

inary business, the members settled themselves down to patiently listen to our managing editor as he traced the *Journal's* career during the session, showing how favourably the volume compared with its predecessors and pointing out the progress by which it had been characterized. It is not our intention to tire the reader with a synopsis of that report, but we desire here to publish some points therein which are of interest to the public. And first we mention the improvement which is to be made in the outward form of our paper in the shape of what we call a cover, that is four pages added to the twelve it now boasts, on which a sketch of the contents, advertisements, etc., will appear, leaving the twelve pages to be solely devoted to literary efforts. This addition to the *Journal's* pages will beautify its form, preserve its contents, give far more value for the same money, and cause our paper and the University which it represents to rise in the estimation of the general public.

We next year propose to try a little experiment, which we hope all in whose power it lies will endeavour to make successful. The *Queen's College Journal* offers two prizes, of the value of \$15 and \$10, as first and second prizes according to merit, for the best literary articles, which shall appear in its columns next session. The following are the terms and conditions of competition: The writer of the article must certify that the production is his own unaided composition, and give the same to the managing editor on or before Dec. 1st, '79. It must be at least two, at most three, columns in length of the *large* print now used in the *Journal*. A committee of distinguished graduates, who shall not be made acquainted with the authors' names, shall decide, after all have been published, which productions are the most worthy and the prizes will be awarded at Convocation. It is open to all Arts, Divinity and Medical students. We offer this for the benefit of our columns, the students, and lastly our readers, and we hope that every student at his leisure through the summer months will try his luck and hand in the result at as early a date as he can conveniently.

During the reading of the report reference was made to the enterprise shown in adorning our pages with the two cuts which have appeared in this volume, and it was suggested that each succeeding volume insert a portrait of one of the Faculty in order of seniority, and next year have one of our pages graced with the beaming countenance of the learned Professor of Mathematics, though this, of course, rests with the session's Committee. In conclusion the editors urged upon all, and students in particular, to prove their loyalty to Queen's and her institutions, by procuring for us a handsome addition to our subscription list. Old subscribers must naturally fall off, our expenses are on the increase, besides just think how a fellow would be inspired if he knew he were writing for the edification of some five or six thousand, so we urge upon all to aid us in this particular, if in no other. Let us not appeal in vain.

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#### TRUSTEE MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the University Trustees was held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the transaction of general business. The following gentlemen were elected Trustees for five years:—Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton; Sandford Fleming, C.E., C.B., Otta-

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Mr. F. C. Ireland was appointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing year.

SINCE Convocation the Principal received a letter from Scotland, from the solicitors of the late Rev. Dr. Spence, of Ottawa, stating that in consequence of the death of Dr. Spence's widow, the legacies left by him to the College will be available. These consist of a legacy of \$3,800 for general purposes and one of \$1,000 to found a bursary in the theological department, to be called "The Spencer Bursary."

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