

going Frontenac. I was young at that time and, like many others who have not reached maturity, had perfect faith in the intellectual pre-eminence and enterprise of Toronto. I had not yet been convinced that the wise men set out from the East—nor had I suspected that one or two of them had stopped off at Kingston. I knew there was a University here, and that an energetic Principal, named Grant, was making himself heard in different quarters, but with the superior air that still characterizes (and they are few now) those who do not realize the whole truth, I supposed Queen's to be a sort of glorified High School, and that was all there was to it.

How quickly I was undeceived; how soon the tremendous import of the work she was doing dawned upon me, is a matter of little concern to you, but it did not take long to discover that here was something destined to play a leading part in the moulding of character worthy of the best ideals in Canadian life. Influences were at work bringing to the surface hard-headed, sane men, who set out in life with a distinct goal in view. What struck me most was the University spirit—the *esprit de corps*—the unity of purpose—the desire to accomplish something in the name of Queen's.

If I came to you in a self-satisfied frame of mind, I soon learned to admire beyond measure the love the students bore their alma mater, and to honour Principal Grant as I have rarely honoured any man, because he struggled successfully in the face of tremendous odds (and these odds were not without their value) to place this institution where it is now, on a footing that makes it one of the most important intellectual factors in Canada to-day—and what is a country without brains?

He established the individuality of this University, and what that individuality means perhaps some of you do not realize.

His wisdom, too, was far reaching, and when I think of the noble army of martyrs he gathered about him, for they have been martyrs, it speaks volumes for the genius which could inspire men of the rank of many of our professors to stay here, giving you their best and getting so little in return. That is if we put their reward on a monetary basis. I fancy the higher things appealed to them and they felt the inspiration supplied by the self-sacrificing enthusiast at their head.