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PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS.

ONCE more it is our privilege at the Annual Convocation of University College to welcome this reunion of old classmates; and no less heartily to greet the fresh company of youthful aspirants who press forward to fill the gap left by those who now carry away with them well-won academic honours. It is with no less gratification that, at this important juncture in the history of the University and College, I am able to congratulate the friends of national education on the continued success of the Provincial College. The numerous band of matriculants admitted to-day—the largest number that has ever entered as undergraduates to pursue their studies here, and proceed to a degree,—affords to myself and my colleagues the best incentive to renewed zeal in the responsible duties entrusted to us.

It is impossible for any one to whom the future of our young country is of value to look otherwise than with the deepest interest on those who to-day

enter this arena as candidates for the priceless award of a liberal education. Among them we doubt not are those for whom the highest rewards are destined as the meed of honourable toil; and, as in past years, men have gone forth from this College who have filled high offices in the state, have been promoted to the chief rank among our judges, and entrusted with the most responsible duties in our colleges and schools: so now we look with brightest anticipation on those who may be destined to render still greater services to this province and country. For them the future is radiant with hope; and its realizations will in no slight degree depend on their turning to wise account the advantages now placed within their reach. And here I am tempted to allude to an old cry at present reiterated with more than usual zeal: that we are over-educating the people, and tempting the rising generation to forsake the desk, the forge and the plough for the