

cellor. The Registrar said two candidates had been proposed for the office of Chancellor, the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Blake and Sandford Fleming, C.M.G. The voting closed on the 15th of March, 1880, when Mr. Fleming was found to have a majority. The Registrar then officially declared him elected Chancellor of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor said that while he would have willingly accepted either candidate as Chancellor, he was extremely glad the decision had fallen on an old friend. He and Mr. Fleming had travelled together by sea and land, and he had learned to appreciate the rare qualities of his character. He did not know of a better example to set before the youth in the Institution, and hoped there would be many students trained up to resemble him. There was no man living whom he would rather have at his back in an undertaking requiring patience, strength and determination than the new Chancellor. It was not necessary to speak of his works. He had not only constructed a great railway but had written the story in a manner which redeems the dry details and makes the most indifferent finish the work after he has commenced it. The history of the Inter-colonial Railway is a prominent contribution to Canadian literature. His characteristics were loyalty, calm resolve, devotion to truth, and boundless tolerance of opinion. The new Chancellor was a man who could listen to everyone, no matter what his opinions might be. He believed that a man might differ from him and yet be a thoroughly honest and able man. This was the kind of a man for the head of this truly national University. (Applause.)

The Vice-Chancellor then advanced towards the Chancellor-elect and administered the following declaration:—"Do you Sandford Fleming, Companion of St. Michael and St. George, undertake to perform to the best of your ability the duties of Chancellor of Queen's University. Do you promise by all lawful rights to defend its rights and promote its welfare." Mr. Fleming replied—"I do," when the Vice-Chancellor shook hands with him and declared him Chancellor of the University. The Registrar of Council then conducted him below and invested him with the robes of his office—a rich brocaded silk gown, trimmed along the front from the shoulders down with a broad gold band, and a mortar board, with gold tassel. When the Chancellor again made his appearance, clad in this magnificent costume, he was greeted with enthusiastic cheers and rounds of prolonged applause.

The Chancellor then proceeded with his inaugural address, which will be found elsewhere, and which was a masterly production. The address was frequently interrupted by applause. At its conclusion the Chancellor was greeted with rounds of applause, which he acknowledged by bowing.

HONORARY DEGREES.

The Vice-Chancellor now called on the Registrar to read a minute of Senate conferring the honorary degree of D.D., on the Rev. D. Macrae, M. A., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and on the Rev. James Nish, of Sandhurst, Victoria, Commissioner from Australia to the Pan-Presbyterian Council, and Clerk of the Australian Assembly. These gentlemen rose and came to the front of the platform, while the Vice-Chancellor presented them to the Chancellor, with the following remarks: I have much pleasure, Mr. Chancellor, in presenting to you for the purpose of receiving the degree of D.D., the Rev. D. Macrae, and the Rev. James Nish, who represent officially the two great Presbyterian Churches of Canada and Australia. The Senate has deemed these men worthy to be placed on the first page of a new book, and it will be your first official act as Chancellor to confer the honor. Queen's University has been very chary in the past of its honorary degrees, and will probably be even more chary in future. But we feel that this is no ordinary occasion and that these are not ordinary men. Mr. Macrae

is a native Canadian, born in that wonderful part of Canada, Pictou County, N.S., which has already given three Principals to Canadian Colleges, and has produced many other distinguished men. Mr. Macrae went home to Scotland, and graduated in Arts from King's College, Aberdeen. He also pursued his theological studies at that famous university. After his ordination he laboured first in Nova Scotia and then in New Brunswick. His ability has been recognized by his ministerial brethren, and at a comparatively early age he has been elevated to the highest office in their gift. After paying a warm tribute to the Moderator's ability as a preacher, lecturer and pastor, the Vice-Chancellor introduced the Rev. James Nish. I have also much pleasure, Mr. Chancellor, in introducing to you as worthy to receive the degree of D.D. the Rev. James Nish. Mr. Nish, though not a Canadian, like Mr. Macrae, is the next best thing to it—a Scotchman. (Laughter.) So well have his services been appreciated by his brethren that they asked the Senate of Queen's to confer the degree upon him during his visit to Canada. The General Assembly of Victoria also appointed him their representative at Philadelphia. I have had great pleasure lately in reading some works by Mr. Nish on Church polity and other subjects, and can testify to their high merit. (Loud applause.) The Chancellor then shook hands with the new Doctors and ordered their names to be put on the roll of honorary graduates.

REV. DR. MACRAE.

The Rev. Dr. Macrae tendered his hearty thanks for the honor which had been conferred upon him, and hoped his future conduct would be such as not to tarnish the fair fame of the institution. He felt the honor which had just been conferred on him to be a very high one, and for several reasons. The first was because of the high record of the university, which they had heard so pathetically and beautifully detailed by Prof. Williamson on the preceding evening. It was shown that the progress of the institution had not only been gradual, but that it had taken leaps and starts of a most astonishing character. They had heard that within the past ten years the attendance of students had quadrupled. A second reason for valuing the honour was because the Principal was the man that he was. The county of Pictou had produced many remarkable men, and Dr. Grant was one of these. He had been one of the speaker's earliest friends, and no one rejoiced at Dr. Grant's elevation more than he did, and no one had watched his career with more interest. A third reason was that Queen's was the only Presbyterian University in the Dominion, and in it he felt a double interest as being the Moderator of the Assembly for the time being. In former days those who had degrees conferred on them had to propose a certain question as a thesis, and had to defend it against all comers. That day had gone by, and he was not going to inflict a long or profound argument upon the audience, but if he had to do it he would dwell upon the proposition which had been made that theology was stationary; and that it had not advanced for centuries. He demurred to that statement. If theology meant all that bore upon the development of the knowledge of God, it must advance, and additions were being made to it in the best sense of the term all the time. He hoped the teaching in the University would continue to develop the liberality of thought and theology which had found so able a defender as Principal Grant. He hoped that before long another and a better chance would be given for the discussion of the subject. In conclusion he defended the institution of colleges in a new country, as it was something to have homes of learning as much disseminated over the length and breadth of the land as possible. As the Moderator sat down he was greeted with loud applause.