

new building the "John Carruthers Hall," by which name the building will be known. The work of construction is now all but completed, and it will be ready for occupation on the opening day of next year's session. On October 16th, "University Day," it is the intention formally to dedicate the new hall to the purpose for which it has been designed. The additional lecture rooms, laboratories and assaying apartments, by this means provided, have been much required. Owing to the increasing attendance the rooms hitherto occupied have long been inadequate. In these circumstances the increased accommodation will be welcomed by both professors and students. The new hall will be amply equipped with the best modern apparatus, and will be provided with every requisite for carrying on scientific study. It is not necessary to recall to your memory the unalloyed satisfaction universally felt three years back by all who have ever befriended this institution, and who sympathized in the effort to extend its usefulness. You will bear in mind that a large addition to the endowment was required to enable the governing body to maintain our standard of efficiency, and to provide as far as possible for exigencies which in every institution must be met. An appeal was made to the liberality of far-seeing men, who have the higher interests of the country at heart. The response to this appeal was so remarkable that it inspired the strongest feelings of satisfaction and gratitude. Consequently the trustees considered what means should be taken permanently to commemorate the generosity of our benefactors. In the absence of the Principal, who was then on a journey, rendered necessary by health broken in his untiring labors for this university, it becomes my duty to announce the decision of the trustees. In addition to other means adopted by them, the trustees determined to establish a commemorative volume to be known as the University Domesday Book. It was designed that in this volume the names of all benefactors should be enrolled, and on its pages an authoritative account of the origin of the university should be placed on record, together with a faithful chronicle of all events of moment which have taken place during each year from the beginning. And further it was resolved that it would be the duty of successive boards of trustees forever to carry on the record, and preserve to future generations the complete annals of Queen's University. There has been some delay in carrying out the resolution of the trustees, but the purpose they had in view has never been lost sight of. It became a question not easily answered, who would undertake the task of preparing this volume? By a happy concurrence of circumstances, and in the most satisfactory manner possible, a solution of this problem has been attained. I have before me the first part of Domesday Book, and I can bear testimony to the ability, care and judgment with which it has been arranged and compiled. To a large extent it is the work of two gentlemen, who for months have labored day by day, side by side. Apart from the immediate object of their joint services, there is something strikingly remarkable in the personnel of these co-workers. I ask to be permitted to allude to this circumstance. Dr. Williamson, who is responsible for the literary and historical portion, we all know is of the

old Scottish blood, a native of Edinburg. The other, Toshi Ikehara, is a Japanese who arrived from Tokio three years ago to attend this university; to him has been assigned the duty of engrossing the text in the most careful calligraphy. This companionship for the attainment of a common object, from its peculiar character and the opposite features in some essential particulars of the elements of which it is composed is most noteworthy. Here in the new world on the shores of one of the great Canadian lakes, on a spot which a few generations back was a wilderness, a university has sprung into being. The history of the first half century of its existence is being placed on record by two members of the human family who are widely different. They come from opposite sides of the earth, they spring from races which in all the preceding centuries have been kept asunder, and which until recent years have evinced no affinity, commercially, religiously or socially. The one has crossed the ocean which lies to the east of the new Dominion, the other has traversed the ocean of wider expanse to the west of us. The first represents the civilization of Europe, the second is the representative of the older Asiatic civilization. A few years before this university received its charter from Her Majesty, the passage of the Atlantic was a long and tedious voyage, occupying as many weeks as it now takes days. Not a steamship floated on the surface of the ocean. The interior of the present Dominion of Canada was a vast Indian hunting ground known only to the fur traders. Japan was then shrouded in mystery; her ports were sealed to foreigners and her people were forbidden to leave their native land. Who would have predicted that all this would so soon be changed? Who could have foretold in the year 1842 when a young clergyman left Scotland for Canada that one day he would record the history of the first fifty years of a university which was then so to speak unknown; that he would be assisted by a Japanese student, who had found his way across broad seas, chains of mountains and every barrier imposed by nature, who had overcome the still greater barrier of natural prejudice and the antipathy of races. Does not the circumstance illustrate that the world is making progress? Does it not say something for the liberal and cosmopolitan character of this seat of learning at Kingston?

I cannot deny myself the satisfaction of referring to the happy circumstance which has placed the preparation of the history as it will be found in the first volume of Domesday Book in the hands of a gentleman who may well be styled one of the fathers of Queen's. The venerable professor, we are all delighted to know, retains his naturally bright intellect, clear memory and enjoys more strength and vigor than many a younger man. He has been connected with the professoriate, it may be said, from the beginning. Dr. Williamson is a man of such varied and extensive learning that he has filled nearly every chair, has lectured on nearly every subject and at present occupies the honorable position of Vice-Principal and Professor of Astronomy. No man living is more intimately acquainted with every detail of the history of this institution. No one has ever been more devoted to its interests. No one could have a higher sense of duty