

The most marked event during this period was the presentation to the University of the new Chemistry and Mining Building, built and equipped on a scale of great completeness by Mr. W. C. Macdonald. On the occasion of the opening ceremony, we were honoured by the presence of Your Excellency and Lady Minto; and the conferment by Her Majesty, through you, of the dignity of Knighthood on the generous donor was felt throughout Canada to be a mark of the Queen's interest in the University, as well as a fitting acknowledgment of Sir William Macdonald's great liberality in the cause of education.

Advantage was taken of Your Excellency's presence in the city, as the guest of the Chancellor of the University, to hold a special meeting of Convocation at which we were privileged to enrol in our lists of Honorary Graduates the names of Your Excellency, of the Premier of the Dominion (Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, K.C.M.G.), and of Lord Herschel, whose lamented death occurred so shortly afterwards.

Another noble gift is about to be presented to the University in the shape of the building which is to be known as the "Royal Victoria College" for women, built, equipped and endowed by the Chancellor, the Rt. Honourable Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G.C.M.G. This magnificent foundation will take up and continue, under greatly improved conditions, the operations which have been carried on for so many years in the Special Course for Women, known hitherto as the "Donalda" Department; and in thus crowning and completing this work on the most approved lines for the University education of women, Lord Strathcona has built an enduring monument of far-sighted liberality, worthy to rank alongside of that other institution, similarly named, which has already done so much to alleviate suffering in Montreal and