

regions which own the harsher rule of the exigencies of the daily life around us. He has traced in the rocks the writing of the Creator, and, with the magic light, only to be borne by him who has earned the power through toil of reason and of induction, he has been able to see in the spirit and describe the processes of creation. His knowledge has pierced the dark ages, when through countless aeons the earth was being prepared for man; he has shown how forests—vast as those we see to-day, but with vanished forms of vegetation and of life—grew, decayed, and were preserved in altered condition to give us in these days of colder skies the fuel we need. He has been for his beloved Acadia the historian of the cycles when God formed her under the primal waters, fashioned her in the marshes, teeming in his fervent heat, caused his fire to fuse the metal in her rocks, and his ice to scourge the coasts thereafter to be subjected to yet more stupendous changes, and raised and made fit for the last and highest of his works. His knowledge in these difficult studies has not separated him from us; it has only been a fresh cause for us to hail that public spirit which makes him give all he has, whether of strength, of time, or of knowledge, for the benefit of his fellow-citizens. Just as it was not for Acadia alone, but in the interests of science, that his first labour was undertaken; so now it is not for any especial locality, but for the good of the whole of our country, that he is head of this place of learning, whence depart so many to take their lot in the civil life of Canada. Even in his presence it is right that this should be said of him, here on this spot where you are to raise a new temple of the practical sciences, and now that he, with you, has become the recipient of this gift, which is a tribute from one who has earned success in the hard battle of life, offered to men who, with so much devotion, are training other lives to win their way by knowledge through the difficulties that may lie before them.

The CHANCELLOR then in eloquent terms thanked His Excellency, on behalf of the University, for the honour he had done the institution in laying the foundation stone of the Redpath Museum. He expressed the great gratification the presence of Her Royal Highness would have afforded them, deplored the unfortunate cause of her absence, and concluded by expressing the wish that she would soon be restored to the country in renewed health, and that a long