

of Convocation in the way of reviewing the past year and of looking forward to the future. The friends of Queen's College have much cause to congratulate themselves on its present position. When we spoke only twelve months ago of new buildings and additional endowment, few expected that progress would have been made in either direction before we had met again. Much has been done. Kingston has subscribed \$43,000 for buildings. Nearly \$12,000 of this amount has already been paid, and of course the rest will be paid as it falls due. Besides, at a meeting held recently by the subscribers, it was decided that Kingston must put up the whole building, and not the whole minus a wing; and that the \$11,000 still required must and would be raised in the good old Limestone City with which Queen's is identified. All honour to the citizens of Kingston who, without distinction of class or creed or race, banded themselves together to do this great work! They and their children, and their children's children shall reap a hundred-fold. You have only to look out at the window to see that the work has commenced in earnest. And you are all aware that His Excellency the Governor-General has consented to lay the foundation stone of the building on the thirtieth day of May next. That His Excellency is to be accompanied by H. R. H. the Princess Louise, and that Her Royal Highness has also graciously consented to mark her visit to the University that bears Her Majesty's title by some special act connected with the ceremonial of the day, by laying a stone or planting a tree, puts every friend of the University under a double load of gratitude. The University Council yesterday decided to hold a special Convocation upon that occasion; and the sons of Queen's will then have an opportunity of showing their sense of the honor that has been done their Alma Mater. Besides the amount required for the building, I asked last year for \$110,000 to replace the grant hitherto made by the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, and to establish two additional Professorships and two assistants or lectureships. I am happy to report that almost the whole of this was also subscribed in less than six months. The money is coming into the Treasurer, and within three or four years from this he expects to have received and invested the whole amount. We need about \$40,000 more to allow for shrinkage, past deficits, loss of interest on account of the subscriptions not being paid at once, and to put our library, museum, and scientific apparatus in a condition worthy of the building into which we hope to move after spending one session more in our old quarters. This, too, will come in good time. I made the discovery last year that Queen's had willing friends in every part of the Dominion, and that all that was needed to equip her thoroughly would be cheerfully given.

The calendar will report the various benefactions of the year, but two may be specially mentioned, in addition to the legacy of the late R. Sutherland, to which I referred in my address to the graduating class. The first is the foundation of a scholarship of \$56 per annum by the late Alexander Rankin, Esq., of Leamington, England. The second is a gift from Her Majesty's Government of the publications of the Scottish Record Society. These comprise the Chronicles of the Picts and Scots, the Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, the Registers of the Privy Council, of the Lord High Treasurer, the Exchequer Rolls, and all the documents that bear on the history of Scotland from the earliest times. These publications form an extremely valuable addition to the library, and our best thanks are due to the Lord Commissioners of the Treasury, for acceding to our application for a grant of the set. Their Lordships state that they had regard, *inter alia*, to the facts that "the University was incorporated by Royal Charter, and bore the Queen's title." Scotchmen in Canada can now refer to original sources should they desire

to write the history of Scotland. In addition to these I have just received a letter by the hand of Rev. Mr. Smith, from John S. McDonald, Esq., Fond du Lac, Wis., informing the Faculty that he proposes to found an open scholarship of \$1,500 to be awarded to the most deserving student from the County of Glengarry, and to be called the "Marion Stewart McDonald Scholarship" as a tribute of love and honor to his mother. The past session has been a fruitful one with regard to the quantity and quality of the work done. One hundred and nine students were registered in Arts and Divinity. This is the largest attendance we have ever had. The Medical College also enrolled a larger number than for many years previously. There has been no case of discipline calling for the interference of the Senate. We were all delighted to see Professor Mackerras take his old place at the beginning of the session, and we are equally delighted to see him now at its close in even better health than at the beginning. The Board of Trustees appointed the Rev. A. B. Nicholson, B.A., Classical Assistant. Mr. Nicholson, both in the Collegiate Institute and in the University, has sustained his previous reputation for scholarship, and we owe it to him in great measure, I believe, that Prof. Mackerras has stood the fatigue of the session so well.

In the first days of this month, we met with a great loss in the death of our Treasurer and Secretary. No name was more identified with Queen's College than that of William Ireland. No man in Kingston was more universally esteemed and respected. His memory will be green for many a day in the hearts of those who knew him longest.

### Medical Council Examination.

WE tender our congratulations to the following gentlemen from the Royal, who passed the recent examinations of the Medical Council:—

*Fourth Year*—W. H. Henderson, G. C. T. Ward, R. A. Leonard, R. N. Horton, G. Newlands, T. R. Hossie, R. K. Kilborn, J. McCammon, R. H. Abbott, R. W. B. Smith, T. W. Beeman, R. A. Davies.

*Third Year*—J. Galbraith, Thos. Wilson, G. Judson, W. A. Lafferty.

*Second Year*—H. H. Chown, W. A. Lavell, J. E. Betts, L. E. Day, H. H. Reeve, C. T. Empey, J. O'Shea, W. Waddell, T. J. Symington, E. Oldham.

*First Year*—D. Wallace, — McCarthy, J. Stewart, A. Mordy, D. Johnston, T. Symington, — Denike, W. Gibson, S. Dowsley, J. S. Magurn, W. Waddell.

### MEETINGS.

#### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

THE annual meeting of the Athletic Association was held in the ethics class room on Thursday afternoon. The meeting was very enthusiastic, and the members seemed to have made up their minds to make this year's sports a grand success. The only important business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Hon. President—The Principal.  
 Sec.-Treasurer—P. M. Pollock, '81.  
 Committee—J. B. McLaren, M.A., McMillan, '80; McTavish, '81; Davis, '81; Mowat, '81; Hay, '82; W. Morris, '82, and a gentleman of the class of '83.

#### ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

A special meeting of this Society was held on Friday evening, April 25th, to hear the report of the retiring managers of the *Queen's College Journal*. After some prelim-