

Syne" floating in from the adjoining portions of the building, denoted the presence of the hilarious corps of undergrads. At three o'clock, a procession entered the Hall in the following order:—Undergraduates and graduates, in the following order: A.Bs., M.Bs., LL.Bs., M.Ds., M.As., and LL.Ds., officers and members of the University Senate and College Council: esquire and yeomen bedels, with maces; Vice-Chancellor of the University, and President of University College. The graduates and undergraduates took their seats on benches running down each side of the Hall, and the members of the Senate and College Council occupied positions on the dais. The Governor-General took the chair in the centre of the dais, supported on his right by the Rev. Dr. McCaul, in his President's robes, and on his left by the Hon. Adam Crooks, in his University gown and hood. Lady Dufferin sat on Dr. McCaul's right, with Mrs. McCaul by her side, and Col. Fletcher, military Secretary to the Governor-General, on the extreme right. Mrs. Howland was on the left of Mr. Crooks, with Capt. Curtis, A. D. C. to the Lieutenant Governor, on her left. Lord Dufferin wore the star of St. Patrick on his breast, and the ribbon of the same order under his coat. The Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Chief Superintendent of Education and the Hon. A. McKenzie, &c., had seats on the dais.

On their Excellencies being seated, Mr. John A. Boyd, M. A., advanced and read the following joint address of the University and University College:—

"To the Right Honourable Frederick, Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.C.B., Governor-General, &c., &c.:

"*May it please your Excellency*,—The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Members of the Senate of the University of Toronto, and the President, Professors, and other officers of University College, gladly avail themselves of the present opportunity to tender a hearty welcome to your Excellency and the Countess of Dufferin, upon the occasion of this your first visit to this seat of learning; and at the same time to present their united congratulations upon the well-merited confidence and esteem wherewith Her Most Gracious Majesty has honoured your Excellency, in intrusting to your hands the Government of the Dominion of Canada.

"The objects and aims of this University and this College,—established and endowed by Royal bounty, for the advancement of learning, the cultivation of science and literature, "the education and instruction of youth and students in arts and faculties,"—will sufficiently commend themselves to your Excellency's countenance and sympathy.

"That well-known devotion to art and literature which has graced your Excellency's distinguished career in public affairs, gives the assurance that your Excellency will favourably regard institutions whose work it is to advance the cause of learning, and to qualify the youth of the country for the efficient discharge of the duties of life.

"While renewing their expressions of congratulation and welcome, the authorities of the University and the College rejoice in the conviction that your Excellency will manifest in the future, as in the past, a warm and steady friendship for the interests of liberal education; and they sincerely hope that the "New Dominion" may long afford an ample and congenial field for the exercise of your Excellency's abilities.

The address was signed, "Adam Crooks, LL.D., Vice-Chancellor of the University. W. G. Falconbridge, M.A., Registrar. John McCaul, LL.D., President of University College. W. H. Vandersmissen, M.A., Acting Registrar."

His Excellency intimated to Dr. McCaul that he would reply at the end of the Convocation, a fact which was notified to the audience by Mr. Boyd. The Rev. the President then rose and said it was with great gratification he had to announce that his Excellency the Governor-General had graciously consented to distribute the prizes at their annual Convocation. (Applause.) In consequence of this, the candidates for admission would not be presented. The Registrar would present their names, and next week they could call at the Registrar's office and subscribe their names on the register. It would also not be necessary for his colleagues or himself to do more than present the successful candidates to His Excellency. He felt it to be his duty, however, as there would be no opportunity for the professors to state their opinions of the successful candidates, to assure the audience that no candidate would be presented for a prize who had not obtained it well and honourably after strict examination. He congratulated all present on the honour that had been done to both University and College by the visit of His Excellency the Governor General of the Dominion. (Applause.) He congratulated the successful candidates on their good fortune—a good fortune that they would long remember in the evening of life, perchance—in receiving their prizes from the hands of the Earl of Dufferin. He believed they would value it all the more, because the Countess had done them the honour to give a charm to their Convocation such as it never obtained before.

