

And here I must be your organ in expressing our warm and cordial thanks for the outbreak of sympathy, the offers of assistance, and the liberal acts of sister institutions, of educational, literary, and political organisations, including the neighbouring Province of Quebec, and of friends of Canada and lovers of letters in the old world and the adjoining Union. We have been pleasantly reminded that the republic of letters recognises no narrow or political lines of demarcation; but that she, at any rate, aspires in her domain to realise "the brotherhood of man, the federation of the world."

It became the duty of the Trustees, of the Senate, and of Convocation at once to grapple with the serious problems involved in the repair of our losses, and to strive to prevent any permanent damage to our work.

It was the general voice that the exterior features of the old pile should be substantially reproduced. To the best use and necessary remodelling of the interior much time and thought have been devoted. The aim has been to secure, having regard to modern views and methods and to the lessons of our own experience, the accommodation needed for our existing numbers, with reasonable space for proximate development. A general plan has been devised, so remodelling the interior as to give us an increased number of lecture rooms of various suitable sizes, with professorial rooms and needed apartments for the students of each sex, and the officials of the University. This plan devotes the old Library and Museum to the purposes of examination halls and occasional lectures, and the space of the old Convocation Hall to general educational objects such as I have described. Special care is being given to questions of heating, lighting, and ventilation, all defective in the old building, and difficult to perfect within its lines, but susceptible of great improvement. You will miss the rich ornamentation and elaborate carving of the interior. Economy demands this sacrifice in order that we may bring the cost of reconstruction within the estimate of \$250,000, which is provided for by the insurance of