

DEDICATION OF THE ARTS BUILDING

IMPOSING CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE 40TH SESSION OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

THURSDAY.

OPENING OF THE BUILDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 14th, the first day of the opening ceremonies of the new Queen's University buildings was exceedingly fine. The air was balmy, the sky without a cloud, in short, all nature seemed conspiring to make the day a gala one as far as her sphere was concerned. This was a source of gratification to the many friends of Queen's who had gathered in Kingston to be present at the auspicious opening services, as the occasion had long been looked forward to with expectations of enjoyment.

In the morning the flag was hoisted on the tower of the buildings, which presented, together with the grounds, an imposing appearance, although the improvements on the latter have been but begun. A description of the exterior and interior arrangements we must reserve for a succeeding issue, as we will not be able to properly enter into it in this.

The first event of the series was the formal throwing open of the doors to the public on Thursday afternoon.

During the hours allotted, from 1 to 6 p.m., the halls and corridors were thronged with the people of the city, who eagerly took advantage of the opportunity, all expressing their surprised delight with the chaste interior, as much, or even more pleased with it than with its beautiful exterior, whose rise they had been viewing during the past few months. The Convocation Hall, Library, and Museum were especial objects of admiration. Many found their way to the tower summit from which a grand view of the old limestone city was obtained, and of the placid bay and river.

DEDICATORY SERVICE.

In the evening the scene was magnificent, the buildings ablaze with light, the crowds streaming by the several avenues to the main entrance, whilst the pale moon serenely shone on all through the hazy atmosphere. At 8 p.m., the hour appointed for the Dedicatory service, Convocation Hall was filled with a most select audience, as was also the gallery, reserved for the students. Shortly after, a stately procession of the Council, Trustees, Graduates, etc., filed up the stairway in rear of the platform on which they took their seats, the Principal of the University occupying the chair, supported by Sandford Fleming, Esq., C.E., C.M.G., Chancellor-elect of Queen's, and Hon. Edward Blake, Chancellor of Toronto University.

The remaining space was occupied by distinguished graduates, etc., whom we mention elsewhere as being present on the occasion.

The Principal arose and after reading a few verses of the 103d Psalm, commencing "Bless the Lord, O my Soul," gave out the 234th Hymn in the Presbyterian Hymnal, the first verse of which is:

Christ is made the sure foundation:
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence aloré.

The choir which led the singing in this and the other services was composed of some twenty students led by F. C. Heath, B.A. They deserve great credit for their efficiency and the time they willingly gave to the necessary practice.

The Rev. Dr. Macrae, St. John's, N.B., Moderator of the General Assembly, offered up the dedicatory prayer. At the close the Lord's prayer was repeated in concert.

The Principal then said that having dedicated the building to the service of the Living God, the fountain of all true wisdom, he would call upon Mayor Carson, on behalf of the citizens of Kingston, to formally present it to the authorities.

HIS WORSHIP MAYOR CARSON

then rose, and after delivering the following address handed over to the authorities of the College, on behalf of the citizens of Kingston, the new building:

He expressed the pleasure he had in being present to witness the opening, through the zealous efforts of the Principal, of the new and handsome building for Queen's College. The appeal he had made had not been made in vain, for the citizens had subscribed over \$40,000 towards the new building. But this sum had not been sufficient. The actual cost of the building, not including the ground, was \$51,000. The subscriptions amounted to \$44,500, of which \$25,000 had been paid, and he understood that with the exception of a few thousands the whole amount could be collected. It was probable that a second appeal would be made, and he trusted that it would meet with the same liberal response. If this was done they would be able to say they were seated in a building which was the gift of the citizens of Kingston to the corporation of Queen's University. It was probable that \$10,000 additional would be asked for, and no doubt it would be forthcoming when they considered the use to which the building should be put. It was gratifying to know that they had raised such an amount in the city, when they considered this was a seat of learning open to any who may choose to enter. The advantages of such an institution could hardly be estimated. From the staff of professors connected with the College he could say it was second to none in the Dominion. The building was not only an ornament, but the College was a great benefit to the city. It afforded him much pleasure to hand over the building to the trustees on behalf of the subscribers and citizens. He trusted that the students would reflect credit on themselves, and their University, he hoped, would be the home of happy memories, and that those who passed through its halls would spread its fame through the length and breadth of the land. His Worship made a brief reference to the origin of the College, 40 years ago, and was glad to know that it had so well surmounted all the difficulties of the past. Like a young healthy shoot, it had grown into a great tree. He wished, and those present wished, that the prosperity should continue. He hoped the Principal would long remain in his position and be able to relieve the College from all financial difficulties. He believed no man more capable of doing so than the Principal, and there was no doubt he would do it. He had much pleasure in handing over the building to the College authorities on behalf of the citizens.

PRINCIPAL GRANT,

who was greeted with great applause, said he accepted the building in the name and behalf of the University. The citizens rallied at the beginning of the University's