

memorating the patriotism of Alumni and Canadians generally who had fallen at Ridgeway and in South Africa; but this view not carry.

"It was not until later, when the Faculties had pledged themselves in a goodly sum, that the project gave hopeful promise of success. It was felt that the effort would afford almost a crucial test of the loyalty of the Alumni and of the good-will of friends of the University. That such confidence was not misplaced is shown by the fact that the sum of about \$52,000 has been subscribed. Of this amount about \$19,000 have been given by friends, upwards of \$27,000 by graduates and—a most gratifying fact—upwards of \$5,000 by undergraduates in attendance. It is a most pleasing duty to acknowledge again and place on record the timely and generous aid of the Government in the gift of \$50,000 to duplicate the sum raised by the Alumni and by friends of the University. There can be little doubt that those who have a life interest in this academic enterprise will be the more likely to keep up an interest for life in their Alma Mater.

"Every great university should have a large Hall to hold the many hundreds of her students—a place where they can rally, and mingle, and see and hear one another. Not to have this is to lose an important means of promoting that *esprit de corps* which should prevail in every seat of learning, and which is at once a fine feature of the best college life, and a distinct factor in the best training of youth. In the large auditorium now assured, a budding Burke, Pitt, Macaulay or Gladstone, of high ideal and lofty aim, and as yet guileless, may have chance to win his first spurs before his sympathetic yet critical peers.

"Here in this trysting-place of mind and mind, the play of fancy, the weight of argument, the force of appeal will do their part as truly as university or college contests, as do the quick eye, the strong arm, the fleet limb on the campus or in the gymnasium hard by. There can be no doubt that this Hall will one day have a token of regard from the Royal Alumnus of 1860, who now graces the throne; and that as years roll by, wall and window, portrait and tablet will bear silent yet eloquent witness to the name and fame, the worth and work of one and another of the sons and daughters of our Alma Mater. And thus despite the contingency of another Ridgeway or Paardeberg (which God forbid should be repeated!) this Hall will in time become a splendid object-lesson, pointing a moral of high order to the flower of the youth of our country who flock to its greatest seat of learning.

"It has long been felt that there is a certain loss of dignity, if not of prestige, in having to seek quite unacademic quarters for Convocation. There is a natural feeling that it enhances,