

chairs, who has not much of his own to communicate beyond any prescribed curriculum. The most valuable influence of a teacher is to be looked for in the sympathetic enthusiasm, which he enkindles in the minds of his students, broadening and elevating their aspirations, quickening the dry bones of academic routine, and vitalising it with living fire.

Once more it is our privilege to welcome, in increasing numbers, the candidates entering on their undergraduate course, as well as those who now resume the work of later years. Nevertheless it is under such circumstances of assured progress that we to-day hold our last Convocation as a College. In the graceful narrative of the University from the pen of Dr. Scadding, he refers to University College as "the concrete presentment of the somewhat abstract entity" to which the University of Toronto was reduced by the Act of 1853. But that state of things has now come to an end. The University is entering anew on its legitimate work with ampler powers; and practically absorbs the College as a complementary part of the system. The duration of the latter has been brief, if measured by the life-time of ancient seats of learning. Nevertheless, for upwards of a third of the century, which now draws onward to its close, we have successfully prosecuted the work entrusted to us. The sons of earlier graduates have followed in their fathers' steps; our numbers have progressively advanced till our halls are crowded with students; and the demand is now for ampler room. We have trained two generations from their entrance on an undergraduate course till they proceeded to their degree; and have watched with interest the success achieved by many of them in various spheres of life. Now, as a third generation prepares to follow in their steps, one important cycle in the history of this institution is completed.

It is with no sense of failure that we see University College merge anew into the institution from whence it sprung; and become a satellite in the University system of which, for thirty-four years, it has constituted the most essential member. It has numbered among its Professors men whose memories are cherished with