

rallied to its task. In 1895 G. R. Parkin (now Sir George Parkin, LL.D., K.C.M.G.) became Principal and with the assistance of such "Old Boys" as W. T. Boyd, Colonel G. T. Denison, Judge J. J. Kingsmill, his brother Nicol Kingsmill, and above all H. C. Hammond, raised her to her old pre-eminence. In 1901 the corner stone was laid for the Preparatory School for pupils of nine to fourteen years of age, whose removal from the main building greatly simplified the task of the Head Master. The first Principal of the "Prep" was J. S. H. Guest, M.A., who in 1911 left to found Appleby School at Oakville, and who was succeeded by J. L. Somerville, B.A. (Cantab), previously Dean of Residence in the main school. Under Dr. Parkin the munificence of "Old Boys" and friends also added to the school its stately gates and pleasant lodge and the Hospital. He also enlarged and beautified the grounds so that the rough and muddy desert to which the school had moved in 1891 became the beautiful estate of to-day, with stately avenues of trees and broad stretches of green sward. Much of this work, especially in the planting of trees, was done by the boys of the school, whose enthusiasm he had roused. Under him, too, certain last vestiges of Government control were removed, and the College placed under its present Board, consisting partly of the holders of certain great public offices, but in the main partly self-perpetuating and partly elected by the "Old Boys Association." Under his successor, Mr. H. W. Auden, the swimming bath was enlarged, the new gymnasium built and equipped, and new playing fields laid out.



W. L. Grant, M.A.
Present Principal

SOME WELL-KNOWN OLD MASTERS

Of the masters of Mr. Cockburn's time and subsequently, all "Old Boys" will recall William Wedd, W. S. Jackson, James Brown, G. B. Sparling, and most of all John Martland.

Mr. Martland was an Oxonian who had come to teach in Montreal, and whom the shrewd insight of Cockburn brought to Upper Canada College. From '62 to '91 he taught Classics and was head of the Boarding House. Though a competent Classic and a good disciplinarian, it was not in the class room but in the House that he made his special work. Few men in Canada have ever known boys as did "Gentle." He was feared, respected and loved. In 1885 he was offered the Principalship, but declined it because of the conditions which the Government of the day had attached to it. In 1891 he retired, but remained Emeritus Master, and the guide, philosopher and friend of "Old Boys" and of masters till his death in 1901.

William Wedd, invariably known as "Billy," had been Head Boy in 1837; from 1851 to 1891 he was Classical Master, and many as were the pranks which the boys played under his kindly rule, there was none who did not love and respect him.