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Editorials.

IT is difficult for us to estimate the true value and significance of the events in connection with the Installation Ceremonies. The inauguration of a man to the position of Principal of a University is always a ceremony of immense importance, both to the University and to the country at large. The Principal has it in his power to direct, to such a large extent, the life of a University, to mould its ideals and thus control its future, that the position is one of very great usefulness and responsibility. Especially does a Principal require to be well-fitted for his arduous task when he enters into the labours of such a one as our late Principal Grant, whom all who knew him and his University intimately have acknowledged to have been, in a remarkable degree, a man of great administrative ability.

To take up the work where it has been laid down by Grant, and bring it to a successful issue, will be no light task. Dr. James, Principal of

Northwestern University, Chicago, doubtless spoke from personal experience when he welcomed Dr. Gordon to the "noble army of martyrs," and, though spoken as a jest, it is true that only by a great sacrifice of time and energy can any Principal adequately represent and guide the life of a University. It is also true that for this sacrifice the Principal has only the martyr's reward. The consciousness of work well done, of duty accomplished, is, after all, the only source of permanent satisfaction; and if Principal Gordon can see Queen's students still characterized by love for their Alma Mater and generous devotion to her interests; if he can see her professors, men of culture and men of loveliness of spirit, harmoniously working together for the uplifting of her students in all nobleness; if he can see her graduates going out into the noise and bustle of the world and, as good citizens, working for the purification of political life, for the betterment of society and for the promotion of all objects which will elevate human life; then, if we have appreciated his spirit aright, he will feel that all the trials and troubles, the worryings and perplexities of his office are as nothing in comparison with the great benefit he has conferred on the University and the nation.

We have tried to show how far-reaching is the influence of the Principal and, therefore, in how important a ceremony we have recently assisted. We should like now, on this the first occasion after the formal installation of Dr. Gordon, to present to him, on behalf of the students, our sincere congratulations on his becoming Head of the University which we all love