

was beautifully engraved as follows:

*"Presented to Sir Sandford Fleming, K.C.M.G., Chancellor of Queen's University, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Grant Memorial Hall."*

THE CHANCELLOR'S ADDRESS.

By the wish of the students; by the assent of the graduates; by the request of the Council; by the resolution of the Trustees, we are assembled here to-day to perform an important function in which we are all deeply interested.

As Chancellor of the University, the duty has devolved upon me to take a prominent part in laying the corner stone of a building to be erected in loving memory of our late Principal. The building to be raised on the site upon which we now stand is to be used as a Convocation Hall and always to be associated with his name.

Twenty-five years ago on the second of last month, the Reverend George Monro Grant was appointed Principal of this University. On May 10th of the present year he passed to his reward. Between these dates he performed faithful services and endeared himself to everyone connected with Queen's. He gave unstintedly a quarter of a century of his best years. He laboured with untiring activity and unceasing zeal to place on a broad and permanent foundation a great centre of learning in Eastern Ontario. He steadily aimed to complete the establishment of a University where the Canadian youth of this generation and of all coming generations would reap the advantages of higher education in its most perfect form.

We see evidences of the success which has attended these efforts in the stately buildings erected around us;

in the many eminent professors who have been gathered together from many sources of learning, and in the yearly increasing number of students who flock to this University.

In 1877 the Trustees had rare good fortune in obtaining the services of the late Dr. Grant as a guiding head for Queen's University. In him they found a man of many gifts; a man of strong intellect; a scholar; a teacher; a preacher, and a theologian. He was a man of affairs of singular resourcefulness. He was endowed with broad patriotism and statesmanship. He was a man of hopeful courage and of high principles—when occasion required he was fearlessly outspoken. And withal, he was of deep sympathy, of tenderness, and singular unselfishness—no soul more gentle—not one amongst us with a heart more noble—not in all Canada one more steadfast or more true. We do well to cherish the memory of a man who has long been, and who will long continue to be, an inspiration to the students of the University.

Queen's has indeed lost the head that has guided her affairs so wisely and loved her so well, but his life work like all good work will long survive. True, his personality is sadly and greatly missed, but does not his spirit remain to shed an influence for good for many a day?

While the death of Principal Grant is a private loss to individuals innumerable, it has been a calamity to the University. His death has been a national as well as an individual loss. But should we mourn that our beloved friend has found rest from his labours and entered on his eternal Jubilee?

Should we not rather gratefully