

brought to its name; we offer great advantages to its youth; and, I am glad to think, we have been in friendly relations with all classes of the community. As to the province, it is our proud belief that for three-quarters of a century the University and her federated institutions have rendered it high service, and in return for this we have had its confidence and that of successive governments. An occasional scare, like the rush of a skyrocket sent off by some irresponsible person, has startled our public, but as well-behaved rockets break in gorgeous colour, the scare has not seldom served to illumine our sky with the good-will of the multitude of friends on whom we can count.

To-night as I look back upon almost a quarter of a century in this University I am filled with gratitude; I have been led by a way that I knew not. Our staff is harmonious and efficient as never before, the quality of our students as to intellect, ideals and sheer worth has proved itself under severe and varied ordeals, our position among the great universities of the world is acknowledged and our future assured. For your uniform kindness I thank you. You have allowed me to share with you in your common efforts for the welfare of this place that we love; you have generously accompanied me when I have sought to give you a lead; and I hope and believe that you will continue to judge with sympathy my wife and myself, not by what we may have attained but by what we aspired to do. May I bespeak the same well-proved sympathy for my successor.