

been an important factor in our success, and supplemented, as it now is, by an equally large field in the wards of the Royal Victoria Hospital, our Faculty and students have at their command resources in this direction which cannot anywhere be excelled. Moreover, the interests of the Faculty have generally been guarded by practical and far-seeing men, men not merely learned in their profession, but endowed with sagacity, administrative ability and business tact; qualities without which no enterprise, however highly favoured, can long hope to succeed. It has endeavoured also to supply to the community that of which it was really in need, and which was, therefore, always in demand, and has striven to make its graduates sound, sensible, well-trained and well-equipped men, fit to be entrusted with human life and health. It has never allowed itself to lower its standard below that which would test the powers of average men, nor to raise it as high, or to hedge it about with such unreasonable requirements as to keep out those that, with patience and intelligent help, will often, from dull beginnings, develop into the brightest ornaments of the profession. And lastly, we have always had faith in our Faculty and in our University. When we have met with misfortunes, they have not made us unduly despondent, nor when success has smiled upon us has it made us arrogant; but we have kept steadily in view the time when our Faculty should leave doubt and uncertainty behind, and look forward to an assured and prosperous future. We hope and trust that that time has arrived; and we hope also that the future of the Faculty and of the University shall be to the past as the bright rays of the noonday sun to the feeble and uncertain light of a beclouded moon."

"I have now the honour to present to Your Excellency, on behalf of Mr. Molson, and on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University, this key. It is only a modest little key, but in a figurative sense it may do great things, if it shall serve to open our doors to public confidence and appreciation, and to open them again in sending out, for generations to come, able and worthy graduates to carry health and help to suffering humanity, and to be a source of pride and honour to their *alma mater*."

His Excellency then spoke as follows:—

"The opening remark of the address to which we have just listened reminded me, that in order adequately to describe the component parts of this distinguished and representative audience, quite a considerable category of designations would need to be employed. Unfortunately I omitted to take a note of the list, and therefore, I shall adopt the safe course of addressing the audience under the time-honoured and comprehensive title of 'ladies and gentlemen.'"

"To-day we are setting up one of the landmarks

of the progress and extension of this University, and that, too, in a department which in the most eminent and essential manner entitles a seat of learning to the noble designation of 'university,' because this great science, this great art which we are celebrating to-day is emphatically of world-wide application, and is limited only by the needs of the human race. So wide is its scope, so numerous are its ramifications, that it is indeed necessary to employ a common language, recognized and understood by all its members, in order that the application and administration of the science may be duly provided for and carried on.

"Well might the Dean say that the occasion is one for thankfulness, and I feel that, having the honour of being the official visitor of the University. I am only voicing the thoughts of the unofficial visitors who are here in such large numbers, when I say that we heartily congratulate the University and those on whom the management of its affairs specially devolves, upon this interesting and notable occasion. Those who belong to the medical profession may well be proud of it, and we who are outside of the profession—outside, at least, except in the important particular of furnishing the material upon which its votaries are entitled to perform their experiments,—we, too, are proud of the profession, not only because of its fame and utility, but because of the help and encouragement which it gives to the development of all that is unselfish and noble and heroic. That is a theme which might well be enlarged upon, but the mention of which is like a truism. On such an occasion as this we may at least recall, in passing, the grounds for these feelings, and expressions of thankfulness and congratulations the occasion itself naturally calls for; and while I am touching upon that aspect of the matter, I cannot refrain from referring to the contribution which has been made in the literature of to-day to this particular topic;—I mean the nobility of the medical profession. I refer to a work which those who have already read it will admit may be counted as a classical contribution to English literature, the book called 'Beneath a Bonnie Briar Bush.' Characters appear in that book which we shall remember and claim as friends, and among the most eminently attractive of them is the parish physician of the district which the story describes, Dr. William Maclure. The narrative brings out in his character the typical qualities which we look for in the true physician, and one of these I cannot help alluding to. The life of a poor woman, the wife of a labouring man, is despaired of. The husband, who has rarely been known previously to open his mouth in speech, is moved by his distress to make earnest and touchingly urgent appeal to the doctor to do something to save his wife. The doctor dares not give him any