

SPECIAL CONVOCATION.

The following Latin oration was delivered by Professor Huntingford at the Special Convocation held for the purpose of conferring the degree of D.C.L., *honoris causa*, on his Excellency, the Governor-General:

"Discedentem ex Provincia Proconsulem nostrum libentissime excipimus, cui, cæterarum Academiarum 'gradibus' amplificato, restat ut in hoc quoque collegio nos ultimum nostrum tribuamus honorem. Quod si ultimum, nemo certe dixerit id munus gratiæ conciliandæ esse tributum, sed potius optimo viro, proconsuli egregio, gratias agendi caussa. Neque enim cuivis contingit proconsulare imperium adipisci sed nobilissimis; neque nobilium cuilibet, sed optimo alicui. Hic autem, gente Gordonia ortus—quam quis est, qui nesciat inter primas in regno Scotorum eam numerari?—comes de Aberdonia, eques ordinis illustrissimi Sanctorum Michaelis et Georgii haud sane eget honoribus ac titulis. Qui si parum ampli essent, adest, et decus atque famam etiam addit, illa tanta tamque præclara uxor—quam honoris causa nomino—consors viro suo laborum, et eadem bonorum consiliorum auctrix et inventrix.

Sed non idcirco nos hoc nostrum quodcumque honoris addimus; sed quum vir bonus, civis optimus, et rempublicam bene atque feliciter capessiverit, et in rebus privatis talem se præbuerit ut ab omnibus in omnibus locis gratiam, laudem, amorem mereatur quumque sit idem Victoriae, dominae nostræ, reginae piissimæ legatus, illum fas est solitos Academicos honores accipere.

"Atqui si vir, si magistratus, si imperium unquam digna fuere, certe in hoc omnia summa existunt. Quid de ipso viro dicam? Vos omnes cognoscite. Apud nos in hac urbe tres menses in Prætorio nuper erat. Nonne salutationibus saltationibus ludis populum delectabat? Quid multa? Populus plaudit. Et illi iuvenes plaudunt, qui si melius quid dicam intelligerent fortius etiam plauderent. Magistratum vero ita gessit ut officium putaret sibi commissum ut jus et libertatem conservaret utque suis beneficiis caeteros bene f.cientes ad operam impelleret et acueret. Qui autem summam rem obtinent iis parva requies laboris conceditur. Quid enim? Hic ad contionem habendam vocat, hic ad Valetudinarium vel Ludum visendum, ille, ut fit hodie vesperi, ad cœnam: Itinera per milliens milia facienda sunt, orationes semper et ubique habendæ. Servitutem quamdam crederes, non imperium. Quæ omnia tamen ita bona animo diligenter lepide, ita summa dignitate comitate urbanitate perfecit, ut quisque sibi uni præcipue illum favere putaret. Denique cum proconsulem ornatus nonne reginam nostram in illo honoramus, quæ una post hominum memoriam optima et maxima Populum magnum et ipsam incredibili studio ac pietate venerantem regit? Jamque domum tandem rediturus utinam haud minus iucundam Canadae memoriam secum auferat quam nobis Canadensibus reliquerit.

CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS.

The public orator has I know, addressed Your Excellency in fitting and eloquent terms, which I hope will find a permanent place in the records of this day's proceedings, nevertheless, in view of the all too near departure from Canada, of Your Excellency and Lady Aberdeen, I feel that I cannot close this meeting of Convocation without offering to Your Excellency on behalf of Convocation and of all present here to day, in a language understood by all, the assurance of the deep sense—which in common with all Her Majesty's subjects in Canada—we entertain, of Your Excellency's unwearied devotion, in the discharge of the high and important duties of the office of Governor General.

Your Excellency's administration as the Representative of Her Most Gracious Majesty in this Dominion, will long be remembered, as that of an able, upright, and conscientious Ruler, who has sought in every way to promote the best and highest interests of this country.

We would desire also, to express our grateful appreciation of Your Excellency's and Lady Aberdeen's warm interest in, and active promotion of every good and beneficent work from your arrival among us, down to these the very last days of your sojourn in Canada.

Lady Aberdeen indeed, has established for herself a lasting claim on the grateful remembrance of the women of Canada, by the now complete organization through her exertions and influence, of the Women's Council for the Dominion—and by the establishment of the Royal Victorian Order of Nurses, Her Excellency has conferred a boon upon the sick and suffering throughout the Dominion, the extent and importance of which, can hardly yet be estimated.

But in addition to these claims upon our gratitude Her Excellency will long be remembered, and if she will allow me to say so, *affectionately* remembered, by those connected with the many other Institutions in whose work she has shown so much personal interest and such kindly sympathy.

Her visits to these, often made at the cost of no small exertion and fatigue, and amid many pressing engagements, will not be forgotten by those whose hands she has strengthened, and encouraged in their work, by her sympathy and friendly counsel.

And now in offering to Your Excellencies our respectful farewell, and our hearty good wishes—for Your Excellency that still higher position may await you in the service of the Sovereign and the Empire in the near future,—and that you both may enjoy long years of health and happiness, may we at the same time venture to hope, that when Your Excellencies are enjoying that well-merited rest from the cares of office, in your old and loved ancestral Scottish home, that Canada will not be altogether forgotten, but that its welfare and progress, will always have an abiding interest for you both,—and may I say also, that we of this University, confidently trust that in her latest and most honoured graduate, Trinity will always have a firm and lasting friend.

THE DIVINITY ALUMNI'S GATHERING.

The Third Annual meeting of Our Divinity Alumni took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 10th and 11th. The meeting was largely attended and proved most successful in every particular. Each day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m., and Morning Prayer at 9.30 a.m.

The Quiet Hours on Tuesday morning were ably conducted by the Lord Bishop of Huron, who gave two most stirring addresses. In the first he contrasted the Aaronic priesthood with the Melchizedek priesthood of our Lord, describing the characteristics and functions of the former and where it had failed, and pointing to Christ as the Melchizedek Priest, to whom all should turn for comfort and strength. In the second address he gave a very practical exposition of the passage in St. John's Gospel, describing the washing of the disciples' feet.

The different papers read before the gathering were interesting and instructive.

The Rev. R. Ker's paper on "The Ecclesiastical and Secular Press" created a lively discussion in which Rev. P. L. Spencer, Rev. Provost Welch and Rev. Professor Rigby and others took part.

The Rev. Professor Cayley read a convincing paper on "The Conservative tendency of recent New Testament Criticism." This paper which was clear and concise, showed that Mr. Cayley had a thorough knowledge of his subject. It has been published in full in the daily papers.

In his paper on "How to Make Rural Deanery Meetings more Interesting" Rev. D. Deacon made several valuable suggestions. He thought the laity ought to be associated with the clergy in these gatherings.