



# THE KING AT ABERDEEN



THE opening of the extension buildings of Marischal College, Aberdeen University, and the quatuorcentenary of the foundation of the University, of which Lord Strathcona is Chancellor, had a magnificent celebration on September 27th. The King and Queen graced the ceremony by their presence, and

one of the noteworthy features of the festivities was the presentation of a medal of Lord Strathcona, from his Holiness the Pope, by the Rev. Monsignor Robert Fraser, of the Scots College in Rome. Principal William Peterson, C.M.G., of McGill University, and Professor F. P. Walton, Dean of the Law Faculty of McGill, each received the honorary

of Scotland, the Earl of Kintore, General Sir J. H. Macdonald, the Lord-Justice Clerk, Lord Strathcona, Lord Elphinstone, Lord Alverstone, Lord Keith of Fyvie, Mr. Haldane (Secretary for War), Mr. Bryce (Secretary for Ireland), Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Sir William Turner, Sir Henry Craik, Lady Aberdeen, Lady Treves, the Lord Advocate, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lady Marjorie Sinclair, the Bishop of Ripon, and many other distinguished ladies and gentlemen.

A pathetic and unexpected incident followed the dedicatory prayer by the Dean of the Faculty of Divinity (Professor Cowan), after Lord Strathcona had presented the King with a gold key of the entrance gates and His Majesty had declared the new buildings open.

A young crippled man on crutches was led

hundred feet, extends backwards six hundred feet, and the Mitchell Tower rises two hundred and fifty feet from the ground.

To mark the quatuorcentenary of the University, it was resolved to raise \$1,100,000 for the extension of Marischal College. The chief benefactors who made the extension possible were the late Mr. Charles Mitchell, of the firm of Armstrong, Newcastle; his son, the late Mr. C. W. Mitchell; and Lord Strathcona, the present Chancellor. Mr. Charles Mitchell gave over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, his son gave one hundred thousand dollars, and Lord Strathcona gave one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars on condition that an equal sum was to be raised within a certain time. The Town Council of Aberdeen gave one hundred



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During the celebration at Aberdeen Robert Munro was decorated by the King with the Second Class. Munro and an old man named Murray were walking along the line together when an express train overtook them. In attempting to drag Murray from the track, Munro had his left foot cut off and his right arm broken in two places. Lord Strathcona is seen just behind the King, who was accompanied by the Queen.—“Illustrated London News.”



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This quartette of distinguished gentlemen are waiting the arrival of their Majesties at Holborn station. Reading from left to right they are: Principal Marshall Lang, Sir Frederick Treves, Lord Strathcona, Lord Provost Lyon, who was subsequently knighted by the King. This photograph, which is copyright, was ordered, by cable, to be specially taken for the “Canadian Pictorial.”

degree of Doctor of Laws. Men of learning from all the civilized countries of the earth were present, and when the eight delegates from the Universities of Canada advanced in their turn to present their congratulatory address to Lord Strathcona, as Chancellor of Aberdeen, the band played ‘The Maple Leaf forever,’ and the huge crowd expressed their appreciation of this pleasing courtesy with a warm cheer.

Principal Peterson was spokesman not only for the Canadian delegates, but also for two from South Africa, eight from Australasia, and eight from India. In the course of his address he spoke fervently of the community of sentiment which binds the Colonies to the Mother Country, and derided ‘Little Englandism.’

‘The British dominions beyond the seas,’ he said, with a merry twinkle in his eye, ‘are all administered by Scotsmen—mainly from Aberdeen.’

The point was heartily cheered.

Lord Strathcona, as Chancellor of Aberdeen University, offered a cordial welcome to the visitors; and after the presentations Sir Frederick Treves, rector of Aberdeen, thanked the delegates for their attendance and good wishes.

Among the party who surrounded the King and Queen at the ceremony of opening the new buildings were the Prince of Monaco, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Marquis of Huntly, the Earl of Errol, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church

on, who, the Secretary for Scotland said, was Robert Munro, a laborer. In April last he was seriously injured in a brave endeavor to save a fellow-workman’s life at Brodie, on the Highland Railway.

The King pinned the Royal Albert medal of the second class on the breast of the brave fellow, shook him warmly by the hand, and said some words of commendation and sympathy.

Marischal Hall, the new university building which the King opened, fronts the quadrangle of Marischal College, and Aberdeen, the Silver City by the Sea, contains no more beautiful edifice among its miles of chiselled granite than this structure, designed for the best of purposes, and reared as solidly as the eternal hills.

Aberdeen University dates from 1494, but the present year has been chosen for the quatuorcentenary because the first buildings of King’s College, founded by Bishop Elphinstone, were completed in 1506. The four hundredth birthday of the foundation coincides very happily with the completion of the great extension scheme of Marischal College, which was founded in 1593 by George, Fifth Earl of Marischal, and approved by the General Assembly of the Kirk and the Scots Parliament in the same year. In point of size the college now comes next to the Palace of the Escorial in Spain, which is the largest granite edifice in the world. Over 30,000 tons of the whitest grey granite have been used in its construction. It has a frontage of four

and five thousand dollars. The total cost of the extension work has been about one million two hundred thousand dollars. The style of architecture is perpendicular Gothic, of the period of Henry VII.

To-day Aberdeen has eight hundred and seventy-nine matriculated students, of whom one hundred and eighty-two are women, and it is an interesting feature of the University that the sexes study together in Arts as well as in Medicine.

In celebration of the opening of the extension buildings of the University, Lord Strathcona gave a banquet to two thousand five hundred guests, who assembled in a hall that was built specially to accommodate so many people.

The place was too immense for speeches. The prosperity of the University and of the city were toasted, and the evening was given up to friendly intercourse and enjoyment. The total cost of the banquet was estimated at forty-five thousand dollars, and Lord Strathcona arranged for the remains of the great feast to be distributed among the various charitable institutions of the place. More than that, he placed in the hands of the Lord Provost a sum of £500 to provide an entertainment for the poor on the day of the King’s visit, and as a result a dinner was given to a number of the poorest citizens, while others received gifts of tea, sugar, and beef.

The large picture on the opposite page shows the new Marischal College and some of those prominent in the celebration.