

comply with its prayer, now expresses to Your Excellency its sincere satisfaction for the encouragement Your Excellency this day gives to its endeavours to establish in Ottawa a Collegiate Institute worthy of the Capital of the Dominion.

The Board wishes further to convey to Your Excellency its constant desires for the welfare of Your Excellency and the Countess of Dufferin, and its hope that Canada under the fostering care of Your Excellency, as the representative of its Gracious Sovereign, will advance in intellectual culture, as it has heretofore advanced in material prosperity.

JOHN P. FEATHERSTON,
Chairman.

Ottawa, June 4, 1874.

His Worship the Mayor also read the following *resume* of the history of the Institute :

The Ottawa Collegiate Institute, formerly known as the Grammar School, was established in the year 1843, at the time when the Bathurst District was divided, and the Eastern Division became the Dalhousie District, now the County of Carleton. The Rev. Thomas Wardrobe, afterwards Pastor of Knox Church, Daly Street, now of Guelph, was the first Head Master. He received his appointment from the then Governor of the Province, Sir Charles Metcalfe. The first Board of Trustees consisted of the Rev. Dr. Strong, Rev. J. Cruickshank, Rev. Father Phelin, Messrs. J. B. Lyon Fellowes, and Joseph Coombs. The Rev. Mr. Wardrobe held office for two years, when he resigned, and was succeeded by the late Rev. John Robb, whose tenure of office extended from 1845 to 1850. Mr. William A. Ross, of the firm of Scott, Ross & Stewart, of this city, was the next head master, and held the appointment from 1850 to 1856. Mr. Miller, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, followed from 1856 to 1858; the Rev. A. J. Borthwick, M.A., now Public School Inspector of this city, from 1858 to 1862. The present head master, Mr. J. Thorburn, M.A., received his appointment in 1862. The first house leased as a school building for the grammar school, was that occupied by Mr. Patterson, east side of Ottawa Street, between Daly and Stewart Streets. The school was next removed to a house on the same site as that now occupied by the store of Mr. Jas. Hope, corner of Sparks and Elgin streets. It was next moved to a building on the corner of Elgin and Albert streets, the present site of Dufferin Terrace. Again it was moved to Cook's building, south side of Queen street. The building at present occupied by the Institute on Queen street, City Hall Square, was leased in 1862. This institution, as will be seen from the above statement, has hitherto been leading a somewhat nomadic life, without any local habitation, moving from one building to another, as circumstances necessitated. It is therefore a matter deserving of special thankfulness, that this unsatisfactory state of affairs will soon be obviated by the erection of a suitable and commodious building, which will be an ornament to the city. By a recent Act of the Provincial Legislature the grammar schools were remodelled and received the designation of High schools, and by a clause of that Act it is provided that, to encourage the establishment of superior classical schools, it shall be lawful for the Lieut.-Governor in Council to confer on any high school in which not less than four masters are fully engaged in teaching the subjects of the prescribed curriculum, and in which the daily average of male pupils studying the Greek or Latin language shall not be less than sixty, the name of Collegiate Institute. In terms of this provision the Ottawa High School received the status of Collegiate Institute in November, 1872. The Trustees of the Collegiate Institute Board for the current year are : J. P. Featherston, Chairman; E. McGillivray, Geo. Hay, Rev. D. M. Gordon, B.D., Jas. Warnock, Wm. Pennock, Francis Clemow, A. Rowe, John Pennock, Secretary-Treasurer. M. Nile, Messenger. STAFF OF TEACHERS.—J. Thorburn, M.A., Head Master; J. McMillan, B.A., Assistant Classical and Science Master; Rev. T. D. Phillips, M.A., Mathematical Master; Thos. Hislop, Graduate of Normal School, Toronto, English Master; Mons. Ami, French Master.

The stone, which is a massive block of angular shape, so as to fit the corner of the building and rest on both walls, will have a marble slab let in with the following inscription: "Architect, W. T. Thomas, Superintending Architect, W. Chesterton; Contractor, George Crain; Trustees J. P. Featherston, F. Clemow, E. McGillivray, G. Hay, Rev. D. M. Gordon, W. Pennock, J. Warnock, A. Rowe. This stone was laid by His Excellency, Lord Dufferin, June 4, 1874." In the cavity of the stone were deposited the record, coins, and newspapers published below: The following coin, all of late dates, were put in a leaden casket: 1 50 cent silver piece; 1 25 cent do; 1 10 cent do; 1 5 cent do; 1 1 cent. The following are the names of the newspapers sacrificed to the ceremony. *Ottawa Free Press, Times, Daily News, Courier D'Outouais, Citizen; Toronto Globe and Mail; Montreal Herald and Gazette, Grip.* The site for the building was selected by the Board, and purchased at a cost of \$3,000. The designs, drawings, &c., were prepared by W. T. Thomas, of Montreal, Architect. The style of the building is gothic, and simple in character. The main body of the masonry is to be faced stone from the quarry of Mr. Robert Skead, the projecting portions of the window dressings to be limestone. The oriel windows and labels to be of Berea stone from Ohio. The whole of the basement is to be used as a play room, and to have entrances on either side. On the ground floor will be two large charcoal rooms, library, apparatus rooms, and small rooms for the use of the teachers. The first floor will be divided into study and class rooms, and the attic to be formed into one large lecture room. The principal entrance will be on Lisgar street, and a smaller one on the side next to Cartier Square, for the use of the teachers. The total cost, exclusive of the heating, amounts to \$25,594. Mr. George Crain has taken the

contract for the erection of the entire building, and Mr. Walter Chesterton is the architect superintending.

