

Dean Stanley heard a worthy woman mutter, when the officiating clergyman entered the pulpit, 'Thank God, its black.' (Great laughter.) I may inform some of my young friends that this good woman did not refer to the complexion of the clergyman, but to the colour of his garb. (Laughter.) He wore what is now known as the Geneva gown, and not the surplice, and in those days many persons looked upon the apparition of a clergyman robed in a surplice in the pulpit with a sort of spasm of anxiety. (Laughter.) My Right Rev. friends will tell you that I am not far wrong in giving this somewhat extreme illustration of what I refer to. (Hear, hear.) O' course we have also to remember, as we have been reminded to-day, that though we may deplore divergence on matters of the deepest import, still there is the consolatory reflection that this is part of a great process, and that, even through acute difference of opinion, there may be and is gradually being evolved the attainment of real unity. (Cheers.) With regard to the Church of England in Canada, I cannot help being reminded to-day of rather a strange question which was put by an excellent friend of mine, after he had been in Canada for a few weeks on a visit: "Are there any dissenters in this country?" (Laughter.) To answer that question fully would, perhaps, take a little time, and, therefore, I shall not enter upon any dissertation suggested by the remark; though, if there are any dissenters in Canada, I think the driver of the Grand Trunk engine, who this morning unsuccessfully endeavoured by his sonorous steam whistle to drown the voice of the Bishop, must have been one of them. (Great laughter.)

I have already incidentally alluded to the comprehensiveness of the Church, and I trust that more and more that feature will be recognised. I do not suppose that many of us would confound the expression "comprehensiveness" with anything like want of definiteness of doctrine. We should not, for instance, endorse the rather strange answer which was given by an undergraduate at Oxford, who was being examined in divinity. I do not know whether he was a candidate for Holy Orders. He was asked: "What is the attitude of the Church of England in reference to the teaching of St. Peter and St. Paul?" He answered as follows: "The Church of England adopts a judicious mean between the extreme views of St. Peter and St. Paul." (Great laughter.) The examiners, I believe, did not consider that answer wholly satisfactory. (Laughter.)

We all know that there is, of course, danger from too great comprehensiveness, but what one would rather lay stress upon is the opportunity and scope for true culture, and also for a sympathetic recognition of earnestness and a desire for higher attainments in various directions. I allude to this because I think an example of great value may be set in the matter of extending this kind of favorable interpretation to

the motives of those with whose views and tenets we may be unable to agree. We have a notable example of this on the present occasion. I believe that among those who are to receive honorary degrees are men whose position implies a compliment in the acceptance as well as in the bestowal of such a distinction; I believe among them there are those who belong to communions other than the Church of England; among others, I think Principal Grant was especially invited, but he is unable to be here. These are significant indications of the attitude which this University desires to take, and in which I feel very sure that it is well representing the best traditions of the great Church under the auspices of which its work is carried on. (Cheers.)

It may perhaps be a little rash on my part to allude to the giving of honorary degrees; but as the address indicates that I am to have the privilege of being one of those favoured persons, where the conclusions of the governing body are so eminently satisfactory to myself, I shall not pry too closely into the reasons which brought them to those conclusions. At any rate, I think I may safely assume that it is one more example of the loyalty indicated in the address, and that it is also a mark of that kindness and personal courtesy and consideration of which I have had abundant manifestations since I arrived in Canada. (Cheers.) May I also say that I appreciate the recognition in the address of one important fact of school and college training, viz., athletics? Lady Aberdeen was delighted to have the opportunity of presenting the tokens of success to the various young friends who had earned them in the sports yesterday. (Cheers.) We have been reminded to-day that comprehensive school and college training means the training of the mind, of spirit, and of body, and we have been delighted to observe how fully that necessary principle is carried out here. (Cheers.)

Let me conclude by endorsing the eloquent words of the address in the aspirations which it expresses that the all-round training which is here given will equip these young men to take a worthy and distinguished part in promoting the welfare of the country, and thus the welfare of the world, and so to leave it better than they found it." (Loud cheers.)

His Excellency's remarks were well delivered and enthusiastically received.

### The Address to the Lieut.-Governor.

*To the Honourable Joseph Adolphe Chapleau, Member of the Privy Council of Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec.*

May it please Your Honour:—

On behalf of the governing body of the University and the Corporation of Bishop's College, we, the