

it conferred its franchise on Richard Cobden, who was then visiting the good old Royal Burgh. Only one other person, Sir W. Vernon Harcourt, the present Home Secretary, has received it since. The Minute of the Council, agreeing to confer the honour on the Chancellor, is as follows:—"Provost Swan called the attention of the Council to the fact that Mr. Sandford Fleming, Civil Engineer, of Ottawa and Halifax, in the Dominion of Canada; Member of the Institute of Civil Engineers; Fellow of the Geological Society; Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, London; Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; Member of the Institute of Mining Engineers, New York; Member of the Canadian Institute, Toronto; Chancellor of Queen's University, Canada; and Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George; a native of Kirkcaldy—was visiting here for a few days, and he thought that it would be desirable to show the Council's appreciation of the eminent position Mr. Fleming holds as a Civil Engineer, and Literary and Scientific man, by presenting him with the freedom of the Royal Burgh of Kirkcaldy. The motion was carried unanimously, and it was resolved to ask Mr. Fleming to meet the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council in the Town Hall on Monday first, at three p. m., and the Clerk was directed to prepare a Burgess Ticket, in usual form, to be then presented to him. It was remitted to the Provost and Clerk to make the necessary arrangements." The proceedings took the form of a civic banquet, held on the 13th Nov., in the Council Chamber, at which a number of excellent speeches were made. Special reference was made to "the high literary ability Mr. Fleming displayed in the noble and manly address which he delivered on being appointed to the Chancellorship of Queen's College." The Chancellor's response was admirable. A brief extract will indicate its spirit:—

"Any work I have been enabled to perform, any little success I may have achieved, is due wholly to the rich inheritance I received here, to the principles of truth, and honour, and uprightness, which were implanted in the home of my boyhood. To those who conducted my early training, and moulded my character in the Lang Toon, I give full credit for all. (Loud applause.) At an early age I left for another portion of Her Majesty's dominions. For well nigh forty years I have made my home and have done my work in Canada. And I must tell you that Canada is a country destined in the near future to fill an important place in the great colonial empire—applause—and this colonial empire will become a vast federation of nations under the one flag, speaking the one tongue under the benign sway of the one sovereign. (Renewed applause.) To some extent I may have been connected with the general advancement of Canada, and I am proud to be identified with that country. (Applause.) Those who are dearest to me are there. I am a true Canadian in thought and feeling. But while a Canadian, and, like a Canadian, a loyal subject of the best Queen who ever held a sceptre, I do not cease to be a Scotchman or to

remain ardently attached to my native land. (Loud applause.)"

One of the honorary graduates of Queen's, the Rev. Dr. Baxter, was present at the banquet, and made felicitous reference to the Principal and to Queen's. We extract from an editorial in the *Fife Free Press* the following outline of the Chancellor's career:—

"The youngest burgess of Kirkcaldy was born, we believe, on the 7th January, 1827, in a large house in the Park near the shore, the garden wall of which was washed by the Firth of Forth. He was educated at the Burgh School—where Carlyle taught, and where his own staunch and warm-hearted friend, Dr. Lochart, afterwards moulded the intellect of young Kirkcaldy; the teacher of his day being John Kennedy. School-days ended, young Fleming went as a pupil to Mr. John Sang, C.E., with whom he remained about three years. In 1845 he left his native town and proceeded to Canada, where he has spent his best years, generally in the great public works of the country. The Intercolonial Railway, to connect Halifax in Nova Scotia with Quebec, was projected as a national work, to be carried out jointly by the Provinces and the Imperial Government. Mr. Fleming was elected by each Government to conduct the preliminary survey and construct the works, and when we mention that the distance from Halifax to Quebec is about seven hundred miles, some idea may be formed of the gigantic nature of this undertaking. A volume was issued by Mr. Fleming in 1876 describing the whole work, and giving a history of the negotiations which led to the establishment of the great national highway. While this vast undertaking was in progress, Mr. Fleming was appointed, in 1871, by the Canadian Government, to the post of Engineer-in-Chief of the Pacific Railway, a line stretching across the Continent, and now well advanced towards completion. As those who had an opportunity of perusing the annual volumes and reports on the Canadian Pacific Railway are aware, the name of our townsman was here again connected with no ordinary undertaking but with an enterprise of gigantic dimensions, and in which stupendous obstacles had to be faced, and eventually overcome by his ingenuity and skill. As we have indicated, Mr. Fleming's public services have been recognised by the Queen, he being created, in the year 1876, a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. They have also been fully recognised by his fellow-Canadians at different times—in a very marked way indeed [by their appointing him Chancellor of Queen's College. And now his birth place has publicly done him honor, and who will say that in the act, so spontaneously and enthusiastically gone about, it has not also honored itself?"]"

It is not the whichness of the where, nor of the when, nor even of the which, but of the what that constrains the philosophical do, but is-ing the is-ness of the is, is a matter of no less difficulty than the whatness of the what.—Extract from Concord School of Philosophy.—*Yale Courant*.