The following address was presented on behalf of the students, by Master Geo. M. Greene, to His Excellency.

PACE TUA, ILLUSTRISSIME.

Nos, discipuli Ottawaensis Academicæ Scholæ, animis libentissimis et maxima voluntate salutem ubi dicimus.

Per gratum nobis fecisti, quod, a cura tua regni et altis laboribus cessans ad hoc festum solenne nostrum venisti, ut primum lapidem hujus academicæ aedificii pro doctrina et educatione juvenum instituti ponas.

In rem tuam erat ut, in juvenilibus annis more majore tuorum, animus tuus insigni fonte artium literarum que aleretur et postea, annis volventibus, ductus delectatione tam audiendi quam videndi novas res in altis regionibus septentrionum, onustus tuorum itinerum ad multas externas natione opinis fructibus domum incolumis redires.

Iste preclarus cultus artis literarumque, qui vitam tuam adornat, nos certiores facit ut quæ studia ad humanitatem et bonos mores pertinent, quæ in majus triumphos scientiæ provehant, et itaque adjumenta generandi vitæ opera dant, ea benigne æstimos.

Hæc schola permultos annos artes preceptaque morum doceat, lumina scientiæ et literarum diffundat, et fons sempiternus involatæ fidei veritatisque natis postmodo multis sit.

Ne te diutius sermone nostro detineamus, oramus ut amico et benigno animo hæc dicta accipias, et magna multaue bona tibi et conjugii tuæ pulchræ praeclaraque precamur.

Valeatis tuque tuique
Nunc dicendum est.

His Excellency, in reply, read the following:—

Alumni, Ottawaensis Academicæ Scholæ:—

Dies notandos mihi candidissimis calendis istos semper puto in quibus vitam dare, et amico vultu aspicere in instituta disciplinæ litterisque dedita mihi occurrat.

Viatore nunc estis per semitas æduas angustiasque, ut mature in jucundissima lataque scientiæ prata veniatis.

Labores, crede mihi, me cognoscente, magno præmio compensati erunt præmia potestatis scire, hoc est potestatem habere.

Hoc saxo quadrato posito, tam certa sedes ad prætarum aedificium spectantes, struendum mementote Ciceronis vere bonum—"Senectus fundamentis adolescentiæ constituta est."

Restat ut vobis gratias referam propter amica verba erga meipsum conjugemque: Vobis vestrisque multam salutem dico, multos annos famæ notissimos prædico.

Master Bradley, a boy of eleven years of age read the following address with remarkable clearness and propriety:—

May it please Your Excellency:

Having been invited by the Directors of the Collegiate Institute of which you have just laid the foundation stone, to be present on this occasion, it was thought that Your Excellency would not be displeased if we ventured to present you with a short address, and accordingly 45 boys and 31 girls tried their hands at it. Out of these 76 attempts the following remarks have been selected, and the address therefore embodies just what the pupils of the Public Schools themselves thought to say to Your Excellency. In the first place we desire to thank Your Excellency for the great interest you take in the education of the young, and we remember with gratitude the good advice you gave us at our Annual Exhibition, last Christmas, when Your Excellency and the Countess of Dufferin were so kind as to honour the meeting with your presence. As a proof that Your Excellency's instructions were attentively received, it may not be improper to say that in about forty of the seventy-six drafts out of which this address is made, that speech was referred to as a cause of great encouragement. We have tried to follow your good counsel, and many of us are now looking forward to the time when we shall be sufficiently advanced in our studies to enter in the Collegiate Institute. It is our hope that like the Public Schools, it will be free to all the children who may be qualified to enter it, and if it shall be so, it cannot fail to be of the greatest advantage to Ottawa and the country generally.

We desire to say that we value our great privileges, and that we hope to prove our gratitude by cherishing a loyal attachment to our noble Queen, whom we have all so much reason to reverence and love.

As Your Excellency is the first Governor-General, so far as we know, who has honoured the Public Schools by his countenance, we desire to thank you for having set the example, and we beg to assure Your Excellency that we shall esteem it a very great honour if you should again countenance our anniversaries. These are only a few of the remarks contained in the papers submitted by the scholars, but they are those most frequently repeated, and as such are offered to Your Excellency with sincere good wishes for your health and happiness, and for the health and happiness of Her Ladyship the Countess of Dufferin, whose goodness in accompanying Your Excellency at our Christmas meeting, and her nice pleasant looks while there, we shall never forget.

His Excellency very kindly inquired the boy's name, and then said: Master Bradley, I beg to thank you for the admirable address that you have presented me with, from your schoolfellows, both girls and boys, and I must say that they have done very wisely in choosing you, who can read with such propriety and with such feeling, and with a diction so pure and classical; and the school which you represent could not have devised a better method of convincing those who stand around me of the admirable way of the conduct of that institution. Such a satisfactory specimen of your efforts is the best proof of the excellence of your train-