

PART I.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Although all heads of departments have been urged to condense and abbreviate the accounts of their work as much as possible, nevertheless our report increases in size from year to year. Hence my comments on the year's operations must be very brief.

At the outset, I may say that the year 1896 has been one of the most satisfactory in the history of the College. We have had peace, harmony, and progress all along the line. As the College grows in the confidence of the people, the members of the staff seem to work with constantly increasing zeal and energy.

STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.

The attendance of students has been very satisfactory. The number on the roll for the year has been 168 in the general course and 69 in the dairy course, or a total of 237. During the past term, every bed in the College has been occupied, eight students have been boarding out, and some who wished to board in did not come because we were unable to accommodate them. The great majority of our students in recent years have been farmers' sons. Of those now in attendance, over 90 per cent. belong to that class.

COUNTY STUDENTS.

Each county in the Province is allowed to send one student free of tuition, and the nomination is made by the county council. Of those on the roll in 1896, fifty-three were so nominated, and as a consequence were exempted from the payment of tuition fees. The counties represented were the following :

Addington, Brant, Bruce, Dufferin, Dundas, Durham, Elgin, Frontenac, Glengarry, Grey, Haldimand, Halton, Hastings, Huron, Kent, Lambton, Lanark, Leeds, Lennox, Lincoln, Middlesex, Muskoka, Norfolk, Northumberland, Ontario, Oxford, Parry Sound, Peel, Perth, Prescott, Prince Edward, Renfrew, Russell, Simcoe, Victoria, Waterloo, Welland, and Wellington.