

class room has been connected by a large archway, and the double room thus obtained, is fitted up with long reading tables and with chairs, forming consulting room No. 1. Into this room the Library opens, and here the fine collection of portraits given by Sir Gilbert Parker and now in the library together with his last donation of 86 portraits of celebrated Canadians will probably be placed during the summer. Consulting room No. 2, is in the New Arts building, a most attractive looking apartment, with its scarlet walls and dark-panelled wainscots, its large open fireplace, and long settles on each side, its many tables and chairs and its glass cupboards to hold the departmental libraries. The students are thus well provided for at last in rooms for study.

All has now probably been done in the way of Library extension that is possible in the present quarters, and the next move must be into a new building.

We have the site ready.—

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THE WESTERN ONTARIO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

IN December, 1900, the graduates of Queen's residing in or near Ridgetown conceived the idea of holding a meeting there for the purpose of bringing together the friends of the University in the West. It was thought that such a meeting would lead to better acquaintance and more friendly relations among the graduates, would deepen interest in the welfare of the University, and promote the interests of all concerned. A date was fixed, invitations issued, and arrangements made for the late Principal to be pres-

ent. Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Grant the Principal was subsequently obliged to cancel his engagement to be present, and the meeting was called off.

Some two months later, when it became known that Dr. Grant was to visit St. Thomas at the end of February, the graduates there issued invitations to the friends in the West to meet the Principal at a banquet to be tendered him there on March 1st, 1901. About twenty-five were present at that meeting, which proved to be a pleasant and most enthusiastic reunion. The Western Ontario Association of Graduates and Alumni was organized at that meeting with Dr. Grant as Honorary President.

The second meeting was held in London in Dec., 1901, and in point of attendance was not quite so large as the first, but was quite equal in enthusiasm and zeal for the welfare of the University. It was decided at that meeting to undertake a canvas in behalf of the Grant Convocation Hall Fund, the movement for the raising of which had just then taken definite shape.

The third annual meeting and banquet was held at St. Thomas on Friday, March 6th, and though not so largely attended by graduates as the two former meetings, the response from those in neighbouring places, both in the form of letters of regret and membership fees, was more hearty and general than ever before.

Prof. MacNaughton was present and addressed the meeting, dealing chiefly with matters of present moment in the affairs of the University, and more particularly with the movement for the establishment of a School of