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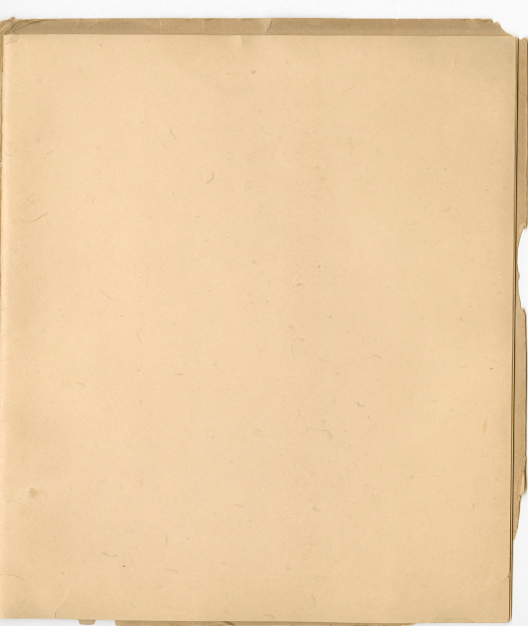
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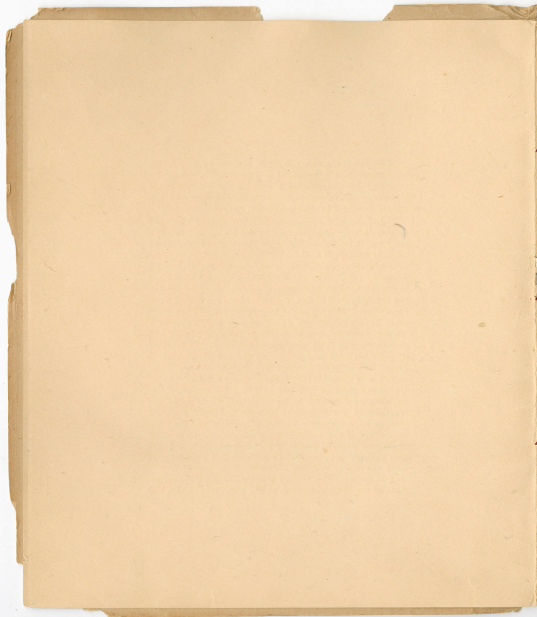
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THE PORTRAIT of Sir William Mulock by Mr. J. W. L. Forster was unveiled at a Commencement held on thirteenth June, 1902. In presenting the portrait to the University on behalf of the donors, the Reverend Dr. Caven, Principal of Knox College, spoke as follows:

"In name of the Senate of the University of Toronto I have the honour of presenting to the University, through you, its Vice-Chancellor, this portrait of the Hon. William Mulock, LL.D.

"MR. MULOCK became a member of the University Senate in 1873. The great interest which he manifested in the University, his accurate knowledge of its affairs, and his recognized ability, determined his election as Vice-Chancellor in 1881. For the lengthened period of nineteen years he discharged the duties of this high office in a manner which much contributed to the enlargement and consolidation of the University. With unsparing devotion he gave his time and energy to the many and various duties which devolve upon the Vice-Chancellor. His service was constant; and there was no department of University work or interests to which his attention was not directed. Whilst he had enlarged views as to the functions of the University and the influence it should exercise upon our whole educational system and the intellectual life of the country, he made himself thoroughly acquainted with the details of its administration, and was thus qualified to advise and to act with full knowledge of what was best to be done.

"Vice-Chancellor Mulock warmly advocated the restoration of the Medical Faculty of the University, which had



been abolished by the University Act of 1853. This proposal encountered not a little opposition, but the Vice-Chancellor and those who acted with him persisted till their efforts were crowned with success, when, in 1887, the Federation Act was passed by the Legislature. The restoration of the Medical Faculty has been abundantly justified by the benefits it has conferred upon Medical Education and upon the University at large.

"But if any one thing in Mr. Mulock's Vice-Chancellorship should have special prominence, it is the part he took in the Federation movement. Federation did not now come under discussion for the first time. It had, in a sense, been provided for in the University legislation of 1849 and of 1853; but, from causes which need not here be stated, nothing had resulted. In more favourable circumstances the matter was again taken up, and the Vice-Chancellor became its persevering and enthusiastic advocate. It is needless to enquire by whom this renewed attempt to secure Federation was first proposed, for it was suggested in several quarters about the same time; but injustice is done to no one in saying that the accomplishment of the scheme is due more to Mr. Mulock than to any other person. Very earnestly did he co-operate with the Government in all the steps taken to harmonize opinion as to confederation, to work out a plan which should be just towards the Universities and Colleges which were in conference, and to promote, at the same time, the interests of higher education.

"The expression of political opinion which savours of party is not here allowable; but we can all heartily unite in honouring Mr. Mulock for the distinguished part he has borne in the establishment of cheap international postage; and we are proud to have numbered among our



Vice-Chancellors one whose name will remain honourably connected with so important a service to the British Empire.

"I beg, through you, Mr. Vice-Chancellor, to present to the University this portrait of your predecessor in an office which you now so worthily fill, executed by an eminent Toronto artist, Mr. John W. L. Forster."

The portrait was then unveiled by Master William Pate Mulock, grandson of Sir William Mulock.

