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BY

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MR. CHANCELLOR, MEMBERS OF CONVOCATION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—It would be out of place in an inaugural address to treat of any legal subject in a purely technical manner. I shall, therefore, confine myself to some general observations which, though bearing upon legal matters, are not of interest to those alone who are entering on a regular course of legal study. We have met to-day to take part in a very interesting ceremony—the inauguration of a Law Faculty in connection with the University of Lennoxville. It is only twenty-seven years ago that that great and good man, the late Bishop of Quebec, endowed the Eastern Townships with a university framed on the model of the great schools of England. Small the beginnings were, and perilous all such undertakings are. Their success depends mainly on the worth of those for whose advantage they are erected. It is with the progress of civilization as with the growth of the grain on which we live. The seed may be good, but every grain that is sown will not produce an ear. What falls on barren ground perishes. Rapidity of growth also depends on the fitness of the soil. Shakspeare has