

Principal Grant, Queen's made an appeal for support which has ever since given her a recognized place in the field of university work all over the continent.

So much for the College and University.

To Lay the Stone.

My special duty here to-day is to lay the corner stone of the new Chemical Laboratory, connected with the School of Mining. I believe the first chemical building was really the first laboratory erected in Ontario purely for the teaching of chemistry. The government has appropriated \$100,000 for the new building, payable in five annual instalments, and beside this new building will stand, I hope, the new Mining and Metallurgy Building rendered possible by the princely contribution of Prof. Nicol, head of the Department of Mineralogy. I believe the total income of the School of Mining was in the beginning \$9,000. It is now \$85,000. The original staff of four professors and occasional lecturers has expanded to 36 professors and assistants. Instead of five Engineering students in the first session there are now 320. This progress is at once satisfactory and astonishing. The discoveries in Chemistry are very important factors in modern progress, in trades, and manufactures. They are closely in line with the advancement of the country and therefore deserve all possible encouragement. I repeat then, that it affords me great satisfaction to come here and take a formal part in these proceedings. The Government of Ontario feels convinced that under the shadow of Queen's University, and subject to the good influences which radiate from it, the School of Mining and the departments connected with it will go on and prosper."

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