

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION.

For the Year Ending October 31, 1896.

1. In presenting the Ninth Annual Report, the Executive Committee begs to announce that there are 193 members in good standing as compared with 165 at the same period last year.
2. In this connection, it is satisfactory to be able to state that nearly every Graduate in Arts for the last two years has joined Convocation on taking his Degree. This in an encouraging response to the efforts of Convocation to bring it about, by granting full privileges of membership to them on the payment of the fee of two dollars per annum for the first four years after graduation.
3. During the year, meetings under the auspices of Convocation were held at Hamilton and at Kingston. The Provost and the Dean addressed the meeting at Hamilton, and it is hoped that in accordance with suggestions made at the time, it will be found feasible to make it an annual event. At Kingston, Mr. Cumberland and the Clerk composed the delegation. Although the attendance of members of the Synod was smaller than on former occasions, owing to the formation of the new Ottawa Diocese, nevertheless, great interest was manifested throughout, and the meeting may be considered to have been a success in every way.
4. Your Committee considers this Annual Meeting in connection with the Ontario Synod of great value, and would express the hope that it may be found possible to carry out the proposal to hold similar meetings during the Synod week in other dioceses of Ontario.
5. Your Committee has not found it possible so far to organize a plan for carrying out the excellent suggestion of the Ven. Archdeacon Evans made at the last meeting of Convocation with regard to graduates who are already members canvassing other graduates for the purpose of enrolling them, but hopes to be able to do so during the coming year.
6. With reference to representation on the Joint Board of Examiners for Matriculation, it was deemed advisable not to approach the Government with a formal deputation, but to carry out the wish of Convocation by means of interviews with the Minister of Education. Under the statute of last session, a new body, entitled the Educational Council, has been formed, which it is hoped will prove satisfactory.
- As it was felt to be expedient to press but one point at a time, the ignoring of Christian Knowledge as an integral part of the Matriculation Examination has been allowed to stand over for the present.
7. In accordance with the direction of Convocation, the proposal to place an agent on the road in Trinity's interests was again pressed on the Corporation, but so far, we believe, it has been found impracticable to carry it out.
8. Your Committee suggests that in place of this plan, it would be found more beneficial to enable members of the staff to arrange tours in the east and west next spring, since from fuller knowledge they can speak with more force about the position of Trinity and her claims for the sympathy and support of Church Members. The above plan, in conjunction with the Lecture Scheme now in operation will carry into effect the spirit of resolution proposed by Mr. Kirwan Martin at the last Annual Meeting.
9. The Right Rev. P. T. Rowe, Bishop of Alaska, acknowledged the resolution of congratulation passed at the last Annual Meeting. The Degree of D. D., *jure dignitatis*, was conferred upon him at a Convocation held on December 20th, 1895.
10. Your Committee notes with gratification that two holders of the Degree from Trinity of D.C.L., *honoris causa*, have been elected to the Episcopate since the last

meeting, viz., the Rev. Dr. DuMoulin, now Bishop of Niagara, and the Very Rev. Dr. Grisdale, recently consecrated Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

11. In consequence of the resolution passed at the last meeting, that Trinity's Matriculation ought to be accepted for entrance to the R. M. C., Kingston, your Committee begs to state that this injustice was brought to the notice of the Dominion Government, and by a recent Order-in-Council Trinity has been placed on the list of Universities whose Matriculation is accepted.

12. The sub-committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to report to the Executive of Convocation as to the best means of augmenting the Library, made an appeal through the columns of the *Review* for specific books. Your Committee recommends that the Corporation be requested to make definite provision annually for the maintenance of the Library, and that a regular Committee be appointed from year to year to cooperate with the librarian in keeping up its efficiency.

13. Photographs of the College have been sent by request to the High Schools at Athens, Fergus, and Prescott. Other High Schools may obtain copies from the Clerk.

14. For various causes the list of lecturers in connection with the Lecture Scheme was published too late last winter to be of very great benefit. Lectures were, however, delivered in Hamilton, Guelph, Peterborough, Woodstock, Bowmanville, and Collingwood. The list has been republished in the last two numbers of the *Review*, and is to appear in subsequent issues. It has also been published in the Church papers. Courses of Lectures for this season have been arranged in Galt and Brantford, and the Provost has already lectured in Morrisburg. Negotiations are in progress with the Rectors of St. James', Stratford, and St. James', Guelph, for three or four lectures in each place. Your Committee would strongly urge on members of Convocation the desirability of making strenuous efforts to aid in promoting this new feature of Convocation's work.

15. (a) Last winter a revised edition of the circular submitted at the Annual Meeting of 1895 was distributed among the pupils of thirty-five Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of the Province. The revised circular, with an addition setting forth the objects of Convocation, is herewith submitted. The sub-committee entrusted with its distribution is strongly of the opinion that, in view of the difficulty of obtaining names of pupils, it has the right to expect the active and hearty co-operation of every Trinity graduate and of every clergyman in trying to set before pupils and people in general the advantages which Trinity has to offer students as an Arts and a Residence University.

(b) Thanks of the Committee are due to the editors of the Church papers and of the Toronto dailies for the kindness they have shown in giving notices of the College from time to time.

(c) In Easter Term your Committee authorized the publication of a Year Book for the College. It was thought at the time that if the Year Book paid expenses, the publication ought to be issued annually, and might be made a means of keeping graduates in touch with one another, and with their Alma Mater. It may also be made a means of advertising the University and of preserving in permanent form something of its past history and its present records. Your Committee hopes that every member of Convocation and every graduate will show his appreciation of the labour involved in using this book by obtaining a copy and giving any information in his power towards making the records more adequate and complete.

16. A local branch of Convocation was formed in Toronto at a meeting held at Trinity College on January 20th. Mr. Geo. S. Holmsted was elected President of the Local Branch. It is hoped this will result in a greatly increased