

prized it because a degree from Queen's was of value the world over; and he valued it still more because of the reasons for which it has been conferred on him as expressed by the Principal. He was, he acknowledged, a cosmopolitan and somewhat of an amalgam. His father was a Highland Scotchman, and his mother a French-Canadian, and he had been born in Calcutta and brought up in England. One thing was lacking in his make-up—a sad lack of Irish. There was no Irish in him. He had supplied this, however, to the best of his ability by marrying an Irish wife (laughter and applause). But, he continued, we were all Canadians and were proud of the country of which we were citizens. We were prouder still that it formed part of a still greater empire. He was proud of his citizenship in that grand organization which extended over the world and which was becoming continually more heterogeneous and yet more cohesive—the British empire. What he asked was England's great cause of success?

A student—Beer (laughter).

No, it was not all beer, Canon Low said. She had learned to assimilate; she had adapted herself to her environments everywhere. It was this which accounted for her wonderful success and it was the want of this which caused Spain, once virtually mistress on this continent, to decline as she had done until she had become the feeble strength she was to-day. It would be well for the Church if she learned, in this particular, wisdom from the state and there would then be found a better condition of things—he did not allude particularly to his own church—a condition of things in which she would become more and more large hearted, wider of view, more familiar with all kinds of thought and would perceive the spirit of truth even in things erroneous.

Professor James Ross, of Montreal, was then presented to the Chancellor by Dr. Ross, of Queen's College, for the same degree as that conferred on Canon Low, namely the degree of D.D. In presenting the candidate Dr. Ross said:—"I have the honor of presenting to you the Rev. Prof. James Ross, M.A., B.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, that he may receive at your hands the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Prof. Ross is a distinguished graduate of this University, having obtained the degree of B.A. in 1878, and the degrees of Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity in 1881. During his under-graduate course he took highest rank in his classes and gained many scholarships and prizes. While prosecuting his theological studies he also acquitted himself with similar distinction and left a record which might serve as an inspiration to succeeding classes of students. On completing his pro-

fessional training he was ordained to the pastorate of Knox Church and congregation, Perth, where for eleven years he discharged the duty of that sacred office with marked acceptance and success. In April, 1890, he was appointed Lecturer in Ecclesiastical History in his Alma Mater, and during the two following sessions he conducted the work of that department to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees and with profit to the students. On the nomination of the Governing Board of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, in June, 1892, he was elected by the General Assembly to fill the recently established chair of Homiletics, Sacred Rhetoric and Ecclesiastical Polity in that institution. In this new sphere he has been adding lustre to Queen's by the earnestness and thoroughness that have characterized all his work. For these reasons, in particular, the Senate resolved to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, believing that in so doing honor will be reflected on the University.

In his reply Prof. Ross, of Montreal, said that as the Senate had not informed him that a speech would be required of him his remarks would be brief. He desired most heartily to thank the University for the honor of Doctor of Divinity conferred on him. He felt it more because he believed it to be undeserved. Queen's, it was plain to be seen, stood fast by Calvinistic principles, as honor was not conferred on account of work but on account of free grace. It seemed to be considered a duty on the part of the speakers to give advice to the students, but as he did not think they would practice one-half of what they had already received he would not trouble them with any from him. To vary things somewhat he would give some to the Board of Trustees. He hoped that the Board would not increase the class fees. Great pressure had of late been brought to bear on all Universities to increase their fees because the financial stringency was great. It was not a good idea, however, to increase the revenue by taxing the students. He had been in hopes that the education in Arts would be free in this country. It was to have been the glory of this young land that through the generosity of men of wealth in endowing institutions students would be exempted from paying fees until they had graduated in Arts. Something could be said in favor of exacting class fees from students in professional departments, for after a student had graduated in Arts his earning power was increased. It was quite true that if men had right stuff in them they would rise in spite of all obstacles, but the value of the degree would not be enhanced by compelling many who had to make their own way to struggle to obtain high-class fees. The speaker said the glory of educated classes in this country would come in the future, as in the past they had in other countries, from the middle ranks.