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*Delivered by Mr. Mulock, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Toronto,
at a Public Meeting of Graduates in the Various
Faculties, held in Toronto, on Monday,
the 12th September, 1892.*

MR. CHAIRMAN, AND FELLOW-GRADUATES :

With feelings of deepest sorrow, not on my own account, but because of our common alma mater, which for over a third of a century has been my idol, I appear before you this evening. Unkind toward myself as has been some of the criticisms of those whom I wish to believe mean well by the university, I would not out of any personal considerations take part in a controversy wherein the interests of the university appear for a moment to have been forgotten by my critics. But feeling, as I do, that a grave university issue is involved, I, for the first time since occupying the responsible and onerous position of vice-chancellor, deem it my duty to sink personal considerations and take my place in the ranks by the side of my fellow-graduates on behalf of an institution which, much as it has already achieved, has yet scarcely entered upon the threshold of its sphere of possible usefulness. The less diffidence do I feel in now addressing you in regard to this issue, because, being ex-officio a member of senate,

I AM NOT A CANDIDATE

at the approaching senate election. Doubtless most if not all of my hearers know that the State-endorsed King's College, the ancestor of this institution, was at its commencement, and for many years, under the control of the then established Church of England; that this church connection gave rise to what afterwards became Victoria University, the doors of King's being closed against those not of the established church. And although, with disestablishment in Upper Canada, King's ceased in law to be denominational, still the mischief had been done;