

women in connection with the university has been before my mind. I welcomed with gratitude its partial realization under the endowment of Sir Donald Smith, and have laboured earnestly to carry out his wise and liberal intentions. If now, in the good providence of God, I am not to take part in the full realization of my ideal, if this happiness has been denied to me, I at least have the satisfaction of having gathered some material for the temple which others are to build—of seeing, afar off, the good land on the possession of which you and your successors are soon to enter.

I join with you in the expression of regret that the sad national bereavement which we all deplore, has prevented us from being honored on this occasion with the presence of Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, who takes so lively an interest in all that concerns the true elevation of woman.