

WELCOME FROM THE COLLEGE SPIRIT.

"Speed forth the signal, clansmen, speed."

HOW vivid is Scott's description of the gathering of the clan! It seems to me one of the finest passages in the *Lady of the Lake*. The goat is killed, the cross of yew is formed, it is 'scathed with flame', and then the flame is 'quenched among the bubbling blood'. While this is being done curses are pronounced by the priest, and the men and women of the tribe against any who shall dare to disobey the call to arms. Roderick now hands the Fiery Cross to his trusty henchman, Malise, and bids him speed forth the signal. Malise, Duncan who starts away from his father's bier, and Norman forced to leave his blushing bride, carry the symbol through all the villages inhabited by the clan. What I want you to notice is the fact that these men sacrificed themselves at the call of their chief and for the benefit of their people. In this we have an illustration of true manhood.

Students of old Queen's, I am not now going to preach a sermon but we all would desire our College to be the nursery of heroes. We would like every man to carry away from Convocation Hall not only the sheepskin in his hand, and the hood on his back, but also the spirit of heroism and truth in his heart. I bid you welcome as you enter our halls this session and ask you in earnestness to unite yourselves with whatever in our midst is noble and try with us to speed forth the signal.

Fellow-workmen, look over the list of graduates and see the names of the men who have been here before us and have gone. They have done their part and handed us the Fiery Cross. It falls now to your lot to grasp the sign, and with a prayer for help bear it onwards. We have a rich heritage but our responsibility is for that reason all the greater. Set your faces with one accord against all self-seeking—for the spirit of self-seeking is the spirit of falsehood. The College spirit wants all the boys to be brothers in the Truth. What is your duty in the matter? Let Our Chief make answer.

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PRINCIPAL GRANT'S ADDRESS

AT OPENING CONVOCATION.

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVOCATION,—I congratulate you on the auspicious opening of our 43rd session. Although work commenced two or three weeks ago, as usual we hold our formal and public opening on the birthday of the University, and on each recurring University day there is cause for fresh congratulations. The professors who visited Europe during the summer months have not been unmindful of our interests, and a wise appropriation of funds by the trustees has enabled Prof. Marshall in particular to make needed additions to the physics laboratory. Mr. Fowler has received from the Smithsonian Institute and other quarters very valuable specimens for his department; and, aided by Prof. Dupuis, he has done so much towards the systematic arrangement of the museum that, after another summer's work has been bestowed upon it, we hope to be in a position to throw it open—occasionally at any rate—to the public. Dr. Bell has given the whole of the summer to the library, and I

trust that next year we shall have a new catalogue, based on a division into departments corresponding to the studies actually pursued in Queen's. As for myself, since I last met you I have been wandering more widely than ever Ulysses did, but you must look to the newspapers and elsewhere for reports on this subject. Of course, the

CHIEF CAUSE FOR CONGRATULATION

is that we have at last reached that point of equipment, so far as the teaching staff of the college is concerned, that I indicated as essential in my inaugural lecture. True, we have made our last two appointments without securing endowments for them, but we could not afford to wait longer, and the trustees felt that in any case it was something to have the necessary funds pledged for five years and that, in the case of Queen's, where no step backward has ever been taken, it might be said to be everything. We have never made an appeal in vain to the public. Old friends have remained true, and new friends have always been coming to the front. It would be an impertinence were I to say a word as to the qualifications for their respective chairs of the Rev. Donald Ross and Dr. Goodwin. It is sufficient to appeal to their past record, and those who know them best are confident that what they have done is only an earnest of what may be expected from them.

A WORD IN SEASON.

A Medical College for women has been established in Kingston since our last convocation, and its application for affiliation, on the usual terms, is now before the Board of Trustees. Last winter it looked as if no Canadian woman could be educated as a physician without first expatriating herself. Such a state of things was simply intolerable, and it is no wonder that it was not allowed to continue long. Two schools sprang into existence last summer to remedy this grievance. Naturally enough the friends of each think that one school is enough and that theirs is the one. It is difficult for those connected with either to express a disinterested opinion. Outsiders are not, however, called upon to pronounce judgment. They can afford to wait, without labouring. In the meantime we can wish well to both schools, while clear on the point that the number of students attending them respectively, shows which had the most urgent, practical and immediate reasons for organization. Certainly the Kingston Women's Medical College has started under peculiarly favourable conditions. The City Council has acted towards it with exceptional liberality. I know of no medical college in Canada for either sex, that is better housed. In no other Medical College in Canada are all the Professors paid for their services, independently of fees. Of course the salary is small, and it is looked only as an *honorarium*, but it is certain. And already three scholarships are provided and others are expected. No surer proof than the successful starting of this institution is required to show that an appeal to the liberality of the people for any worthy educational object need never be made in vain.

POSITION OF COLLEGES GENERALLY.

The friendly relations at present existing between Canadian colleges and universities is a most pleasant feature in our intellectual life. They all contribute to the harmonious and right development of our people and they should be appreciated generously and treated justly. I esteem it a great honor that I am still connected, as one of its Governors, with Dalhousie College, N.S. Since coming to Queen's I have attended the convocations, and, what some of you may consider of more consequence, the dinners of McGill, Victoria and Toronto, and at every one of these I have been treated with the same respect that is kindly paid me on this platform. Next year I hope