

being erected. Cost, without galleries, \$20,000; with galleries, \$24,000. To this should be added \$6000, to complete the Arts building for which the City has voted \$50,000, of which the building the Convocation Hall will be simply the extension. Total sum required, \$30,000.

2. When the buildings for engineering, and for mineralogy, geology and physics are completed, (say between Dec. 1902 and Dec. 1903), \$45,000 for electrical, mechanical and physical apparatus, and for the mineralogical and geological museum. Nine or ten righteous men are looked for, to give \$5000 each for this requirement.

3. \$20,000 to complete the endowment of the Chair of Church History and History of Dogma to which Prof. McComb was appointed. It was thought best by the Trustees to make the appointment, although the amount required had not been raised, and that the collections from the General Assembly's College fund would be increased, in consequence of an addition to the staff, so long declared urgent by the graduates and by the General Assembly, as to meet this need for a few years. So far, this hope has proved vain. The amount received from the fund last year was actually a little less than before. Probably this was due to the Century Fund, and it may have been thought that the share of that fund going to Queen's would meet the need. Unfortunately, the theological department had just lost the annual sum of \$2000, formerly given to it by the Temporalities fund; and the Century Fund Contribution—when it comes—will be appropriated to meet that deficit. In a word, our present needs are, in round figures, about \$100,000. G.

THE ALMA MATER ELECTIONS.

THE JOURNAL has already expressed its pleasure at the recent elevation of Mr. James Wallace to the chair of the Alma Mater Society, and now offers its compliments to the remaining officers appointed on Saturday, the seventh of December. The names of the newly-elected executive officials are mentioned here, not so much for the readers in College who already know them as for those outside and for any antiquarian a score of years hence who wishes to know what went on at Queen's in the first year of the century. All such exact information will likewise be of value to the biographers of the gentlemen whose names are here given: Honorary President, Rev. John Hay, of Renfrew; President, James Wallace; Vice Presidents, F. E. Etherington, H. D. Borley; Critic, C. E. Kidd; Secretary, W. E. Playfair; Treasurer, A. D. McKinnon; Assistant Secretary, D. F. Ross; Committee, R. L. Squires, F. Singleton, E. J. Reid, G. Malloch.

From a glance over this list one is justified in expecting that the affairs of the Alma Mater Society will be in good hands for another year, and at present there seems to be a prospect of considerable important work. A good many matters which are now delegated to special committees should be transacted by the permanent officials as an executive committee so that the gentlemen who are elected amid such hearty enthusiasm might have more opportunities of serving the constituency which has honoured them. At the Saturday night meetings recently the order "Business from the Executive Committee" has seldom elicited any response from that body of officials.