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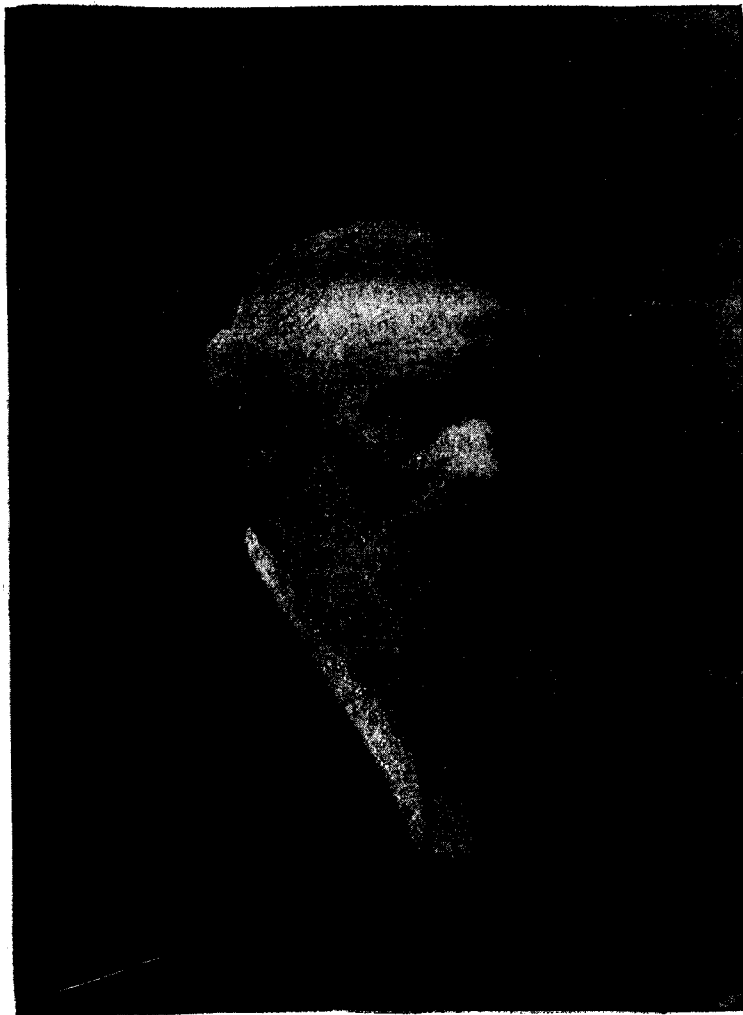
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MANY of our readers will have read, we presume, a report of the interesting and eloquent address delivered by Sir Daniel Wilson, President of the University of Toronto, at the recent Annual Convocation. The venerable President sketched briefly but graphically, the history of the institution, which, with its magnificent old building "nearly restored to all its former beauty, and with greatly extended accommodation, and increased facilities for study," now occupies so influential a position amongst the seats of learning of this continent. The first convocation in the restored building affords a fitting opportunity for presenting our readers with a portrait of its honored President.

An editorial paragraph in our last number made note of the honor conferred on Sir Daniel Wilson, during his visit to the Mother Land, a few weeks since, by the Council of Edinburgh, his native city. Perhaps we cannot do better, in the brief space at our disposal, than to quote, in condensed form, from an Edinburgh paper, the speech delivered by the Lord Provost on that occasion. The Lord Provost, rising amid loud applause, said—"Ladies and gentlemen, the honorary burgess roll of the city of Edinburgh bears the names of men distinguished in all departments of public duty. Princes, statesmen, philosophers, soldiers, philanthropists, travellers, have all been found willing to turn aside for a little to receive at our hands such acknowledgment of their services as we have to offer. Such men have not lived and toiled for popular applause; but, being large-minded and

large hearted, they have accepted with gratitude the approval of those who, with intelligent appreciation of their work, embrace the opportunity of giving it just and generous expression. We are met to-day as a Council unanimously to offer the freedom of the city to Sir Daniel Wilson, and I feel assured that in this case we give expression to the mind of the citizens generally. Sir Daniel has many claims to our affection and gratitude. He belongs to an Edinburgh family, and is a native of the city. He belongs to the good town not by birth only but also by education. He was a pupil of the High School, and a student in our

of the city and the many interesting and picturesque buildings which have been doomed by the so-called schemes of improvement. But Sir Daniel's labors were not confined to his native city, but took a wider sweep, as indicated by his great work, 'The Archæology and Prehistoric Annals of Scotland,' also illustrated by himself, which, in its enlarged and revised shape, is a worthy monument by which he will be known in all time to come. Nor did Scotland suffice for his research and industry, for he has given us 'Oliver Cromwell and the Protectorate,' and more lately 'Prehistoric Man; Researches into the Origin of Civilisation in the Old and the New World.' It would detain you too long to dwell on Sir Daniel's services to literature, but I must not forget that he has courted the muse in his 'Spring Wild Flowers,' and that among his latter works he has returned to his first love, in 'Reminiscences of Old Edinburgh.' Well might the Society of Antiquaries be proud of such a member, and nobly did he justify his appointment to be Secretary of that Society. In 1853 he was appointed to the Chair of History and English Literature in the University of Toronto, and in 1881 he became President of the College, an office which he still holds. As an educationist he has been highly appreciated, and it has been no unimportant part of the education of his students that they have been the witnesses of his energetic and faithful labor. It was with much pleasure that in 1887 his friends heard that it had pleased Her Majesty the Queen to confer on him the honor of knighthood. If loyalty to Queen and country and lifelong devotion to public duty constitute any claim to such distinction, the honor could not have been more appropriately bestowed. As an ardent lover of his native city, as an accomplished scholar, as an instructive and popular



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University. How dearly he loved his native city, how keenly he appreciated its picturesque beauty, and how familiar he had made himself with its romantic history and traditions, he soon gave ample proof. His first publication—"Memorials of Edinburgh in the Olden Time,"—with illustrations by his own pencil, was welcomed, and is prized as a mine of reliable information, and a record full of interest regarding the history

author, and as a wise and stimulating teacher, Sir Daniel has gained for himself the esteem and admiration of all who have, either personally or through his writings, come under his influence. I have, Sir Daniel, the honor of presenting you, in the name of the Magistrates and Council, with the burgess ticket enclosed in this casket, constituting you a burgess and freeman of the good town."