The Acting Registrar, Mr. W. H. Vandersmissen, M. A., informed His Excellency of the names of the students who were matriculated at the recent examination. The professors then called up the several prize men and presented them to the Governor General who distributed the prizes with an appropriate word or two to each student. Lord Dufferin also shook hands with them. This concluded the ordinary exercises of Convocation.

His Excellency then rose, and, when the hearty cheering with which he was greeted had ceased, said; Dr. McCaul, ladies, and gentlemen,—I cannot quit the presence of this distinguished company without desiring in a few words to express to the Chancellor, to the Vice-Chancellor, and the authorities of this institution and to those who, other upon this occasion, have associated themselves with them in the pleasing welcome which they have been good enough to extend to Lady Dufferin and myself, my best thanks for the kind and hearty reception which they have accorded us. I have been looking forward for a considerable time with the greatest pleasure and with the greatest eagerness to this occasion. I had long since heard of the admirable system of education which had been established in the Province of Ontario, and especially in the University of Toronto. (Applause.) But I must say that any expectations I may have formed however pleasing, have been infinitely surpassed by the pleasure I have experienced in my visit. (Applause.) Until I reached Toronto itself, I confess I was not aware that so magnificent a specimen of Gothic architecture existed upon the American continent. (Applause.) I can only say that the citizens of Toronto, as well as the students of this University have to be congratulated, in the first place, that, amongst the inhabitants of their own Province, there should have been found a gentleman so complete a master of his art as to have been enabled to decorate this town with such a magnificent specimen of his skill; and, in the next place, on the liberality and public spirit of the Government and the people, which placed at his disposal the means for executing his design. (Applause.) But it is not only on account of the material appliances for the distribution of instruction that I have to congratulate you. I must also felicitate those whom I see present still more upon the fact that they have been able to collect within these walls, and to furnish this Hall and its chairs with a President, and with a body of Professors, amply worthy of the building which they occupy. (Applause.) Thanks to an intimacy I had the good fortune of forming with some relatives of Dr. McCaul, before I reached Canada, I was in some measure aware of the successful nature of his labours, and of the noble work upon which he was engaged. (Applause.) Since my arrival here, I have also been able to assure myself that, perhaps, in no other educational establishment is there to be found a more competent body of Professors, or a collection of gentlemen who, in their several departments, are more qualified to do justice to the subjects which they undertake to teach. (Applause.) It is a special matter of congratulation to the inhabitants of Toronto that there should be residing in their midst a body of gentlemen of this description, because it cannot fail to be an advantage to any society that, mixing upon familiar terms with them upon every occasion, there should be found gentlemen of erudition in each several department of human knowledge, inasmuch as their presence and their conversation cannot fail to stimulate the intellectual and the mental activity of all who have the happiness of being acquainted with them. But, of course, ladies and gentlemen, it is rather in their professorial and professional character that we have now to consider them, and I must say that nothing has taken me more by surprise, while, at the same time, nothing has given me greater pleasure, than to have perceived, in consequence of the pleasing duty which I have been called upon to perform, that, within the walls of this University, a greater number of subjects is taught, and a more practical direction is given to the education and to the studies of the students than within the walls of any University with which I have been hitherto acquainted. (Applause.) All I can say is, that I myself, who have been educated at Oxford, should have been extremely grateful if the same means, the same appliances, and the same advantages for pursuing the various branches of study, which were not then considered by any means a necessary portion of the curriculum, had been placed within my reach. (Applause.) But, while I hasten to pay this compliment to the practical character of many of the departments over which these distinguished gentlemen preside, I trust it will not be for a moment imagined that upon that account I am one of those who are disposed to undervalue or to desire to see relegated to an inferior position that which I consider to be the backbone of a liberal education. I mean the arts and the Greek and Roman classics. (Applause.) I am happy to think that, amongst the many students to whom it has been my good fortune to deliver prizes, there have been several young gentlemen who have distinguished themselves both in Latin and in Greek, and I think that, especially in a new country like