

DR. RAND'S ADDRESS.

We are all very glad that you as chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Dryden are able to preside on this interesting occasion ; and I am sure I cannot at this moment utter a more appropriate word than to express the gratification of the friends of McMaster University in view of your recent appointment as administrator of an important department of the Executive Government of Ontario. We all know that this is not the first time you have shown your interest in this the youngest of the Universities of the Dominion, but that in the procuring of its charter and in the laborious discharge of duty as a member of the Board of Governors you have given many and signal proofs of your interest in the great work for which McMaster University has been organized, and is now being more completely equipped.

LOSSES OF THE YEAR.

This is the first public meeting, ladies and gentlemen, which I have been privileged to attend in connection with the University for more than a year. As I attempt briefly to address you, I cannot forget the losses which have been ours during that short period. Dr. Castle has passed away. We all revered and loved him, and joyfully recognize how much he did to aid our benefactor, the late Senator McMaster, in the development of a long formed purpose to supply superior facilities for Theological training. He stood on this spot with uncovered head when the virgin soil was broken to receive the foundations of McMaster Hall, and was for eight years the prudent, wise, and devoted Principal of Toronto Baptist College, conducted within these walls. When failing health compelled him to relinquish the Principalship, it seemed to be a great satisfaction to him that our brother, Prof. D. A. McGregor, was chosen to be his successor. Young, widely beloved, of large abilities, full of promise, and yearning for the best service, Mr. McGregor responded to the united call of his brethren, and resolved to give himself as Principal of the Theological Department to the work of preparing men for the gospel ministry. Alas, before he could gird himself for the discharge of the new duties which he had assumed, the Lord called His servant to Himself. This place has already become very sacred to some of us, and these