

and the success which attended his efforts, until now the students and lecturers are once more enabled to resume work in the restored building.

The Hon. Edward Blake, Chancellor of the University, was next called upon, and, in opening, repeated the congratulations of the last speaker; and then proceeded to show in what ways the University may still be assisted. The tower of the new library building, which is being erected on the east of the Campus, cannot be completed till some generous friend shall find it in his heart to make a donation. There are several undertakings which cannot be carried on now for lack of funds, and we must pray for the prosperity of the City, for on its prosperity depends the sale of property which will provide funds for the founding of new chairs, etc. The speaker then turned to the students; he said he had heard it stated, and was prepared to agree with the statement, that there is one direction in which the students do not need cultivation—their *voices*—a most unlucky speech for the Honorable speaker, for immediately, in corroboration of his words, came a howl from those at the rear as if they had just awakened to the fact that they had been losing valuable time, and were determined to make speedy amends. Certainly any one who had before doubted as to the lung power of the collective student must have been immediately convinced. It has rarely been our good fortune to hear such a yell, though we have been present at many such gatherings; it had a new feature—that of *sustained power*—which distinguished it from all other attempts. We recovered from our deafness in time to hear the concluding words of the Honorable speaker; he desired them to cultivate a broad spirit of “*Esprit du corps*” (cries of *Sic parlen Français*, etc., from the rear), and wished to leave with them, in conclusion, the following words of Emerson: “Every one is my master in some one point, and in that I learn of him.”

Sir Daniel Wilson was the next to speak. He began by referring to the time when, thirty-three years ago, on the same spot, there was a similar assembly in the interests of Higher Education. The President also announced the receipt of a donation of £1,000 (we would not like to vouch for the correctness of these figures. Some were disposed to make it £40,000, but that seemed a trifle large!) for the founding of a scholarship in Natural Science.

And now we reach the stage in proceedings which we described as entirely novel; the crowd at the rear forgetful of their usual courtesy towards their President—which may be partly forgiven because of the fact that they were all obliged to stand, and in an extremely small space—grew so noisy that it was impossible for the audience to hear the voice of the speaker, and, after several attempts had been made to obtain silence, the audience became suddenly aware of the fact that the President had stepped down from the platform and followed by the Chancellor, and the Faculty was walking slowly down the aisle toward the door. This was the signal for a general move, and we noticed a strange silence, though several of the disturbing elements, afraid of seeming dispirited, tried to raise a song, but somehow the spirit was gone. One could hardly believe it the same crowd which had yelled so lustily only a few minutes before. Such an ending was, to say the least, unusual, and we came away quite sad at missing so much of the programme, having caught only a glimpse of the honored

“grad” who was to “orate” to us in Latin, and the gowned figures of those who were to swear allegiance to their *Alma Mater*. We tried to comfort ourselves by joining the crowd which was assembled on the Campus to watch the football match, but it proved a “cold” comfort, so we turned our faces towards home.

MEDICAL CONVOCATION.

The opening of the session in the Medical Department of our University took place on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 1. The meeting was held in the theatre of the Biological building. Long before eight o'clock, which was the time for opening, the students and their friends, among whom was a very fair sprinkling of the fairer sex, filed in and filled the large room to overflowing. Student-like, to beguile the time, and perhaps to convey to the minds of their friends the clearest possible conception of the expectant idea that brooded in each heart, they enlivened the minutes of waiting by singing that peculiarly cheerful and edifying song, “There's a Home at the Bottom of the Sea.”

About eight o'clock Prof. Ramsay Wright headed the procession of gentlemen who filed in at the front. Among these were Sir Daniel Wilson, Dr. W. T. Aikins, Dean of the Faculty; Dr. Adam Wright, who was to give the opening address; Drs. Graham, McPhedran, Ogden, Clark, Ferguson, Primrose, John Caven, W. P. Caven, Richardson, Oldright and others. The President, who occupied the chair, in a short introductory address introduced Dr. Adam Wright, who was to do the honors of the evening. Dr. Wright arose, amid great applause, and proceeded with his address. He welcomed back the many familiar faces he saw before him, and extended a cordial greeting to the new ones he observed. He then made a few running comments, sparkling with humorous “freshness,” on Freshmen in general, their tribulations and position. He briefly described the position the school occupied before it entered the university and the reasons for the change. The many kindnesses shown the Faculty during the past five years by the President and others of the Arts Faculty was spoken of. Especially were the benefits conferred by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor commented upon. The school now being opened in the Biological building was expected to be, when completely furnished, one of the best of its kind on the continent. The teaching staff were competent to deal with the most advanced theories and the newest aspects of medical science. Going back to the days of Galen and Hippocrates the speaker briefly sketched the growth of medical knowledge, especially commenting upon the accumulations of the last few years. The great and increasing interest in Pathology and Bacteriology needed increased facilities for teaching both. The unprecedented action of the students of the school—the members of the Medical Society—who had undertaken to support a demonstrator in Pathology, was dwelt upon with evident satisfaction. Prof. Ramsay Wright, who for months had been studying Bacteriology in Berlin, had come back with the latest information on the subject, and would conduct a post-graduate course of one month's duration after the spring term had closed. He concluded by referring to the brilliant possibilities of the future, from the present outlook, as far as our department was concerned, and warmly