

They will receive with satisfaction the expression of your respectful homage, and of your hope that the imperial spirit so widely and happily prevalent throughout the whole Empire, may, at the proper moment, bear fruits of a character which will enable every Briton to feel that he is an integral part of a consolidated Empire.

In August, 1903, over five hundred gentlemen, representing two hundred chambers of commerce, from all parts of the Empire, responded to your invitation and assembled here as your guests in Montreal, in order to discuss and pass resolutions on points of interest affecting the trade and commerce of the Empire. Such a gathering offers a suggestion too full of interest to be lost sight of by the keen and receptive minds of statesmen.

Perhaps you will allow me to take this opportunity of thanking you on behalf of the Britons who came from across the seas to take part in the Imperial Conference which you convened, for the great kindness they received from you. They have all carried back to their homes, along with inspiring ideals, grateful reminiscences of a visit, the pleasure of which they never will forget.

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL.

The following address was read by Dr. Peterson:

It is highly gratifying to all connected with McGill University that Your Excellency should have found it possible, so soon after assuming the duties of your exalted office, to honour us with a visit and to give evidence, in this way, of your interest in the higher education as an important factor in the progress and well-being of the country.

We gratefully avail ourselves of the opportunity of offering to Your Excellency, as representing His Majesty the King, an expression of our loyalty and devoted homage. In common with all Canadians, we rejoice to recognize in the Governor General of the Dominion the embodiment of those august asso-