

## CARRUTHERS SCIENCE HALL.

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Yesterday another milestone was reached marking the sure and steady march of Queen's College along the path of progress and towards that ideal after which many hope she may evermore strive, but which it is also hoped she may never think she has attained—perfection. Yesterday was laid the foundation stone of a capacious and much needed addition to the buildings on the campus, the John Carruthers Science Hall.

Immediately after quitting Convocation Hall, the Chancellor, Principal, Professors and visitors went to where the hall is being built. A description of the building has been given in a previous issue.

Chancellor Fleming delivered the inaugural address. It ran as follows:—

Ladies and gentlemen: We are assembled for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a building, which is much required by the development of Queen's University. The new hall and lecture rooms to be erected on this spot will not be completed a day too soon for the needs of this institution. That we are enabled to commence the building we are indebted to the liberality of one, who, while he lived was always a staunch friend of Queen's. It is with profound respect that I refer to the late Mr. John Carruthers, long well-known in this community. He first saw the light three quarters of a century ago in Scotland. He breathed the same air as Thomas Carlyle in Ecclefechan, where both were born. He came to Canada in 1838, and from that date until the day of his death, a little more than a year back, he had mainly been a resident of this city. As time rolled on, Mr. Carruthers prospered, and he deserved to prosper. He was energetic, enterprising and public spirited. He was upright and conscientious. He was not only a successful business man; he was a lover of his country and a promoter of his country's welfare.

Again and again did Mr. Carruthers prove a warm and earnest friend of the University, his last benefaction being the sum of \$10,000 to erect a Science Hall, and we are engaged in carrying out his wishes. When the building is completed we will be able greatly to extend the usefulness of Queen's in the community as a seat of learning.

We all hoped that Mr. Carruthers would have been spared to take part by his presence in the ceremony for which we are assembled, but it had been decreed otherwise. I am glad, however, that his eldest son is here, and I now have the great satisfaction, in the name of Queen's University, to ask you, John Bell Carruthers, to lay the corner stone of this science hall, which will always bear your father's name.

May you, Sir, long be spared to point with pride, and may your children, and your children's children point with pride, to a memorial of one who, although from another part of the broad Britannic Empire, proved himself a good citizen, a true Canadian, and one worthy of the old land which gave him birth. May we all imitate him in love of country, may we all imitate him in genuine goodness, and strive according to our means to excel him in good actions. (Loud applause.)

Mr. John Bell Carruthers then stepped to the front, and feelingly but briefly replied in the following words:

Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen: I can assure you that I heartily thank the Chancellor for the kind words expressed by him regarding my late respected father. My father always took a warm interest in Queen's and was ever ready to do what was required of him to help along the college and encourage the higher education of young men and women. On the athletic field of Queen's he was generally found taking an active interest in all that was going on. I had hoped he would have been spared to do what I am going to do to-day, but as fate ordained otherwise, I feel proud, indeed, to lay the corner stone of the John Carruthers Science Hall, a lasting monument to his name. (Cheers.)

The dedication prayer was then offered up by the Rev. Mr McLean, of Belleville.

The Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Toronto, was the next speaker. He spoke in glowing and most impressive words of Queen's, "past, present and future."

Principal Grant then sent, with head uncovered, "Three cheers for her whose title our college bears." Three hearty cheers were given for Her Gracious Majesty, "God Save the Queen" was sung, and the large assembly dispersed, knowing that another grand feather had been added to the cap of Queen's, and that Kingston had scored one more mark as the great promoter of the education of the youth of Canada.

In the leaden box which was placed in the corner stone the following were deposited: The Jubilee number of the COLLEGE JOURNAL, the April number of the same, the College Calendar for the year, an eulogium on Mr. Carruthers written by the Chancellor, the *Whig* of April 30th, the *News* of April 30th.

## RE-UNION OF THE CLASS SOCIETY OF '89.

A little over a year ago a meeting of the class of '89 was held to consider the proposition that a class society be formed after the plan of those of the large American universities. This it was unanimously decided to do, the society to consist not only of the graduates of '89, but also of all those who during any period of their course had been admitted to the class. Accordingly, at the dinner held by the class on April 20th of last year, J. Binnie was elected president, and T. H. Farrell, secretary-treasurer, the latter office being a permanent one.

The first re-union of the society took place on April 25th of this year, very neat and pretty cards having previously been sent to all the members of the society whose whereabouts were known. About twenty-two responded, several coming from a distance, viz., G. T. Copeland, B.A., Cornwall; J. M. Farrell, B.A., Smith's Falls; W. Curl, B.A., Gananoque. In the evening all assembled at Hotel Frontenac, where a sumptuous dinner was partaken of, the private dining room having been very tastefully decorated for the occasion. The board was soon relieved of some of the good things, while pleasant conversation gave time for the digestive apparatus to perform its function well.

The chairs were then pushed back and the glasses filled with *aqua pura*, and the president in a neat speech welcomed all present, after which he pro-