

We are heartily in sympathy with the principle that officials appointed by Parliament should not take an active part in any party campaign, and we would like to see this principle carried to its logical conclusions, so that no one who took an active part in a general election would be eligible for any position in the gift of the government at that time elected. Such a practice would tend to keep at home those who electioneer from selfish motives and to draw out those who are interested in their country's welfare. At the same time it would remove the temptation to appoint unworthy men to public positions. How often in the past appointments have been urged by the public press on no other ground than that the favoured aspirant had served his party faithfully. This is the natural result of the course openly adopted by the present government. Such a course may be necessary to success in the political spheres—though we are loth to believe it—but, if it is, let us long for men of Victor Emmanuel's type, who, when asked to stoop to unworthy tactics for his temporary advancement, replied, "The House of Savoy knows the path of defeat, but it knows not the path of dishonour."

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Any one who has seen monuments of stone neglected and crumbling to decay, or statues of bronze tumbled from their pedestals, and then finds that the Fellowships and Chairs in Universities instituted more than a thousand years ago in honour of great men and women are still living fountains of blessing, as they have been for so many generations, will appreciate the Honourable Dr. Gowan's efforts to have a Chair of Political Science in Queen's connected with the name of a man who was long the foremost Canadian Statesman, and who as a youth did his utmost to establish our University in the Limestone City he loved so well, and in whose cemetery he sleeps the last sleep. It is, however, astonishing that hardly any of those who professed to honour him when living care to do a stroke in bearing out this enduring and living monument, and that the press has called so little attention to Senator Gowan's unselfishness and far-sighted liberality. His last gift to the fund, which the Chancellor announced so appropriately at Convocation, has been noticed, so far as we have seen, by only two and these usually not considered leading lights of the Canadian press. We gladly give their comments:—

"Another \$400.00 has been contributed by the Hon. Senator Gowan to the Queen's University. Senator Gowan has for a number of years been a liberal contributor towards the endowment of a chair to be called the Macdonald Chair of Political

Economy, as a practical way of showing his veneration of a great statesman, whose connection with Queen's make his gifts exceedingly appropriate. His patriotic example to his University has not as yet been followed by many, but it is to be hoped that the chair will be eventually established for a science, which in this democratic age is more than ever a necessity for the proper guidance of political minds."—*Russell Chronicle*.

"Our distinguished townsman believes in doing something for the living as the best monument to the memory of the illustrious dead. He desires to see the endowment of a chair of political economy to be called the Macdonald chair, as a much better way of honoring Canada's greatest statesman than in erecting statues in every little town or city, which is done more for the glorification of localities than to honour the dead. We have many comparatively wealthy men in Canada who would be doing themselves honour and the country good by following the example of Senator Gowan."—*The Northern Advance, Barrie*.

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## CONVOCATION.

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"GOOD old Queen's" started off quite gaily on her 56th year of existence and development on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15th, when the usual convocation of University Day was held. It did not differ much from those of other years, except in its being held in the afternoon, when there was no possibility of turning out the gas. The most important item on the programme was the inaugural address of Prof. T. R. Glover, and his installation into the chair of Latin at Queen's. The critics were there in the gallery to take his measure and the verdict was, on the whole, a favorable one.

After the Chancellor had taken the chair and the convocation had been opened with prayer, Dr. Bell read the names of those appointed as tutors for the session and of those who won the matriculation scholarships. The lists will be found in the column of College News.

Prof. Nicholson then gave an interesting address on the "Relationship of Ancient to Modern Latin," which was followed by the installation of Prof. Glover by the Chancellor and Mr. Geo. Y. Chown.

After Prof. Glover's inaugural address there were short speeches by the Chancellor and Prof. Dupuis, the latter dealing with the new building erected during the summer as workshop and gymnasium. The Chancellor announced the receipt of a contribution of \$400 from Senator Gowan for the Sir John A. Macdonald chair in political science.