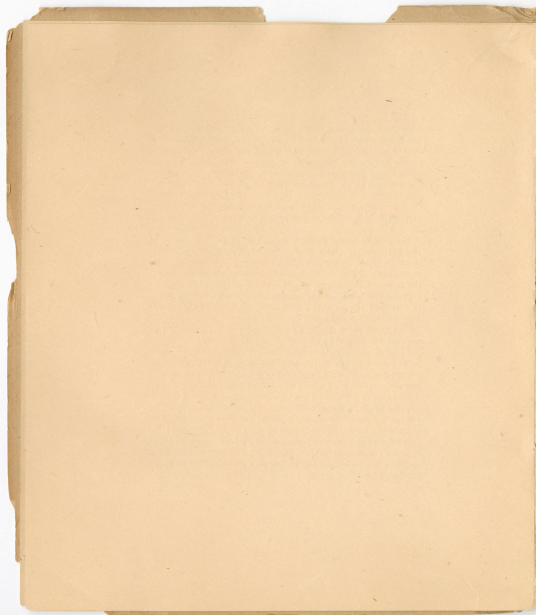
In accepting the portrait on behalf of the University, the Honourable Chief Justice Moss, Vice-Chancellor of the University, spoke as follows:

"On behalf of the University I beg to thank you and the donors for this gift you have now presented; and to express the gratification and pleasure with which we receive and accept this excellent portrait of our former Vice-Chancellor and much esteemed friend.

"I think sir, if I may be permitted to say so, that it is peculiarly fitting that to you should have been entrusted the part of making this presentation.

"Your long association with Mr. Mulock on the Senate while he was Vice-Chancellor has enabled you to form a just estimate of his services to the University.

"In that estimate to which expression has been so happily given, I am sure all present most heartily concur. I think we are all in accord in believing that Mr. Mulock has always been a strong friend of the University; that he ever evinced the keenest regard for the advancement of her fortunes; and that in thought, word and action he ever sought what he believed to be her best interests. And the results of his labours may be well trusted to tell their own story.

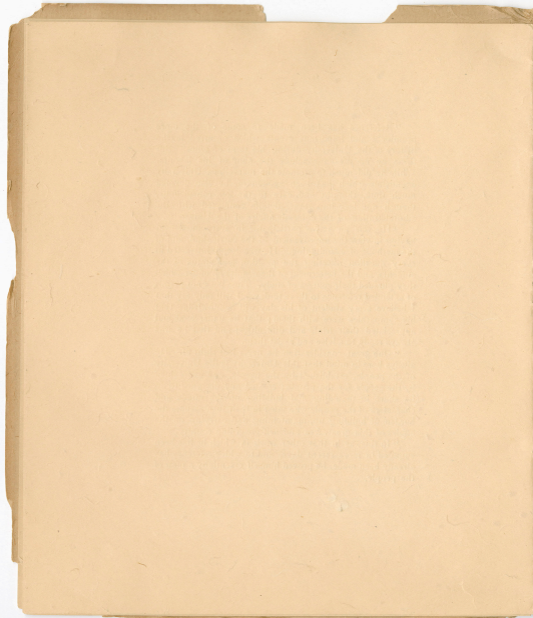


"Reference has been made to some of the more prominent and important events which occurred in the history of the University during his term of office. But these by no means conclude the sum of his labours. While he did much to promote the marvellous University expansion which has been spoken of, he also devoted much time, thought and care to the less conspicuous, though not less important, details connected with the administration of the domestic affairs of the University.

"He was an active participator in every movement having in view the improvement of the curriculum, and of the methods of examination. He was deeply interested in every question affecting the position and status of the students, and the betterment of the conditions under which they pursued their courses of study. Time does not permit of extended reference to these to-day. I will only say that I believe every student of his day will acknowledge that his sympathies were with them; that he understood and appreciated their trials and difficulties; and that he was always ready to advise and assist them.

"One great consideration he never lost sight of. He always bore in mind that this University is the University of the people, established by the people, and maintained by the people for the people; created and designed to do its share in moulding and building up the minds and characters of the people who must in their turn assume the burden of building up, maintaining and carrying on the affairs of this great, free and self-governing country.

"In this, as in that other work in which he has been engaged in more recent days, and to which reference has already been made, he proved himself essentially a man of the people.



"And it is a matter of pride and satisfaction to us to know that it was in this people's University that this man of the people received his training.

"It was here while striving as a student for academic distinction that he first acquired those qualities of intelligent application, untiring industry, keen insight into affairs, and courageous determination, for which he is distinguished, and by means of which, aided by his eminent abilities, he gained high honors as a graduate, secured the confidence and esteem of his fellow graduates in and out of the Senate, and their support as its presiding officer, and later on attained to the higher and more responsible position which he now holds as a public man in the service of his country.

"The University of Toronto has good reason to feel pride in the successful career of the Hon. Wm. Mulock.

"It is to be regretted that in consequence of Mr. Mulock's departure for England, whither he has gone on a public mission, we are deprived of the pleasure of his presence here to-day, but we are glad to have with us some members of his family.

"I feel sure that all will join in the hope that the young scion who has well borne his part in the ceremony of to-day will in good time add to the lustre of the name in the class lists of the University.

"We are glad to receive this excellent painting, presented as it is by friends alike of Mr. Mulock and of the University; and we accept it with the assurance that it will long hold a place of honour among those other portraits which the University possesses of some of the distinguished men to whom she owes so much for faithful service and unswerving loyalty to her fortunes.

