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Editorials.

THE MEDICAL CONVOCATION.

DURING the present century we have witnessed many important functions in connection with the University. There have been Royal and Vice-Royal visits; extensive ceremonies in connection with the laying of corner stones and the opening of new buildings; but all of these have been quite eclipsed by the Medical Convocation this year.

This was the best Convocation we have ever attended at Queen's. We have listened to famous men from parts far and near but, the "Meds." this year outclassed all the great gatherings of the past number of years by bringing here to receive degrees, three such distinguished men, as Earl Grey, Governor General of Canada; Lord Strathcona, Chancellor of Aberdeen University, Scotland; and Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick, D.D., Master of

Selwyn College, Cambridge, England. Each of these distinguished men received the degree of LL.D.

We must congratulate the Medical Faculty and all connected with the arrangements for the Convocation on the splendid success of their closing function. The addresses delivered were highly appreciated by all of that huge concourse of people. The Governor General and Lord Strathcona were particularly happy in their remarks and won the students at the very outset. All, without exception, were quite captivated by the fire and enthusiasm and genuine colonial spirit manifested by Earl Grey and not less were they drawn to the noble and venerable patriot and philanthropist, Lord Strathcona. The loud cheers which greeted them when they rose to address the audience, the rapt attention accorded to their speeches and the hearty applause which followed so many of their forcible utterances, manifest in the most unmistakable manner how completely they had won their way to the students' hearts. Another visit from any of these gentlemen will be most gladly welcomed around Queen's.

We wish also to congratulate the students on their excellent behavior on this occasion. They had their amusement as usual, but it was so well reined in and interpolated in such timely places that it tended to relieve and please both speakers and audience rather than to distress and disgust them. There is nothing more wholesome than college wit from the gallery on Convocation day provided it is real, spontaneous and not mere silliness. Genuine wit is always in order except when the Chaplain has the floor. Many fine compliments