

resolved to celebrate its tercentenary in Easter week next, upon the 16th, 17th and 18th April, 1884, and to invite delegates from the most celebrated Universities, Colleges, and Learned Societies in the world to be present on the occasion. We, the undersigned, therefore respectfully invite Queen's University, Kingston, to send a representative to be the guest of the University of Edinburgh during the days before mentioned. We beg to be favored with an early answer to this invitation, and we request that, if a delegate from Queen's University is to honor us with his presence, his name and titles may as soon as possible be communicated.

In name and by authority of the University of Edinburgh,

JOHN INGLIS, *Chancellor.*  
STAFFORD H. NORTHCOTE, *Rector.*  
A. GRANT, *Principal.*

University of Edinburgh, }  
28th December, '83. }

The above invitation was considered by the Senate at its last meeting, and it was unanimously agreed to appoint the Chancellor, Sanford Flemming, Esq., C.E., C.M.G., to represent Queen's in Edinburgh. We are happy to learn that our Chancellor has kindly consented to go, having without delay acquiesced in the wish of the Senate.

❖POETRY❖

BY THE SEA.

I.

THE wind sweeps up the sea  
In murmuring melody,  
While darkness falls upon our circling sphere ;  
And on the wave swept strand  
A youth and maiden stand,—  
A brightsome moment in the flying year.

II.

A fatal chance, at best,  
Has brought her from her nest,—  
Far off among the hills and flowering dells,—  
To learn a whispered tale,  
That makes her young cheek pale,  
Yea, whiter than the shale and shining shells.

III.

And yet she bends the ear,  
Trembling with hope and fear,  
Her heart aglow with new found happiness :  
The radiant boy the while,  
With passionate word and smile,  
Presses her dewy lip with warm caress.

IV.

And then, with tender grace,  
And softly luminous face,  
In words, like breathings from a golden lyre,  
He sings the rippling rhyme  
With which, in strain sublime,  
White Eros Psyche won to his desire.

V.

The limpid eyes are raised,  
With tremulous wonder dazed,  
To hear the thrilling harmony of his lips ;  
Alone with sea and sky  
Her faltering accents die,—  
And from its place on high a pale star slips.

CHAS. J. CAMERON.

Jan. 21st., '84.

THE CZAR.

WHAT is there in thy greatness that is great,—  
Thou, loveless as that other, loved by none ?  
Or, where moves man that envies thee thy fate,—  
All-evil worker, and all evil one ?

Still to be hated with a whole heart's hate,  
Known and remembered but for ill deeds done,  
This is forever, Tyrant! thine estate  
Beneath the crimson circle of the sun!

Watch well, O world! Right is not always wrong,  
The ghosts of his own works about him throng.

Watch well—nor envy him his hour of calm,  
Ere they arise and put forth strength, and strip  
The blood-stained purple from the royal sham,  
And curse the white-lipped leper to his lip!

GED. F. CAMERON, '86.

UNIVERSITY SERMONS.

REV. David Mitchell, of Belleville, was University preacher on Jan. 27th. His complete recovery from a serious illness was a source of pleasure to us all. Towards the close of an eloquent sermon a graceful reference was made to the death of J. C. McLeod in whose memory mourning badges were seen thickly scattered among the congregation. The reverend gentleman spoke from the text:—

—Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. EX. XXXIV. 29.

FEBRUARY 3.

On this date Rev. Dr. Nelles, President of Victoria University conducted divine service in Convocation Hall. There was gathered to hear him the largest congregation which has this session assembled. To our eyes which are perhaps not disinterested Principal Grant always seemed the prince of Canada's thoughtful preachers but in Dr. Nelles he has a worthy peer. The text was:—

The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened. Matt. XIII. 33.

We cannot give a full report of the sermon and shall not spoil it by giving fragments. The plan of the discourse seemed to be:—

1. An explanation of this phenomenon of leaven spoken of in the text.

2. The subtle sympathy which exists between all the faculties of our whole being, such that what ever effect one extends to the whole.

3. A further application of this thought to the state to show the necessity that each part of the community should be leavened with the principles of justice and righteousness.

From the last, one can see how weakening is the admission or rather the boast, that in certain institutions such a thing as reference to religious truths is tabooed. This addition thus made to the University question was not an accidental introduction but a powerful argument brought in with logical consistency.