

feet long. The building will be three stories high, and will, with the other changes now in progress, nearly double the capacity of the Institute. This separate building, we are sorry to learn, will not be completed till a year from next September. One feature in all this work, we wish to present with special prominence to our readers:—The Trustees purpose completing their present enlargement plans *without debt*. They wish to preserve this noble property, which they are accumulating and perfecting for the Denomination, without encumbrance. They wish to bear with them the motto of the noble Hampden, *vestigia nulla retorsum*. We take no backward steps, our way in our great work is onward and upward! We cannot close this brief paper without alluding to one or two other facts connected with the work and history of our beloved school. We need scarcely remind our readers that both males and females are received into the literary department, and the style and character of the instruction which they receive in this department may be judged of from the standing taken by our boys at their examinations in Toronto University. We hope to have, ere long, a body of examiners appointed by the authority of the Ontario Government, who shall be unconnected with the work of teaching, and whose duty it shall be to examine all applicants for standings or degrees. Then we shall not fear to have our boys enter into competition with any and all comers. The religious benefits of this school should not be overlooked. Over two hundred and fifty young people have been hopefully converted in the Institute, since it was opened for scholars. That is, from fifteen to twenty per cent. of all those who were non-professors of religion at the time of their admission, have been brought, as we hope, to the knowledge of Christ. For this, all true Christians must be thankful to God. In this our first paper, we have deemed it proper to sketch the history of our Alma Mater, allude to what has been done for her, and hint at what she has done. We shall leave to the imagination of our readers, to fancy what may be the future of the Institute. It is standing on a firm foundation, out of debt, surrounded by the sympathies and affection of the Baptist Denomination, and many others besides. It is resolved to raise its curriculum, and extend its sphere of usefulness; and we heartily join in saying *Excelsior!* We are resolved not only to help our Alma Mater in her great work, but duly to inform our readers of her progress and triumphs.