

I could wish to see our physical apparatus and class-rooms as well provided for as our natural science collections ; I could wish to see additional endowments of chairs : and, not least, enlarged provision for aids to poor and deserving students. We cannot hope to secure all these things at once, but may venture to anticipate that the foundation of the Peter Redpath Museum may stimulate other friends of education to provide like liberal aids for all these other portions of educational work.

The Chancellor, the Hon. Mr. Justice Day, then invited His Excellency to lay the corner-stone, presenting him with the silver trowel which had been prepared for the occasion. A copper casket, hermetically sealed, was then placed in a cavity prepared for it. It contains the following deposits :—

The Calendar of the McGill University for 1880 and '81 ; the Examination Papers of Session 1879 and '80 ; Printed Extract from the Will of the late Hon. James McGill ; the Royal Charter and Statutes ; the Regulations of the Corporation and Pamphlets relating to the University ; Deed of Gift by Mr. Peter Redpath, and Resolution of Board of Governors thereon ; the newspapers of the day, together with the silver coins of the Dominion.

After the stone was duly laid, His Excellency addressed the meeting as follows :—

MR. CHANCELLOR, MEMBERS OF CONVOCATION, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—Now that my part in the physical exercises, which I cannot say I have graced, but have accomplished, is over, I have been asked to take also a part in the intellectual exercises of this day by saying a few words to you. When I first came to Canada, and afterwards at the time when Confederation was coming into being, the first political lesson that I learnt with regard to this country was that the Federal Government would have nothing whatever to do with education. The earliest lesson that I learnt, on arriving in Canada fourteen years afterwards, was that the head of the Federal Government was frequently expected to attend on such occasions as that on which we are assembled to-day, which has certainly a great deal to do with education. Perhaps, however, I may flatter myself by supposing that my presence here to-day has been desired more in the capacity of a friend than as an official, and I hope that this may be the footing on which you will always allow me to meet