

The North-West Passage was made by Sir Robert McClure, from Baffin's Bay, through Lancaster Sound, Barrow Strait, Melville Sound, round Baring's Island, Banks' Land, to Bhering's Straits and the Pacific Ocean, in 1851. — *Upper Canada Journal of Education*.

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The Chancellor read the following ADDRESS :

'BARON RENFREW—*Hon. Sir* : It is my privilege, in behalf of the Council and Faculties of the University of the city of New York, to welcome you to our marble halls, and to tender our gratulations that a kind Providence has been around and over and with you since you left your native country. We rejoice, and our successors will rejoice, that you were led to cross the broad Atlantic, before the responsibilities of life were assumed, and become acquainted with the condition of the Anglo-Saxon race in this great Western world. In our country you behold the eminently thriving state of a young branch of your own people. We are foud of tracing our origin to the same source, and to claim the interests of sons in the arts, sciences,¹ and literature of the land of our forefathers. Your Bacon, your Shakespeare, your Milton, and the whole galaxy of glorious names on the scroll of your country, we claim as ours as well—their labors furnishing the treasures on which we freely draw, and the models after which we mould our culture—while to their shrines we love to make a scholar's pilgrimage. While you see among us numerous illustrations of substantial material progress, we are proud to ask your attention to our expanded system of education. Our admirable common school systems (now very extensively introduced in the States) carrying, as they do, the advantages of substantial intellectual culture to the doors of the great masses necessarily bound to labour, are telling happily on the intelligence of the people. Placed, as I have been, in circumstances to see their workings, I am astonished as I attempt to recount to myself the results secured in the lapse of my own life. Our higher institutions of learning have risen in rapid succession, and constitute the crowning stage in the preparation for life. They are not grouped in a few towns or cities. They are found in what may be called central points to large populations, no city except New York having more than one for same curriculum of study. Our colleges and universities have risen to over 120; our theological schools to 51, our law, 19, and our medical to 41—all these being schools for professional preparation. I am happy in making you welcome to this University—an institution founded on the liberality of the merchants of this city, a princely set of men in the magnitude of their plans, and the munificence with which they sustain them. Here they have founded a practical institution, where the means of preparation for life shall be as varied as the wants of society demand. Here, besides the college proper, we have six professional schools or colleges, and on our records, during the last study year, numbered 769 youths and young men. Our work has been pursued with a satisfactory degree of success for an institution