

which envelops them. It must be some such beam, perhaps a survival from the dark ages, that has been resting on the legal profession, while the people of the province at large have proved that they are sensible of the light, as shown by the vote of their representatives in the Legislative Assembly last session, when the majority in favor of universities was so large."

—Sir William Dawson, turning from the cheerless picture of a province that would throw a slur upon its own university, remarked :—"We have reason to congratulate ourselves on a step of progress made by the local legislature with the aid and concurrence of the college of physicians and surgeons, and its president, Dr. Hingston, in the matter of reciprocity of medical degrees with the mother country, and through it with the other colonies and with foreign countries. When completed, this arrangement cannot fail to be a great stimulus and encouragement to our most ambitious and able medical graduates, who will thus be offered the possibilities of an Imperial career. It is to be hoped that other provinces will in this follow the good example set by Quebec, but if they do not, the loss will be that of their own young men. It is an additional ground of satisfaction that in all our struggles for the rights of our universities we have had the cordial aid and co-operation of the authorities of Bishop's college and of the friends of education in general. We cannot fail to remember the kind and encouraging words with which Lord Lansdowne took leave of us at our last meeting of convocation, and we have had evidence in the recent visit of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Stanley, and the medals just awarded, of the interest taken in education by his successor, who had hoped to have honored us to-day with his presence as visitor, but has been prevented by the demands of official duty; sending us, however, the expression of his regret and of his cordial good wishes. It is and has been one of the advantages enjoyed by this Dominion in its connection with the mother country, that the representatives of Her Majesty have so well and worthily represented her in the patronage of literature, science and education.