

adian; we even rejoice in the fact that we have a Canadian at our head. Principal Gordon is already well and favourably known throughout the length and breadth of Canada, and needs no introduction to the country. He has warm friends and admirers everywhere; and as he has impressed his personality upon the country as minister, publicist and lecturer, so we believe he will be influential in a greatly increased degree as Principal of Queen's.

Dr. Gordon made a most favourable impression on the occasion of his reception by the University and the City Council. The position was an exceedingly trying one, yet Principal Gordon, in replying to the various addresses, singled out with precision the salient points in each and responded in fine tone and spirit. We liked the strong note of hopefulness in Dr. Gordon's address, the valiant outlook upon the future, the determination to lead on to still greater achievements than the past has witnessed. Only a brave, strong man could give such an assurance at such a time; and the students of Queen's will appreciate the promise of continued expansion and development. The spell of a great name and a glorious past is not to put any check upon progress, and Queen's is still to move forward without confusion or uncertainty.

The JOURNAL also extends a welcome to the new Principal, a welcome which, if belated in time, is still fresh and enthusiastic in spirit; and if Dr. Gordon's eye should fall upon this piece of writing we hope he will be at once convinced of the loyalty of the College paper. The editorial pen would write in large capitals the word WELCOME, thus joining with town

and gown in the attempt to express in some small degree the general gratification at the appointment of so capable and popular a Principal.

A GREAT deal of regret is felt among the students that the Faculty did not see fit to continue the Sunday afternoon addresses during the session. The meetings of other years are remembered as very interesting and profitable features of the College year, where the true soul of the University was revealed. There we were brought in touch with the aims and results of study in an atmosphere freed from the small technicalities of the class-room, and were made to feel the unity of ideal which runs through all the varied phases of truth.

Many objections have been urged against the meetings. One was that they took teachers away from the city Sabbath schools and otherwise injured the effectiveness of these institutions. This scarcely seems a valid reason for discontinuing so important a part of our college course. If any concession is needed, an hour might be found when two meetings would not clash. Then some people objected to the addresses on the ground that they were not 'spiritual.' This word 'spiritual' is unfortunately very vague and uncertain, and one finds difficulty in getting it defined. The last range of subjects was very wide; but no subject can be otherwise than 'spiritual' when dealt with by one who is at once truly reverent and inspired by his subject. Other objections were that the controversial side of Theology was emphasized instead of the practical and that preachers from abroad took the opportunity to air their most secret doubts and heresies in an atmosphere which they