

long-buried hatchet and array themselves, a motley group, at his side. He has done better than even this. He has aroused her somewhat lethargic alumni into life and en-

ergy, and united them in her defence. His touch was the one thing wanting to crystallize the solvent mass into a form of coherence and strength.

CONTEMPORARY OPINION ON EDUCATIONAL TOPICS.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

PRINCIPAL GRANT'S ADDRESS AT THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

THE formal opening of the forty-third session of Queen's College took place on the evening of October 17th, in the Convocation Hall of the College, Principal Grant, in the unavoidable absence of Chancellor Fleming, in the chair. After the installation of the Rev. Donald Ross, of Lachine, as Professor of Apologetics, and the delivery of his address upon the subject: "Physical Science and the Possibility of Miracles," Dr. Goodwin, the new Professor of Chemistry, was formally inducted. Principal Grant then delivered the following address:—

"Gentlemen of the Convocation,—I congratulate you on the auspicious opening of our forty-fifth session. Although work commenced two or three weeks ago, as usual we held the formal and public opening on the birthday of the University, and on each recurring University day there is cause for fresh congratulations. The professors who visited Europe during the summer months have not been unmindful of our interests, and a wise appropriation of funds by the trustees has enabled Prof. Marshall in particular to make needed additions to the physics laboratory. Mr. Fowler has received from the Smithsonian Institute and other quarters very valuable specimens for his department; and, aided by Prof. Dupuis, has done so much towards the systematic arrangement of the museum that, after another summer's work has been bestowed upon it, we may be in a position to throw it open—occasionally, at any rate—to the public. Dr. Bell has given the whole of the summer to the library, and I trust that next year we shall have a new catalogue, based on a division into departments corresponding to the studies actually pursued in Queen's. As for myself, since I last met you I have been wandering more widely than ever Ulysses did, but you must look to the papers and elsewhere for fuller accounts of my travels. Of course, the

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is that we have at last reached that point of equipment, so far as the teaching staff of the college is concerned, that I indicated as essential in my inaugural lecture. True, we have made our last two appointments without securing endowments for them, but we could not afford to wait longer. Besides, the trustees felt that in any case it was something to have the necessary funds pledged for five years, and that in the case of Queen's, where no step backward has ever been taken, it might be said to be everything. We have never made an appeal in vain to the public. Old friends have remained true, and new friends have always been coming to the front. It would be an impertinence were I to say a word as to the qualifications for their respective chairs of the Rev. Donald Ross and Dr. Goodwin. It is sufficient to appeal to their past record, and those who know them best are confident that what they have done is only an earnest of what may be expected from them.

WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

A medical college for women has been established in Kingston since our last Convocation, and its application for affiliation, on the usual terms, is now before the Board of Trustees. Last winter it looked as if no Canadian woman could be educated as a physician without first expatriating herself. Such a state of things was simply intolerable, and it is no wonder that it was not allowed to continue long. Two schools sprang into existence last summer to remedy this grievance. Naturally enough the friends of each think that one school is enough, and that their's should be the one. It is difficult for those connected with either to express a disinterested opinion. Outsiders are not, however, called upon to pronounce judgment. They can afford to wait, without labouring. In the meantime we can wish well to both schools, while clear on the point that the number of students attending them respectively, shows which had the most urgent, practical and immediate reasons for organization. Certainly the Kingston Women's Medical College has started under

PECULIARLY FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS.

The City Council has acted towards it with exceptional liberality. I know of no medical