

needful acquirements. Much has been said in the past, and perhaps even more in recent discussions, about the necessity of providing amply equipped post-graduate courses of instruction; and along with this it has been made a subject of reproach that some of our ablest graduates go elsewhere in search of special advantages. It is not to be denied that the graduates of our own, as of many another university, have looked with envious eyes on the ample revenues of the Cornell University at Ithaca, and on the still more magnificent endowment of the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore. I trust the day will yet come when from the generous liberality of its own graduates and friends, far more than from any State aid, this university shall be endowed with revenues adequate to its needs, and constitute a still greater centre of attraction than it is now for Canada's most ardent students. But I cannot sympathize with those who regard it as an unalloyed evil that some of our best men, after completing their undergraduate course and winning our highest honours, aspire to a fellowship at the Johns Hopkins University, or a degree in science or philosophy at Edinburgh, Berlin, or Leipsic. On the contrary, there are few gifts that I more earnestly covet for us than the endowment of travelling fellowships, such as at other universities both in Europe and on this continent, not only encourage, but furnish the means to enable the young graduate to visit foreign seats of learning, and avail himself of the culture and moral training which travel supplies.

Already the alumni of this college have won for it an honourable name, and given the best evidence of the high training furnished in our own class-rooms, by the rank they have taken in the open competition for the Johns Hopkins fellowships. So far from their going to Baltimore tending

to discredit us, one of its most distinguished professors has publicly expressed the opinion that our mathematical and physical departments are second to none on this continent. In Edinburgh I found in like manner that the sound culture of the graduates we send to them was no less heartily recognized. In Leipsic, Heidelberg and Berlin, the name of this university is honourably known through good work done there by graduates from this college, whose love to their old Alma Mater is not lessened by such tests of the value of the training here received. In truth, had I a son to train in the knowledge that is to be available for any noble career, I should assuredly, when his undergraduate course was completed, send him abroad to seek among the scholars of other lands that breadth of culture which no single university fully supplies. The Englishman, trained in the imperial centre of a dominion on which the sun looks in all its course, finds, nevertheless, that he has to be emancipated from many an insular prejudice; and though our lot is cast on this broad domain, stretching from ocean to ocean, we too are not without some provincial prejudices, which it is well we should be rid of.

But while I thus invite you to view with complacency the resort of our students to other seats of learning in the prosecution of their post-graduate studies: it is our privilege to-day to welcome to our Convocation the representatives of another university which, as we are now assured, is prepared to enter into hearty confederation with us for the more thorough promotion of higher education: and the rendering of our common university still more efficient than it has already proved in all the functions of a national seat of learning. When we assembled here a year ago, I referred to what was then an uncertain ele-