

the days of Wolfe to those of the late lamented Lord Elgin, (to speak only of the dead,) your great names are interwoven with some of the best and highest passages in the annals of the Empire. (Cheers.) We have not, therefore, a history simply Provincial, interesting only to the Provincials themselves; but a history which forms an inseparable and conspicuous part in the annals of the best ages of the two first empires in the world, France and England. (Cheers.)

I congratulate you, young gentlemen, natives of Canada, on that fact, and I trust that many years hence, at other Convocations, when other dignitaries preside, and another age graduates, you may be enabled to tell your successors how, even within your own time, a great step was taken towards the consolidation and advancement of British North America, in the good days when Lord Monck was Governor General of Canada. (Loud cheers.)

The Chancellor next called upon Mr. Galt, whose well-known face he was again happy to recognize at Convocation, to address the meeting, and the honorable gentleman, who was attired in his robes as a member of Convocation, rose to reply. He was greeted with reiterated cheers and seems to be a great favorite of the Township people.

Mr. Galt said he had great pleasure in again being present at a Convocation of the University. It was gratifying to have at last got through the difficulties which impeded the first struggles of the Institution, but no longer marred its efforts at usefulness. (Cheers.) It was now admitted to be one of the best establishments for the education of the young in the country, and its prospects, far from diminishing, were evidently bright and encouraging. For his part he regretted that the Institution was not in existence in his youth. In this the present generation was fortunate, and he trusted would not fail to reap the benefits which could be obtained from attendance at the University. (Cheers.) His worthy friend the Chancellor had alluded to the part he had already taken in meetings of Convocation. He would say in response that he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing him preside at many more of these assemblies, and that the present generation and the generations to come would ever support and cherish the University. (Loud cheers.)

His Excellency the Governor General then rose and said, being greeted with enthusiastic cheers:

Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen:—I know of few things so well calculated to give a large amount of satisfaction as the contemplation of scenes like the present, which carry one back to his own early school days, to his youthful contests for the supremacy in the race for distinction, when the academic struggles gave toll and study a zest which struggle for the lead in the race always gives. (Applause.) I feel deeply grateful at being permitted to take a part in your important ceremonies, and feel that the pleasure is all the greater inasmuch as the present proceedings and your University are modelled after the proceedings and constitution of the old colleges of England, which, like yours, were founded by private benevolence, have weathered religious, political and social revolutions, looking down upon the mercantile and commercial prosperity which have made us so rich and powerful, upon the equality at home, the influence abroad, the many qualities, in fact, which make the England of this day the admiration of the civilized world. (Cheers.) Your proceedings, I may say, are an omen of the great future of this favorite land. Such Institutions must inculcate habits of thought which will be reproduced in the Institutions of England, and insensibly lead the youth of both Continents to entertain feelings which it is the first and highest interest of both to develop. (Cheers.) A similar mental chain will gradually be evoked from the pursuit of similar studies,