

in that country and in Germany. In the Royal School of Mines, London, he made a special study of metallurgy under the celebrated Percy. He completed the curriculum both in the Royal School of Mines and in the Royal College of Chemistry. In the latter school Mr. Hoffmann acted for some time as assistant to his namesake, the late Prof. A. W. Hoffmann. Later Mr. Hoffmann was put in charge of the chemical and technological laboratory attached to the Melbourne, Australia, Botanic Gardens. In 1872 he became a member of the staff of the Geological Survey of Canada, of which he is at present assistant director, chemist and mineralogist. Several scientific societies outside of Canada have recognized Mr. Hoffmann's merit. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chemistry and a member of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

"In Canada he is best known by his numerous contributions to the reports of the Geological Survey, and by his papers read before the Royal Society. For many years secretary of the Mathematical and Physical Section, his kindly manner has done much to promote the good fellowship which characterises the meetings of that Section.

"By the thoroughness of his work on the Geological Survey, Mr. Hoffmann has greatly assisted in creating a scientific spirit in Canada. Were it not that the duties of his position require his presence in Ottawa, he would be here to-day to receive in person at your hands, sir, this degree, concerning which he has written expressing his regret at not being able to be present and his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him."

The next presentation was made by the Vice-Principal, Dr. Williamson, who said :

"Mr. Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate I have the honour to present to you Mr. R. Vashon Rogers, Q.C., Barrister-at-Law, that he may receive from you the degree of Doctor of Laws. Mr. Rogers graduated in this University in 1861 with honours in Classics and Mathematics. Having, thereafter, completed the course of study required from candidates for admission to the Bar, he entered upon the practice of the legal profession, and has been for a number of years the partner in business of the present Lieut.-Governor of Ontario. He has been always a warm friend of his Alma Mater, and taken an active and most useful part in promoting its prosperity. He was the first Registrar of the University Council, and the first trustee elected by the votes of the graduates. Apart, however, from his other merits, Mr. Rogers has, as an author of high repute, claims to the most honourable recognition. His brief periods of leisure from the duties of an extensive practice have been devoted to the preparation of various works on professional topics, two of which in particular, the one entitled 'The Wrongs and Rights of a Traveller,' and the other 'The Wrongs and Rights of Host and Guest,' have gained for him a wide reputation not only in Canada, but throughout the United States and in Britain, the former having gone thro' three editions—one English, one American, and one Canadian. From every part of the United States, as well as Canada, these publications of Mr. Rogers have called forth the strongest expressions of praise. The *Western Jurist* says of 'The Wrongs and Rights of a Traveller,' 'This, like the predecessors of the series, is full of humorous and of valuable legal information, and the man who can combine so much excellent law, verified by adjudicated cases, with genuine humour, must verily be a genius.' And the Hon. Isaac F. Redfield, ex-Chief Justice of Vermont, says: 'I have read 'Wrongs and Rights of a Traveller' with great interest. The plan is so new that it will be impossible to predict, but in the end it seems to me sure to meet with public and professional approbation. The book is as interesting as a novel, and more instructive in the law than most books addressed particularly to that object. I must say it deserves success, and I should be surprised to have it fail of attaining it.'

"In these publications, while all the leading legal journals bear testimony to the accuracy of the statements by Mr. Rogers of the law in Canada, the United States and Britain on the subjects treated of, even the driest legal points are invested with an irresistible interest by the attractive garb in which they are embodied.

"It may be added that Mr. Rogers was largely instrumental in founding the *College Quarterly*, and is a valued contributor to its pages."

In responding Mr. Rogers thanked the Senate for the honor, but could not understand why an honorary degree should be conferred upon him. After listening to the fearful proclamation of the court crier, and knowing that the gentlemen in the gallery must be fatigued through the hard study of the session, he felt that his remarks must be brief. But there were two things that he must say. First, that above all the things that made this pleasant was the fact that he had been presented by his old friend and teacher, Dr. Williamson, the Grand Old Man of this institution, known and loved, admired and esteemed by all who passed through the university. In the second place, he was pleased to receive the honor because he believed this to be a living and growing institution. When he came to the university first there were only three professors, and the teaching was all done in the buildings now occupied as residences by the Principal and Professors Watson and Fletcher. He closed by a sketch of the rapid progress of Queen's since his student days, and wished her the greatest success in the future.

Principal Grant then called for three cheers for Lady Aberdeen, the "Queen of Canadian womanhood." The cheers were given with such hearty enthusiasm that in replying His Excellency Lord Aberdeen said that if he had foreseen such a demonstration he would have arranged for a phonograph, so that he could present the demonstration to Lady Aberdeen as it happened.

The singing of the National Anthem and the benediction by the chaplain brought the proceedings of the convocation of '95 to a close.

The second annual meeting of the stockholders of *Queen's Quarterly* was held on the evening of April 30th. The report of the business manager showed a balance of cash on hand of \$64.46. It was resolved that the editorial and business committees be combined and be in future called the Publishing Committee, said committee to appoint sub-committees for the editorial and business work. The following were appointed the Publishing Committee: James Cappon, M.A., N. F. Dupuis, M.A., J. McNaughton, M.A., Donald Ross, D.D., R. V. Rogers, LL.D., A. P. Knight, M.A., M.D., A. Shortt, M.A., G. Y. Chown, B.A., J. Herald, M.A., M.D., G. M. Macdonnell, B.A., Q.C.