

Again, in this Province, situated as you are in the midst of a mixed population, and belonging as you do to a race which is in a minority, you have, I understand, some apprehensions lest your students should find the avenues by which the learned professions are approached, obstructed by hindrances, not perhaps, designed to affect them injuriously, but operating to their special disadvantage. In regard to that point, let me say in passing that I feel convinced that any demands which may be preferred on behalf of this University will be inspired by considerations of the strictest justice and moderation, and my earnest hope is that if any differences have arisen they will be found capable of a just and amicable settlement. I am glad to know that you have not allowed yourselves to be deterred by any of these difficulties. You can afford to wait, and there are many reasons for which the University may take a sanguine view of its own prospects. I observe with pleasure that through the generosity of your friends, one, at all events, of your professorships has been liberally endowed, and that this is not the only case in which private good will has brought you acceptable help. I do not think there is any factor in the calculation upon which you can depend with greater certainty than the ever increasing gratitude and attachment of the old students of the University. I am glad to learn that they are to be found representing this College in various stations of life, and in all parts of the Dominion, and, so far as I have been able to ascertain, with credit to themselves and the place of their education. I observe in this connection that you have here, under the name of the Alma Mater Society, an organization which, as far as I am aware, is peculiar to yourselves, and which I have no doubt will serve to keep alive the bond which unites your alumni to the place of their education. Then, sir, there is another advantage which you enjoy and which I think is a very precious one indeed. I mean the advantage which you derive from finding yourselves situated in the midst of a community which is, in every respect, a growing and advancing community, in the progress of which we may, I think, rest assured that the University and College will have their share. (Applause.) And, Mr. Chancellor, when I look out of these windows and consider the view spread before my eye, which was unfolded before me as I drove up here this morning, I cannot help feeling that you are richly blessed in the matter of the site and surroundings of the College. I could not help being reminded of the description which the old Latin poet gives of the conditions which he was anxious to secure for his country residence : *Modus agri non ita parvus*. The clear water running at the foot of your lawn, as it does, and the *paulum silvæ*—you have all these things here, and I think you have every reason to be grateful for the advantage which they give you. I cordially wish, Mr. Chancellor, that they may contribute to