

I regard it as fortunate for the country that it should contain universities such as McGill, liberally supported by generous and enlightened citizens; centres of thought and learning, with energies concentrated on the sacred duties of tuition and research, and inspired by the single-minded ambition of radiating the light of truth through all parts of Canada.

In the attention devoted by your scientists to the elucidation of those problems concerned with the practical utilisation of the forces of Nature, you are demonstrating the material well-being that a country derives from research work and higher education.

In the ardour with which you are pursuing the quest of the humanities, you are showing that McGill University recognizes that man cannot live by bread alone—and that the highest wisdom consists not in the frenzied or restless pursuit of wealth, but in the formation of character.

Gentlemen, I note with satisfaction that you consider it is your special duty to equip men with those qualifications of heart and mind which will enable them to play a useful part in the building up of the Dominion, in consolidating the Empire, and in directing the energies of all English-speaking people along the noble road of lofty purpose and high endeavour. In the motto which the McGill University has adopted for its own: "Federation through Education," you show the high hopes by which you are inspired. This noble motto might have been selected as the heading of Mr. Cecil Knodes' will. It was one of his favourite sayings, that the Dons of a college should tell the students at least once a year that the Empire consists not only of the British Isles, but of the world, and that the scope of a Briton's horizon should not be limited by the State, Province or Dominion in which he happened to reside. With the object of impressing the rising generation with the greatness and universality of British interests, he established at Oxford University a large number of scholarships, two of which, at the present moment, are in the responsible keeping of representatives of McGill. Carrying with them, as they do, the