

Yet further though less onerous dignities awaited the veteran nation-builder. In 1886 in recognition of his services to the Empire in connection with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he was created K. C. M. G., and this title was amplified to that of Knight Grand Cross. At the completion of the 60th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria the peerage was honored by the elevation of Sir Donald Smith to the rank of Baron Strathcona and Mount-Royal of Glencoe in Scotland and Montreal in Canada. The Queen herself honored him. Cambridge made him LL. D. in 1887, and Yale followed suit in 1892. To-day Queen's emulates the older seats. In the midst of these tokens of respect and veneration cumulating in an old man's declining years, there is no doubt that the thing most dear to him is the consciousness that his name is a household word in Canada.

We have spoken throughout of the man in the public eye; it must not be forgotten that his brilliant career is due to solid foundations of character that make his private life a beneficial study. He received as a gift of the land of his birth a wondrous vitality and energy; his Scotch blood brought with it business sagacity and foresight; he was integrity itself and exceptionally broadminded in his views—a man, in fact, made to win and to win honestly.

Of his integrity let us give but one example. When rival interests strove to crowd J. P. Morgan out of the Great Northern, securities rose to the neighborhood of 700. Lord Strathcona who was a large holder might have realized to the extent of four millions of dollars, but refused to dispose of his holdings because he had given a verbal promise to Mr. Morgan that he would not do so.

Side by side with honesty blossomed in his heart that other virtue, charity. We can speak here, only of his princely public benefactions, for example, his gift of the Royal Victoria Hospital, one of the finest institutions on the continent, erected and equipped at a cost of a million dollars, a gift afterwards supplemented by a further donation of \$800,000 for maintenance in which Lord Mount Stephen shared. His subventions to educational work alone total a million dollars. His unostentatious works of relief and mercy may be guessed at. We desire to close this sketch by gratefully acknowledging *our* debts to Lord Strathcona as students of Ottawa. This year, recognizing the usefulness of our University, realizing that its power for good was considerably cur-