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HONORIS CAUSA.

A special convocation was held on Saturday, Nov. 5th, for the purpose of conferring the honorary degree of D.C.L. on His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada. It had been the intention of Convocation to confer the same degree on His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, but most unhappily he found it impossible to be present.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen arrived at 4.30 and were met at the door by the Chancellor and the provost of the University, and Professor Jones. A guard of honour, composed of undergraduates who are members of the Q. O. R., gave the general salute as the Vice-Regal party, accompanied by Major Denison and Capt. Wyatt, A.D.C.'s, passed on to Convocation Hall. The procession was headed by Prof. Huntingford, public orator. Then followed the Licentiates of Theology and members of other faculties. Bishop Sweatman and Bishop Sullivan walked together in full canonicals. Behind them came the Hon. A. S. Hardy and the Hon. G. W. Ross. The rear of the procession was brought up by Lord Aberdeen, wearing the scarlet gown of the University of Aberdeen and Chancellor Allan in his robes of office. Among others present on the dais and on the floor were: Dr. Parkin, Principal of Upper Canada College; Rev. Prof. Teffy, Mr. C. R. W. Biggar, Thomas Crawford, M.P.P., Rev. Dr. Langtry, Mr. Elmes Henderson, Mr. C. J. Campbell, Rev. C. E. Thompson, Canon Fisher, Dr. Harold Parsons, Dr. W. H. Pepler, Mr. Wm. Ince, Dean Geikie, Prof. A. H. Young, Mr. John Martland, Dr. Ham, Dr. Milner, Dr. Grasett, Dr. Temple, Mr. Walter Barwick, Mr. Thomas Kirkland, Prof. Loudon, Canon Sweeney, Dr. Fisher, Mr. James Brebner, Mr. E. F. Harman, Mr. Thos. Clubb, Principal McMurchy, Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute; Principal Embree, Jameson Avenue Collegiate Institute, and Mr. Foster Ambury. Proceedings were opened by a Latin Prayer. Rev. Prof. Huntingford then read a speech in Latin, presenting His Excellency to the Chancellor to receive the honorary degree which was to be conferred upon him. Mr. Huntingford's oration, the force and eloquence of which were much appreciated by the audience, His Excellency's characteristic speech, which partook of the nature of a leave-taking, and the Chancellor's closing remarks will be given in full in our next issue, it being too

near our date of publication to do them full justice. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

OUR STANDING.

The much-debated question as to whether we lose in standing what we gain financially by having our examining done by the members of the faculty, if not finally solved, at least appears in some way cleared up. There never was any real danger of our standard of work deteriorating; as witness: firstly, the number of those who passed last June, and secondly, the glowing tribute to the work of Trinity men which was paid on the occasion of our last Convocation dinner, by R. A. Thompson, head-master of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute, and vice-principal of the Normal School, who himself has done the larger part of the examining in mathematics in past years, when he said that the accuracy of the work and the manner in which it was done at Trinity convinced him that nowhere existed a higher standard of excellence than that which he found at this university. When we add to this, the fact that examinees, as a general rule, prefer the papers set by outside examiners, as being easier than those set by their own professors and lecturers, we must come to the conclusion that the lowering in quality of the work exists only in the opinions of those in whose minds university examinations and outside examiners have always been inseparable. But those men exist, and their name is legion, and their opinion cannot be disregarded, so the balance again swings back to a horizontal position. But there is still one weight to be cast into the scale of the inside examiners. Among our staunchest and most loyal friends are many who subscribe to the income fund; to these then, it must be welcome to hear that over one thousand dollars were saved to the College by the expedient of inside examiners, and to know that their efforts are being energetically seconded within the College walls. Two more facts can be added to satisfy those who are fain to grumble at the present state of things. One is, that, with few exceptions, all Canadian Colleges have abolished the system of outside examiners, and if that will not satisfy them, then we will tell them that the present system is not ordained for all time, but only until such a date as our finances will enable us to return to the old order of things.

VARISITY.

For some years past, freshmen on arriving at this college were given to understand that there was no spirit of brotherly love between Trinity and Varsity, in fact that a great gulf existed between the "blue and white" and the "red and black," which might not be crossed. That this gulf should have been bridged—nay obliterated, by two sets of representatives from either college in unsavory uniforms, striving for the possession of a dirty brown globe, would seem incomprehensible to one unversed in college matters. Yet such is the case. Our two contests with them on the football field have shown them to us as clean, honest sports, such as appeal to college men all over the world, and when, at the close of the second game, they left the campus in their drag, singing "For they are jolly good fellows," we felt that we in return "ostentavimus nostram qualitatem." Such a result could not have been achieved by any amount of after-dinner speaking, nor yet by any individual friendships between the members of the two colleges. It is for an honest hard game of football to cover up all the countless