

## FOUNDING OF THE DEAN FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP.

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MR. Chancellor, Members of Convocation, Ladies and Gentlemen :—In the year 1854 a number of young men who were then studying medicine at the Provincial University in Toronto and who required to attend college but one year more to complete their course found themselves in a dilemma. They must either subscribe to religious tests or go without their degrees. In their difficulty they turned to Queen's and asked upon what conditions they might be granted their degrees. Up to that time there had been no Medical Faculty in connection with this University. The authorities of Queen's consulted the physicians and surgeons then practising their profession in Kingston. The result was the formation of the Medical Faculty of Queen's University. A reply was then sent to the young men that upon completing their attendance and passing the required examinations they would be granted their degrees in medicine by Queen's without having to do violence to their conscience. Thus, Sir, we see that at that early date Queen's was the champion of religious liberty and that her halls were open to all alike irrespective of class or creed and that her degrees could be obtained by anyone who attended the specified lectures and showed a sufficient knowledge of the prescribed subjects. Incidentally, Mr. Chancellor, I might mention that the 151 students registered in medicine this session are classified denominationally as follows :—

Presbyterians.....	45
Methodists.....	43
Anglicans .....	31
Roman Catholics.....	26
Congregationalists.....	3
Baptists .....	1
Universalists .....	1
Salvation Army.....	1

By consulting the records I find that the members of the Medical Faculty of Queen's University established in 1854 as a protest against sectarianism were Drs. Sampson, Stewart, Yates, Dickson, Hayward, and Fife Fowler, who was appointed to the chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics. From that day to this Dr. Fowler has been continuously a member of the Faculty