

faculty of applied science, the claim may now be added that McGill is equally strong in those liberal studies which must ever continue to lie at the root of all education. The recent foundation of the departments so diverse as those of music and railway transportation will suffice to show that with us the humanities and utilities go hand in hand together, acting and reacting on each other for the good of all, and that it is our constant aim to connect our work with everything that may be helpful and elevating in the life of our people.

Nor is the activity of the university limited to this part of Canada alone, or to the city of its origin. With nothing local or provincial about its constitution, it can readily adapt itself to the circumstances and the needs of other cities, and the success which has attended the operations of its affiliated colleges in British Columbia and elsewhere is the best evidence of what it has been able to do in the way of influencing the educational development of the country. It is our sincere conviction that a great role awaits the Canadian university which in the time to come may best apply itself to the work of unifying and harmonizing, in spirit if not also in form, the institutions of higher learning in the several provinces of our vast Dominion. In this work of "federation through education," McGill will always be ready to strive with the foremost.

Such are the circumstances and conditions, recited in no spirit of boastfulness or vain-glory, to which we desire to welcome Your Excellency to-day, not only as Governor General of this Dominion, not only as our official visitor, but also as one of ourselves—a graduate on whom, as on your distinguished predecessors, we are privileged to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. In doing so we trust that the friendly relations now established between us may subsist during the whole period of Your Excellency's administration of the affairs of this Dominion, and that you will be pleased to continue to us, in the great work which it still remains for us to accomplish, the same interest and support which we have enjoyed hitherto.

Everything is of good augury that Your Excellency's tenure of your high office will be coincident with a period of marked advance in our Canadian life. We have spoken of the loyalty of our people, of their material prosperity, and of the progressiveness of our national institutions. On the part of Your Excellency we know that we can rely on the fruits of your previous administrative experience as well as on your readiness