

ciations which gather round the British Crown, and which have had so powerful an influence in the unification of our country and the upbuilding of our institutions.

We welcome your Lordship also as our official visitor, the highest in rank of the governing officers of the university. By our amended charter of 1852, it was enacted that the supreme authority should remain in the hands of the Crown, and should be exercised, used and enjoyed, on behalf of the Crown by succeeding Governors General. This is a feature of our constitution as important as it is unique among Canadian universities. It gives the university an imperial character, and removes it from the sphere of merely local or party influence, while securing for it the valuable patronage of the head of the state. We consider ourselves especially fortunate in the possession of a link which now for more than half a century has directly connected us with the throne of the Sovereign.

Your Excellency has come to Canada at a time when we Canadians are congratulating ourselves on the growth and development of our national resources, the prosperity of our industries, and the increase of our population. While our energies and interests have centred mainly on the building up of our own Dominion, we are conscious that we live in an age which is pregnant with great and ever-growing issues, and that, along with our kinsfolk in other parts of the English-speaking world, we must take ever rightful means of enabling ourselves and each other to realize all that is implied in the solidarity of the British name. Men of large outlook, as well as of sterling integrity, are needed to assist in the administration of our affairs and in the working out of our national destinies. And in the duty of training such men we are confident that this university is now better prepared than ever to play an important and useful part.

Our seventy-five years of completed work constitute for a young country such as this is a not inconsiderable record, wisely guided through times of stress and difficulty by able and unselfish administrators, strengthened from one decade to another by the devoted labours of a body of men earnest in teaching and distinguished in research, and broad-based on the affectionate loyalty of its graduates and students, our university has from small beginnings grown to the proportions in which it stands to-day. To the high reputation so long enjoyed by our school of medicine, and to almost unique record in point of training and equipment so rapidly achieved by the younger