

material for local history and biography—thus forming valuable ground-work for the more general historian of a future day." The County selected for the first prize is Hants, whose early history and associations, open up a wide and interesting field to the essayist.

The Encænna was held on the 30th June, 1864, in the new Hall, and though deprived, for the first time since his appointment in 1835, of the attraction of the President's polished and classical Oration, owing to his absence in search of health, the ceremonies passed off with great satisfaction to the numerous and appreciative assembly. The Right Reverend the Visitor, by special resolution of the Governors, performed the academical functions usually discharged by the President, as will be seen by the appendix. Peculiar interest was imparted to the occasion by the presence of the newly appointed Governor of the Province, Sir Richard Graves Macdonnell, son of the present Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, and a descendant from a celebrated Biblical scholar and Divine. His Excellency delivered a suitable and animated address, expressive of his deep interest in the cause of sound education, and his determination to foster it in this Province to the utmost of his power. The commemorative Oration was delivered by the Rev. J. W. D. Gray, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, St. John, N. B., in whose hands the subjects usually treated of on such occasions lost nothing of their touching interest. Perhaps no one of the many distinguished Alumni who reflect credit on the place of their education, could have been selected, better qualified to perform the duty thus temporarily assigned to him.

The Governors, being most anxious to maintain the College in its fullest efficiency, will not conceal from its friends the pecuniary difficulties at present standing in their way. The unhappy war in the neighbouring States has interrupted the receipt of Dividends on the funds invested in that country, which, although the principal it is hoped may be ultimately safe, causes the Governors great embarrassment in meeting their engagements.

In addition to the ordinary expenses of the Establishment, they