

unto all. Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Especially we thank Thee this day for Thy goodness to this University during the past fifty years. Our fathers trusted in Thee, and they were not put to shame. In faith to Thee, and from love to Thy church and to their country, they laid the foundation of this institution; and Thou hast established the work of their hands. Through days of trial as well as times of joy Thy good hand has been upon those who have successively built upon the foundation just laid by our fathers; and we, their children, are here to-day to rejoice in Thy goodness and to make mention of Thy loving kindness. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits.

O God, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, continue, we beseech Thee, Thy loving kindness to this University. We pray for Thy servant the Chancellor and those who are associated with him in the government of the University, that they may be filled with the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may be clear-sighted to discern the signs of the times, and that they may with single eye seek Thy glory and the welfare of the youth of this land. We pray for Thy servant the Principal and for all who teach within these walls, that they may have strength and wisdom for the doing of their work, that they may be apt to teach, and that, while imparting instruction and quickening intellectual life, they may not fail to mould character and to build up men in righteousness and holiness.

We pray for those who may here be trained to serve Thee in the ministry of the Gospel, that they may be in all points fitted to be ambassadors for Christ; that they may combine the strong, free life of the intellect with the lowly, loving life of the heart; and that they may be unworldly, Christly men, not seeking great things for themselves, but laying down their lives for their brethren, even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. We pray for those preparing to serve Thee in other walks of life, that they may have lofty aims and may use their gifts in the service of their fellows for Thy sake; and that in their several callings they may abide with Thee, counting nothing common or unclean, but having "Holiness to the Lord" inscribed on all the occupations and relations of life.

We pray for all universities and schools of learning in this land, that they may be centres of healthful influ-

ence, and may be knit together in the brotherhood of common service.

We pray for our beloved Queen, that she may be long spared to reign in peace and righteousness over the Empire; and for all the members of the Royal Family, that they may adorn high station with lofty Christian virtues.

We pray for Thy Church in all its branches and in all its work of ministry, that the body of Christ may be built up till we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

And, rejoicing in the communion of saints, we bless Thee for those who, having finished their earthly task, do rest from their labors; our fathers, our brethren, and the friends who were as our own souls; believing that, though our eyes behold them not, they have not perished, but that as Jesus died and rose again even so those also that sleep in Jesus Thou wilt bring with Him. May we have grace to follow their good example, and may we with them at last be presented faultless and unblameable before the presence of Thy glory with exceeding joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

The Te Deum was sung, the strong choir of students and ladies leading, and the whole congregation joining in its marvellous praise and pleading.

THANKSGIVING SERMON.

Rev. John Mackie, A.M., pastor of St. Andrew's, then delivered the thanksgiving sermon, taking for his text Psalm c. 4: "Be thankful unto Him and bless His name."

In uttering these words of long ago, have I not struck the keynote of all the ceremonial of this memorable day, the Semi-Centennial of your noble University? Do not these words taken from that grand old Hebrew Psalm, that hath lifted full many a human life to the very portals of heaven, and sent through many a human heart a thrill of that joy that fills forever more the blessed dwellers within, express correctly the purpose of your minds, and the desire of your hearts, and the object of this great gathering to-day within these academic walls? You have come to look back to a day of peculiar interest when a maiden Queen with the dew of youth still fresh upon her head, scarcely seated on the throne of the mightiest kingdom of the world, graciously bestowed her own designation and all the privileges of a Royal Charter on Queen's College and University. You have come to trace back those ever deepening and multiplying streams of healthful learning, and life-giving wisdom now flowing through your crowded cities and prairie solitudes, the wild grandeur of your mountain ranges, along the fringes of your inland seas and over the oceans through the hoary superstitions of teeming millions—all to a cloud no bigger than the hand of a man. You have come to commemorate the 18th day of December, 1839, on which day there met in St. Andrew's Church a large, influential and enthusiastic assembly of clergy and laity, and then and there from the *perfervidum ingenium Scotorum* sprang into being this Alma Mater of Canadian youth. Most fitting therefore to such an occasion, and consonant with our feelings of deep attachment to that Queen, through the kindness of heaven still our own