

especially on occasion of our annual meetings of Convocation for the conferring of degrees.

The office of Chancellor of the University, vacant by the death of the Honble. Senator Ferrier, in May 1888, has remained for some time unfilled, the senior resident member of the Board of Governors, Mr. J. H. R. Molson, having kindly consented temporarily to discharge its duties. The office has now been filled by the unanimous election of the Honble. Sir Donald A. Smith, LL.D., K.C.M.G., whose public inauguration took place on October 31st, in the presence of the Convocation and students, and of a large gathering of the friends of the University. On that occasion we were also favoured with the presence of Mr. Peter Redpath, the founder of the Museum which bears his name, who has for some years rarely been able to be present at our University meetings.

We have to record with regret the serious loss sustained by the University in the past year in the removal by death of the honoured and beloved Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Robert Palmer Howard, LL.D. Dr. Howard had been one of the professors of the Medical Faculty since 1854, and in his later years occupied the important positions of Dean of the Faculty and Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine. His kind and conciliatory manner, his sterling qualities of mind and heart, his able and conscientious discharge of all his duties, and his earnest and self-sacrificing interest in the welfare of the University, of his Faculty and of its students, had endeared him to all; and his death while still in the vigour of his powers was most deeply felt, and cast a dark shadow over the close of the past session of the Faculty of Medicine.

The office of Dean was filled at as early a date as possible by the appointment of Dr. Robert Craik, who was recalled from the well-merited rest of an emeritus professorship; and in view of the large increase of work now devolving on the Dean, Dr. George Ross, M.A., was appointed Vice-dean and was transferred to the chair of medicine. These appointments will fully sustain the efficiency of this Faculty.

An important benefaction of a general University character is that of a sum of \$40,000 to form the John Frothingham Principal Fund, given by Mrs. J. H. R. Molson and her brother,