

Turning once more to our own institution I feel that its success is largely due to the harmony which has always existed between the members of the staff, and their loyalty to its ideals. The same spirit prevails among the students and graduates and it would be hard to find, the world over, a body of men more united and faithful to their *Alma Mater*. Above all, the School has been fortunate in commending itself to the public and to the Government. I do not know that there has ever been serious opposition in Parliament to its modest estimates for maintenance. The Premier, to whose foresight as Minister of Education the enlargement and improvement of the School is due, has no reason to be ashamed of his work. There is now a similar task to that which he undertook in 1888, awaiting his successor, the present Minister of Education. New building accommodation, equipment, and additions to the staff are required, as the School has reached and passed the bounds laid down for it twelve years ago.

It must not be forgotten that the success of our technical schools depends almost altogether upon the prosperity of the country and that the prosperity of the country depends only partially on the success of the technical schools. There is too great a tendency at the present time to consider technical education a panacea for the troubles in the world of production. This is not only unfair to the schools but is a dangerous doctrine for the country.

I shall now close by making an announcement which will be a source of congratulation to all friends of the School and of the University of Toronto. A week ago the Senate of the University passed a statute which provides that the School of Practical Science, its teaching staff, examiners and students, together with the examiners for the degrees in Applied Science and Engineering, shall *ex officio* constitute the Faculty of Applied Science of the University of Toronto. By this statute the powers of the Senate with reference to the degrees and those of the School with reference to the curriculum and work of instruction as also the statute respecting affiliation, remain unaltered.

The result is that the University gains without expense a fully equipped Faculty of Applied Science and in this respect puts itself on an equality with the other great universities of the continent: while on the other hand the School gains public recognition of the fact that its work is of equal rank and dignity with that of the ancient faculties of Arts, Medicine and Law.

This action of the Senate forms a fitting close to the history of the School in the nineteenth century. And now, gentlemen, let me in taking my seat thank you one and all for the great honour you have done me, and more especially the members of the committee who have this evening brought their arduous labours to such a successful close.

Professor Chapman was a better prophet than he knew when in designing the crest of the School he selected as its motto—

“Scite et Strenue.”