Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I thank you for the honour which you have shown to Canada and the generous courtesy with which you have admitted me to the fellowship of this great university.

I proudly accept the distinction with which you have endowed me as an expression of your abiding pleasure that our two countries, destined by divine Providence to be neighbours, have for so many years lived together in peace and understanding as friends.

That pleasure is abundantly shared by my fellow countrymen. Between you and us there is a community of thought, ideal, and purpose, by which it is ordained that we shall forever walk together in the ways of good neighbourhood. Although

"Heaven has shown us separate fires
And our dooms have dealt us differing years"
inspired by the same visions, we have sought the same ends.
We have long since forgotten any differences that divided
us, we only remember the bonds that unite us.

Your nationhood and our nationhood were both born of suffering -- ours of racial strife, yours of revolution and civil war. From victory we both learned magnanimity;