

INSTALLATION OF PRINCIPAL GORDON AND JUBILEE OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY.

October 14th, 15th and 16th, 1903.

ON Wednesday, October 14th, at half-past nine in the morning the College boys assembled in the Reading Room in the new Arts Building, and at a quarter to ten marched over to Convocation Hall. First comers filled the gallery, the overflow filling the right wing behind the student choir. The lady students who had assembled in the Levana Room marched into Convocation Hall attired in gown and mortar board, and none who saw the noble array in the left wing of Convocation Hall that morning will think that the authorities of Queen's made a mistake when they opened their halls to lady students. The body of the hall was filled by the general public. The boys in the gallery very appropriately made but little noise confining themselves to a few hymns and to a hearty rendering of the Queen's Doxology. At ten o'clock the Chancellor, Senate and Guests entered and took their seats on the platform, the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., Moderator of the General Assembly, fulfilling the duties of Chairman in an agreeable manner.

The order of service was as follows:

Hymn No. 1—The Lord's Prayer—
Scripture Lesson, Deut. 8; Rom. 12—
Hymn No. 474—Prayer by Rev. Chancellor Wallace of McMaster University—
Hymn No. 501—Address by the Rev. Principal Shaw, D.C.L., of Wesleyan College Montreal—Hymn No. 360—
Address by the Right Rev. F. Courtney, Bishop of Nova Scotia—Hymn No. 485—Benediction.

We are glad to be able to publish for the benefit of the readers of the

JOURNAL, the address of Principal Shaw:

This occasion I consider is not one of mere adulation of the honourable gentleman, who is now being charged with the heavy responsibility of guiding the affairs of this great and growing university. If it were, my heart would lead me with the utmost sincerity to say many appreciative things about Dr. Gordon, his scholarship and culture, his broad, Catholic spirit and his Christian manliness, all so eminently fitting him for his new office; but I recognize and appreciate the fact that at the opening exercises of this academic function we are called together here to an act of Christian worship, with reverence and faith to acknowledge God and to seek His blessing upon the important work of the University, remembering that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

In this act of worship we are cheered to know that Queen's University will not be neutral and indifferent in its relation to Christian faith, but that its Christian character is assured, whatever be its denominational relations. I have no disposition, improperly, to interfere with its internal affairs, but this I notice with much gratification, that in the draft of a bill prepared some time ago, providing for a non-denominational basis of this university, its Christian character was still very distinctly guaranteed. Much more is this secured if the institution continues under the direct patronage of the Presbyterian Church, a Church which in many respects stands second to none in scholarship.

While on the one hand I thus regard with satisfaction the positive Christian