

wisdom, should recognize the work Queen's is doing by building and endowing a school of science? Our legislature might well take a lesson from Germany, which expends on its colleges eight times as much as they receive from students' fees, and that too with no grudging hand. It liberally supplies apparatus, and encourages by payment a semi-professional class of tutors, who bring to their work the zeal of expectant ambition. In this way there arises abundance of teachers, and this has two great advantages; it provides individual help for promising students in many departments, and it secures that prosecution of study for which even Scotland is doing nothing, and for which England makes but a poor attempt, in the bestowing of fellowships. Whether Germany shows favors to some colleges which she denies to others, I do not know, but should think it very unlikely. The German Government, I am sure, would not be so unjust as to give aid to one institution and withhold it from another, whose work is of as high an order. But whether the work of Queen's is rewarded as it should be, by a grateful country, or whether she is allowed to fight her own battle unaided, I believe it to be impossible to arrest her growth.

Under her present leadership, and with such friends as she has always had, he would be a weak and unworthy son who should think for a moment that she has reached her full stature, or is likely to cease from pressing forward to higher things. It is not in my mind a worthy ambition which regards Queen's or any other Canadian University, as *totus teres atque rotundus*, and incapable of expansion or development. Would it surprise any of you if the valedictorian of 1,900 spoke in a hall six times the dimensions of this, for a graduating class of 200 men (not including women), and surrounded by a staff of 40 or 50 teachers. But lest I should be tempted to give way to the "tall talk" of our fellow students of Toronto University—for whom we have the kindest feelings, if they would only behave with becoming modesty—let me refer to another matter that has considerable interest for the class of '85. We know from Plato that the gymnastic art in its widest sense was as important in its own way as the art of literature. Sheltered under the authority of so great a name, I may venture to whisper that Queen's affords a physical as well as a mental training to those who will make use of it. I hope it is not a breach of modesty to hint that we hold the championship cup. It seems, however, that we ought not to hold it, for a logician belonging to the University of Toronto has demonstrated that we somehow or other have got more than our deserts. I think that the atmosphere of Toronto must have in it a peculiar power of refraction which causes the great to seem small and the small great. Or is the disturbing element to be found in the eyes of the natives? It seems that not at Queen's but at Toronto are the true champions of Central Ontario, as of course they are head and shoulders above us in literature, science and philosophy. We cannot capture a gaol with our tongues

but we can with our legs.

But whilst we have been wrestling on the football field, nations have been entering the field of battle. Events of importance have been happening in almost every quarter of the globe.

This year has been full of events which will all be recorded in the world's history. So great has the martial spirit become in Queen's that a provisional company has been formed in case of emergencies. It is a glorious thing to die for one's country if need be, and the sons of Queen's will not, I am sure, be behind in the race of duty. We understand that it is a very grave thing to run the risk of having life cut short or worse still of being maimed for life, or to bear about for ever after the seeds of disease, but if duty calls we are willing to run the risk. To one other important event or one that we are apt to regard as important. I may refer in a word. I mean the abolition of the venerable *Concursus Iniquitatus*.

In the name of the class of '85 let me thank the Senate for the lenient action they took in abolishing the court for the remainder of this session only. Class of '86, next year the *Concursus Iniquitatis* will be in your hands, and I trust that, taught by our example, you will so temper justice with mercy that your jurisdiction will not be called into question as ours has been.

Let me conclude by tendering to the Professors of Queen's the warmest thanks of the class of '85 for the great pains they have taken in guiding our too careless steps in the paths of knowledge and morality. We are conscious that we have not always made the best use of our privileges, and that the voice of ease and pleasure has too often proved more alluring than Duty—stern daughter of the voice of God, but we hope that we have at least learned in some degree our own weakness, and that, taught by the past, we shall avoid bringing discredit on our Alma Mater and shall prove not quite unworthy of the men who before us have left these classic halls.

DR. SPANKIE.

*Mr. Chancellor, Gentlemen of Convocation, Ladies and Gentlemen—*

In accordance with established custom it is my duty as valedictorian for the medical graduates of the Royal, for 1885, to offer to you some remarks relative to our medical school and medical study on this, the occasion of the severance of our connection as students. Friendly partings are always more or less sad, even the parting with examinations. I trust then to receive your indulgence at this time, and in this particular unenvied position, for any imperfection that may occur in my efforts to address you. Had this duty fallen to me in my freshman year I, doubtless, would have entered upon it with more enthusiasm and fluency, for freshmen generally have great confidence in their own abilities; but, having completed the required medical course, let me assure you that the importance of caution in all things, and particularly in medical affairs has not been overlooked by our teachers, so