

EDUCATIONAL ADDRESSES.

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THE OPENING OF THE ARTS DEPARTMENT.

The formal opening of the Arts Department of McMaster University took place on Friday evening, October 10, 1890, in McMaster Hall. The Baptists of Toronto were present in large numbers, and many were compelled to be satisfied with standing room about the entrances. The Hon. John Dryden presided. Rev. Dr. Thomas, pastor of the Jarvis Street Baptist Church, Toronto, opened the services with a brief prayer.

The Hon. Mr. Dryden expressed his sense of the great honor done him when he was requested to preside.

This was, he said, the first public meeting held in connection with educational matters since the different departments provided for by the charter of the University had been put in operation, and he congratulated not only those present but the entire Baptist body on the auspicious opening of their University. The result had not been reached without much labor and persistent effort. Some of them, if they were asked to go through the ordeal again, would feel like shrinking from it, but now they were willing to forget the past in the present consummation. True, they were just beginning, and the structure was still to be reared. Yet he would have thought it a calamity to have started otherwise than in a