

familiar; and because this book presents all these names in a compact and interesting form, it is a welcome addition to one's library. We sincerely regret that we have not time to look over the rest of the sketches. The lives of Sir John Macdonald, Lord Strathcona, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and others of the great Canadian statesmen must be very interesting. Whether they are told without prejudice, or whether the smoke of political enmity or friendship blinds the eyes of the writers we cannot tell, not having read the sketches; nor are we in a position to judge, even if we had the time to read them. But were it only for the lessons to be learnt from a study of the heroism, faith, and nobility of those who founded the Dominion and the inspiration to be derived therefrom, apart from all considerations of purely political and historical interest, we must commend this book to all young Canadians.

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#### CONVOCATION WEEK.

THE closing days of college were this year marked by many enjoyable features. The final year held a reunion, Mrs. Gordon entertained the graduating class, the valedictorians gave excellent addresses, and the Convocation proceedings were, as usual, very enlivening. Students' Day was held on Tuesday, April 26th, when the students, a few professors and a few friends assembled in Convocation Hall to hear the valedictorians in Arts, Science and Divinity. Mr. W. W. Guggisberg, B.A., was the representative of liberal culture; Mr. A. R. Webster, B.Sc., spoke for the various branches of engineering and practical science, while Mr. G. B. McLennan, B.A., said a last farewell on be-

half of his fellow-students in theology.

Wednesday, April 27th, was, however, the great day of the week. Shortly after 1 p.m. the City Hall was opened and in a short time there was only standing room left. At 2.30 p.m. the "noble host" advanced and found their places on the large platform. After prayer by the chaplain for the day, Rev. A. H. Scott, M.A., Perth, Principal Gordon announced the re-election of Sir Sandford Fleming and spoke both of his fitness for the position and his service to the country and the empire. Sir Sandford in his speech said:

#### *"Members of Convocation:*

It is fitting that I should allude to my presence here to-day as presiding officer of this Convocation of Queen's University.

Owing to the business before us my words must be extremely few, but I am unwilling to allow the opportunity to pass without expressing my grateful acknowledgment to the Council and graduates for their confidence so frequently renewed.

If I still require your most kind indulgence,—if I must again ask you to overlook my shortcomings, I am unable to plead as I might have done long ago that I am unaccustomed to the duties of the high office to which you have again elevated me.

I cannot claim to be a stranger within these walls. I am now entering on the ninth triennial term of office as Chancellor,—nine times have I been chosen to assume the duties and responsibilities of the position,—nine times have I sworn fealty to the University; and as there can be no duty more agreeable to me, or more honourable, than to be associated with the life and progress of this seat of