dominate the whole Western Hemisphere." In closing he said: "Let us all remain Canadians although also Britishers." Mr. Ryan's speech was listened to with rapt attention and was characterized by forceful eloquence.

Rev. Mr. McMaster responded for McMaster University.

THE OLD BOYS.

The toast to the "Old Boys" was proposed by Mr. A. H. McDougall. Mr. John Christie in replying mentioned the fact that in going over some old documents recently he had discovered one dated June 18, 1845, announcing the opening of the old Dalhousie District Grammar School. Of those attending the school then few were living now, although the Principal and his youngest and childlike pupil were present at the Banquet. He paid a worthy compliment to Principal Macmillan by saying he was as good as any gone before and any who should come after. The next 60 years he said would speak for themselves.

Dr. Geo. Kennedy of Toronto followed. He is another veteran "old boy," having been five years of age when the old Grammar School was first started. He divided the students from then until now into three classes. First, the positive, or those attending as far back as 1878; second, the comparative, or those attending during the twenty-five years preceding, and lastly the superlative, or the