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WING to the very limited amount of
space at our disposal we have been
unable to publish previously the Chancellor's
speech, delivered at the Medical Convention
Oct. 14th, 1892. We are happy to do so in
this number. The scheme of a Free Library
is an important question to all students and
graduates of Queen's, as well as to the citizens
of Kingston, and those who have hitherto
been opposed to it would do well to ponder
what the Chancellor says. His tribute to the
memory of Sir Daniel Wilson has an added
value as coming from one who knew and
loved the late President of the Toronto Uni-
versity. We sympathise with 'Varsity in her
loss, and hope that her new President will
worthily fill the place of the old.

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Now that all the Reading Rooms (unless
the Women's Medical College put in their
claim) have received a grant we can *think*
over what we have done. On the whole it
seems the best expenditure of general funds
that has been made for some time. The
Reading Rooms have received new life, all
symptoms of congestion in the treasury have
quite disappeared, "the bond of union be-
tween the various faculties" have been
strengthened, and the Alma Mater Society
once more triumphantly stands as a public
benefactor.

Regarding this last, which we trust will
be paid at once, we would humbly make a
suggestion. These are special gifts, and we
think should be used in a special manner and
not applied to ordinary running expenses.
The literature should in every case be pro-
vided out of the funds of the Society which
has charge of the room. Acting upon this
principle the money given the Arts' Reading
Room was spent on beautifying and furnish-
ing the room, and we think the Æsculapian
Society should devote theirs to some similar
purpose.

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Although the JOURNAL from year to year
calls attention to the thoughtlessness of some
men who walk off with magazines and slips
cut from papers in the Reading Room, yet
the habit is not discontinued. The curators
keep a sleeping sentry over the Room, and in
fact, during the past, we have only heard of
them twice, once when appointed to office,
and again, when they report and resign. It
is time they bestir themselves and stamp out
the audacity and selfishness of the man who
thinks that the College can afford a magazine
or paper for his particular use and walk home
with it, leaving his fellow-students to suffer.
If he is an Arts student, let the Court con-
sider his case one of the most heinous under
their jurisdiction; if he is not, let him forfeit
the right and privileges of the Reading Room.

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ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA, by Professor Dupuis.
London: MacMillan & Co.

The English newspapers and reviews are
noticing Professor Dupuis' last book with ap-
preciation. The Edinburgh *Scotsman* says
that "It is distinguished among works of its
kind by the care and fulness with which it ex-
plains first principles. It is so clearly and
scientifically expounded that students in all
stages of advancement will gain advantage by
using it." The London *Lyceum* for November
says, "The interpretation of algebraic expres-