

certificates of high literary or scientific standing. A Committee of Corporation has been occupied with this subject, and it is hoped that amended regulations, tending to attain these desirable ends, may be enacted in the course of the present year.

As the work of the University with reference to education in science, and the interests of science generally in this Province, seemed likely to be injuriously affected by the contemplated removal of the Geological Survey, it was thought advisable by the Board of Governors to address a letter to the Minister of the Interior, stating our views on the subject, and offering, in case the removal should be determined on, to accommodate for the use of students and the public such portion of the collections as it might be deemed expedient to leave in this city. Should the Government find it expedient to avail itself of this offer, the University will endeavor to make the best possible use, for the benefit of education and science, of such specimens as may be placed in its keeping.

We express the feeling of every member of the University in cordially thanking Your Excellency for the practical interest in our work manifested by a handsome donation to the funds of the Faculty of Applied Science, and by the gift of a Gold and Silver Medal for competition in the University.

With the approval of Your Excellency, the Gold Medal has been offered for the highest standing in an Honour Course in Modern Languages and History, and the Silver Medal as the highest prize in the graduating class in the Faculty of Applied Science. The first competition for these medals will take place in the examination of April next.

The present session is the forty-seventh of the existence of this University, so that in the session of 1882-3 it will have completed its fiftieth year,—an event perhaps entitled to some fitting celebration. Twenty-seven years have now elapsed since the revival of the University under an amended charter; and of the gentlemen who initiated that movement, and as the first Board of Governors under the new charter, undertook the arduous task of restoring the financial position and educational work of an institution then almost destitute of revenue and burdened with debt, only four survive to see the result of their