

*of this University, Ladies and Gentlemen* :—It is a difficult thing to adequately express my appreciation of the distinction which your University so kindly has given me at the present moment. In fact, I do not feel able for the moment to express the feeling with which I regard the honor that I have just received.

I must say in defence of myself that some of the kind remarks that I have heard fall from the lips of Professor Macallum, make me imagine that he is thinking about somebody else, and that there is some mistake, but I consider myself fortunate, and the mistake is on the right side. The visit, through the occasion of this function, which has been so interesting to all of us, and which has brought me to Toronto, has, I can assure you, served as an encouragement and as a stimulus that I hope I shall to some extent adequately convey to my colleagues who are at work in the University of Liverpool.

Of course, I cannot yet more than suspect that in a large measure the honor that I have just received I owe to the benevolence of a time-honored institution here for the most infantine of universities. Our university, as it shelters at the present moment some of your graduates from Toronto, you may be interested to hear, is, I think, just one month old. It will be with a special pride and pleasure that my fellow-students and my fellow-members in that faculty will receive the news of the step that this university has taken. They, at that great distance, will, I know, appreciate having a small piece of Toronto University among them. I am only too proud to be that little piece of Toronto University over there, and I am encouraged because, from the words that Dr. Osler spoke, I begin to believe that I have entered upon an ornamental stage.

It may, perhaps, interest you, sir, if I report the fact that our university over there has as its Chancellor at the present moment one who is well known in the Dominion, a former Governor-General, Lord Stanley that was, Lord Derby that is.

I can only, in conclusion, hope that those finely built laboratories, at whose inauguration I have been present, will be but the forerunner of more, and I would take this opportunity of joining my own testimony with those that have been offered by Professor Keen, Professor Osler and others, as to the importance to the community of adequately supporting and adequately running what is and must be an expensive and not directly paying portion of the machinery of education. However, this is not the moment to dilate upon a theme with which I am afraid I have already wearied you.

In conclusion I would add that it will be one of the dearest privileges that I shall hold—to maintain, as far as a man can maintain, the honor, dignity and prestige of the University of Toronto.