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IN another column will be found a circular which is being sent out to all members of the University Council. It is interesting reading, and it tells of a growth and prosperity which should rejoice the hearts of all friends and benefactors of Queen's. Few institutions can show a more satisfactory development during the period referred to in the circular. None that we know of can produce a record at all equal as regards wisdom and economy of administration, or loyal and self-sacrificing support by alumni and friends.

But further accommodation has become imperative, and the Council has a right to look for a cheerful and generous response to whatever appeal it may decide to make. The very necessity for such a demand proves the wisdom of past generations of benefactors, and all that is needed is that we should meet the new conditions with the same faith and self-denial that they in their day exhibited. The steady, normal development of our Alma Mater is cause for honest pride, for she has won her way and proved her right to her present position by a steadfast adhesion to high ideals, and by the efficiency of the equipment for noble living which she is giving her sons and daughters. To-day she is attracting more students, and from a wider area than ever before,

and is recognized by all unprejudiced authorities as in the very front rank of institutions for higher education. To be able to assist, therefore, in even a humble way, in equipping her for the yet more efficient discharge of her work is cause for rejoicing and not for grumbling. The students and graduates of Queen's owe her a debt which they can never repay in cold cash, but only in a loyal adherence to the lofty ideals of life for which she stands, and on this very account they will be the more ready to give of their substance for the furtherance of whatever plan may be decided upon in view of present pressing needs.

But her students and graduates are not alone indebted to her. Canadians generally owe a debt of gratitude to the sturdy founders of Queen's and to their zealous successors. Her ideals are national in the truest sense, national, too, is the influence she is exerting, and the forthcoming appeal will no doubt meet with a generous response from hundreds of people outside the ranks of university graduates, —earnest souls in all walks of life who appreciate her value as a factor in the higher intellectual and spiritual life of the country. May the first brass tablet that is placed in the building which is to be, number the benefactors, not by the thousand, but by the ten thousand.

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There is one suggestion, however, against which the JOURNAL feels it to be its duty to protest in the interests of the students, and that is the converting of the basement of the proposed new building into a gymnasium. Such a scheme we believe to be inadvisable, and we hope that when the whole plan comes up for consideration it will be found possible to devise some more adequate solution of the gymnasium problem. From the attic of the Science Hall to the second storey of the Workshops was, no doubt, a well intentioned move, but as it failed to provide anything like satisfactory accommodation, so, we feel that a further descent into underground quarters as an annex of the museum will be but a disappointment to the boys, and an expenditure from which no adequate return will ensue.