

Queen's College Endowment

A MONTH'S CANVASSING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—EXTRACTED FROM MY DIARY FOR THE RECORD.

IT would weary the readers of the RECORD were I to go over in detail all the places visited, the sermons preached, the meetings addressed, the questions asked and answered, the difficulties overcome, and the encouragements received in the course of a four month's canvass. But notes of one month's work may be acceptable, and let these stand for all the rest—for what is to be as well as for what has been—unless such a general demand should arise for a continuation of the diary that I may be induced to publish a volume entitled "How we raised the \$150,000."

September 2nd. Had our meeting in Guelph this evening, and having addressed three of our congregations yesterday—expected a fair attendance. There was more than a corporal's guard. Rev. Dr. Wardrop presided, and capital addresses were made by Revs. Messrs. Torrance and Ball. A letter was read from Rev. J. C. Smith, promising a subscription of \$200. The list was opened, well headed, and next day it reached \$1900. On the 4th and 5th, Rev. R. Campbell, of Montreal, took it up and left it at \$2800. Of course the local committee, and Mr. J. Davidson the local treasurer, will see to it that Guelph comes up to at least \$3000. Probably it is more than that by this time. Had it not been for the "peculiar circumstances" that always afflict every congregation and every locality, Guelph would have been good for a CHAIR.

Sept. 4th. Fergus, of blessed memory! I always think of Fergus, as an Indian must think of a happy hunting ground. The meeting here was "a great success"; and how could it be otherwise, for Rev. J. B. Mullan presided! Brother Macdonnell, from Toronto, spoke, and he always speaks well in Fergus. It was the evening for the union prayer meeting, so the Methodists came out, and to return the compliment, we protracted the meeting to a very late hour. Next day, the Fergus list mounted to \$1,600, and the day after Messrs. Macdonnell and Campbell brought it up to \$2,000. Fergus has no idea

of taking a back seat when any good work is to be done.

Sept. 6th. Took train to Walkerton. Called on resident graduates, magnates, and others, and found that with scarcely an exception, they were away at election meetings far and near. By the few who had remained in the town, I was looked upon as a great curiosity. A man could talk "College" and "Endowment" when a general election was impending! He must be a wandering Jew, dead to all merely mundane matters. Dr. Bell presided at the meeting, and gave an address that I hope to see yet in the Queen's College Journal. Left the Walkerton list at nearly \$600, half of that amount being Dr. and Mrs. Bell's subscription. By this time I have little doubt that the list totals up to \$1,000. Robert Sutherland's example would stimulate others, and, to better the example, by doing it while living. It was expected that he would leave something for the town; but the College is in greater need than the thriving and beautiful town which has sprung full-grown from the forest. The church in Walkerton is a gem.

Sept. 8th. Preached on Sunday in two of the Galt churches. On Monday evening, Rev. R. Campbell and self addressed a good meeting in Knox Church. Revs. J. K. Smith, and Masson also spoke, and then headed the subscription list, which two days hard work brought up to \$1900. We had expected a little more, but the old "peculiar circumstances" came in to baffle us.

Sept. 12th. An excellent meeting in Brantford, in spite of a rain-storm. Rev. Dr. Cochran and Rev. Mr. Lowry spoke. Had not expected much from our Brantford people, because of the exertions they have been obliged to make on behalf of their Ladies' College, which is a credit to the place and to the church; but we were agreeably disappointed. \$800 were subscribed in a shorter time than in almost any other place.

Sept. 14th. Meeting in the afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, North Easthope. Rich farms, good buildings, first-rate stock, evidences of prosperity on every hand. The minister subscribed \$200, and the people \$250 more. By this time of course, the North Easthope list is a long way beyond the point at which I left it.

Sept. 15th-17th. Preached twice in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford. On Monday, Rev. Thomas MacPherson and Rev. E. Wallace Waits, called with me on the people, and our