

'The Journal,' 1873-1912.

A prospectus issued in the spring of 1873 declared that "The students of Queen's University and College, believing that a paper in connection therewith might be established with advantage to undergraduates, graduates, and all connected with the institution, have resolved to take such steps as might best secure the accomplishment of this object." The paper was to be called "Queen's College Journal," and was to be issued fortnightly at 50c. for the academic year. The objects in view were declared to be: Firstly, to foster a literary taste among the students, and to afford them an opportunity of giving expression to their opinions on the leading topics of the day; to serve as a bond of union between the University and her alumni, and to sustain the interest of the latter in the prosperity of their Alma Mater, after they had left her halls; secondly, to furnish such information upon collegiate and other matters as would be not only valuable to the student, but interesting to the intelligent public generally, and to provide a training in the principles and practices of journalism.

Accordingly, there appeared on October 25th of that year the first number of the "Queen's College Journal," a modest little paper of eight pages of small print, containing some poetry, notices of one or two meetings, copy of the prospectus and articles on such subjects as "Meditation on Food," "The Endowment Scheme," "The Medical School," "The Opening of the Twenty-second Session of Queen's University," the sports held for the first time on University Day, with some jokes and a few advertisements.

For almost the next twenty years this little paper appeared regularly at fortnightly intervals throughout the session. Each

year added a few pages and saw slight changes in print, and in the material itself, according to the growth of the University and the views of the Editor-in-chief. In 1889 lady members were first admitted to the staff. In the fall of 1892 an experiment was made with a weekly instead of a fortnightly issue. The somewhat large sheet was abandoned in favor of a small, blue-covered booklet of about eight pages of fine print. The year 1912, however, seems to have been a rather uneventful one in the history of the University, for in the following session the "Journal" resumed its former shape. In 1894 the name "Queen's College Journal" was changed to "Queen's University Journal." With the exception of changes in cover design and in size, it remained much the same till the fall of 1901, when it was given a magazine form.

The session of 1901 began a new era for Queen's, and the "Journal" kept pace with this in assuming the magazine form above mentioned. This was really a great improvement. It was a more convenient size, with a plain, hard, white cover, good paper, large, clear print, and, under the editorship of Mr. N. M. Leckie, contained an average of eighty pages of very good material of all sorts, interspersed with reproductions of photographs printed, for the first time in the history of the Journal, on the paper used for print. In the first number of that session we find very good pictures of some of the professors, of one or two buildings, and of the then Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, with an account of their visit to Kingston and the laying of the corner stone of the new Arts Building. The magazine continued a very prosperous fortnightly issue till the fall of 1909, when, with a handsome brown cover,