

We trust this scholarship will add to the attractions the college already possesses, and we wish to it every prosperity, and to you a long life to witness and enjoy your good works.

Signed on behalf of the Subscribers,

WILLIAM SIMPSON SMITH,
MAYOR.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address, the Dean came forward and acknowledged the receipt of the present in the following reply:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen :—

It is impossible for me to give expression in words to the feelings of my heart on this occasion, or to convey in adequate terms my grateful thanks to you, my fellow-citizens, and to the gentlemen you represent from every part of the Dominion, for the public testimony you are pleased thus to bear to my humble efforts to advance the education of our youth. The shape which the testimonial has taken, whilst most gratifying to myself, and most useful and lasting to the college, is also the highest testimony you could have borne to the efficiency and success of the school.

The deep interest you so substantially evince in this college fully entitles you to know something more of its rise, progress, and present condition.

For many years past, while residing in the Province of Quebec, it was my heart's desire to found an educational institution of a high character commensurate with the wants and progress of our rapidly rising country. After many difficulties, and patient waiting, for the time and place—never losing sight of the desired object—I have, in the Providence of God, been enabled, at last, to accomplish my long cherished wish.

The foundation stone of this building was laid by the Lord Bishop of Huron on the 17th of October, 1844. The same week I left for England, and while there, succeeded in securing the valuable services of my esteemed friend, the Rev. Arthur Sweatman, as the Head Master, who, on the 1st of September, 1865, opened the school with an able staff of assistant masters.

The number of boys, from the ages of eight to sixteen, who entered during the first term was ninety-three. The growth of the school was steadily continued, the number at the commencement of each academic year, being as follows :—September, 1865, 93 pupils ; September, 1866, 155 ; September, 1867, 159.

The scholastic work is being carried on by an efficient staff of masters, numbering thirteen, inclusive of the Head Master, four of whom are graduates of Cambridge ; two of Trinity College, Dublin ; two of Toronto University, and one of the University of Edinburgh. Most of these gentlemen have taken distinguished honors at their respective Universities, and all of whom, I am happy to have this opportunity of testifying, are stirring to promote the interest of the pupils under their care.