

friend from Scotland comes to us by the round-about way of British Columbia. Thus, you see, we are here from the ends of the earth, and it would seem that the class wished the centre of the earth represented, and so they chose your humble servant, for who has not heard it said the centre of the earth and the capital of the world are in Ontario ?

Mr. Principal, it is a far cry from Sept. 21st, 1891, to April 6th, 1898. Seven years is a long time, and if we have been faithful in the duties that have come to our hand, we should have our girdle, by this time, fairly well tightened for the race before us.

Nor, sir, have we found the time too long ; it was all but too short. Nay, more, now that the illustrious class of '98 has safely passed beyond all danger in this regard, you may, perchance, find some of us advocating an extension of the course. We are rather inclined to think that another session might be of vast benefit to some of our successors ; and, in time to come, they would rise up to call us blessed.

The students of this college, coming from the east, from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, from Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and those of us, like the speaker, coming from Western Ontario, are often asked the question, Why go so far as Montreal ? The reply is easy, without casting reflections on any other institutions, for, as a Canadian people, we should be proud of our colleges—woe worth the day when we lose our pride in them—the answer, I say, is easy, we want the best. Montreal, we believe, offers educational advantages second to none on this continent. There is an education that is not imparted in class-rooms, and is not found in books, and this Montreal is singularly well fitted to bestow.

As has often been pointed out, the situation of our city is unique. It stands on the dividing line between the east and the west. Here two types of civilization and two types of the Christian religion meet. With one hand Montreal receives the West, with its broad expanses, its great possibilities, its