

The regular meeting of the Canadian Society of Engineers was held Thursday evening, 24th Oct., when a very interesting paper on "The Design and Construction of the Avon Bridge," by Mr. R. F. Uniacke, Mem. Can. Soc. C.E., was read and discussed.

This offers a splendid opportunity to students, as these papers are eminently practical, and are prepared and discussed by men of large experience. Every student should, if possible, attend.

A gentleman connected with the university has undertaken for the first year to raise the sum of \$250 in part payment of an instructor, and if the scheme be a success, the following year to raise an endowment fund of \$5,000. An annual fee of \$2.00 will be required, and in return for this each student will receive the best tuition the city can afford, both in the theory and practice of singing. Every student will be compelled to pass through the instructor's hands, and have his voice classed, then scientifically trained.

GEOLOGICAL OUTINGS.

On Oct. 12th, about a dozen students, accompanied by Professor Adams, spent the morning in a critical examination of the Laurentian and the Siluro-Cambrian systems, as exposed at Lachute. In the afternoon, having first availed themselves of everything obtainable at the Argenteuil House, the party carefully inspected the Lachute paper mills. Eight o'clock saw them back at Dalhousie Square depot, where they broke up with three ringing cheers and a "tiger" for Prof. Adams.

The following Saturday was very profitably spent at Point Claire, under the instructive guidance of Sir Wm. Dawson. At least twenty-six different fossils were secured. Among the discoveries was a fine specimen of *Gonicoceras anceps*.

On the afternoon of the twenty-sixth, Prof. Adams promised to take charge of an expedition to examine the isolated exposure of the Lower Helanderberg series at St. Helen's Island. Crossing the river in row boats added zest to the enjoyment of the occasion.

MEETING OF CORPORATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Corporation was held on the 23rd instant.

Amendments to the statutes were submitted by the Governors creating the new Faculty of Veterinary Science and Comparative Medicine.

It was reported that the annual amount of \$250 for three years had been raised by subscription as a supplement to the salary of the professor of Hebrew and Oriental languages. The subscribers are Mr. Warden King, \$50; Sir J. Wm. Dawson, \$50; Mr. Mackay, \$50; Mr. A. T. Gault, \$25; Mr. G. Hague, \$25; Mr. T. A. Dawes, \$25; and Mr. S. Carsley, \$25.

The regulations with regard to schools hitherto spoken of as affiliated for the purpose of sending up pupils for the rank of A. A., was amended so as to read that any school sending up successful candidates for that examination would be mentioned in the calendar for that year.

Formal announcement was made of the Workman endowment of \$117,000 for the equipment of a department of mechanical engineering. The money is to be used by setting apart \$60,000 for the endowment of the chair of the professor, and the salaries of assistants, and \$57,000 for necessary additions to the buildings. It is understood that the present design is to extend the east wing of the main building, now occupied by the Faculty of Applied Science, backward towards the reservoir; but no decision is arrived at on that matter; this department is to be called by the name of the donor, and four scholarships are to be distributed each year, candidates to be nominated by the executors, and to pass such examinations as are required by the Faculty.

The Faculty of Law reported that the regulations of the Council of the Bar had been so amended that the degree of B.A. would be acknowledged as qualifying for entrance on the study of law. The hope was expressed that the other evils complained of would soon be removed. The number of students had increased to 19, against 12 last year.

The Faculty of Medicine announced the largest number of students they had ever had, namely, 219, of whom 70 were in the first year,—betokening large promise for the future.

The Faculty of Arts reported 284 students—204 men and 80 women. Of these 125 men and 41 women are undergraduates. About 46 are partials, taking at least three subjects, and some of them the full course.

The institution of a class in elocution, under the direction of Mr. Andrew, was reported, the fee being \$2.50.

In Applied Science the number of students was reported as 71. The appointment of Mr. T. Middleton has been made as instructor in practical construction. The donation of a storage battery, value \$400, from Mrs. Redpath, was reported, and the thanks of the corporation directed to be conveyed to her.

The Library committee reported the number of volumes to be 28,359; the number of readers of books, 1,333; and additions by gift and purchase. Complaint was made of the limited accommodation for books and readers.

The report of the Museum committee referred to improvement of the heating apparatus, and also to the gift of \$1,000 for general expenses by Mr. P. Redpath, and \$1,000 for salary of assistant curator by Mrs. J. H. R. Molson.

Dr. Robins, principal of the Normal school, reported 85 students entered, the appointment of Miss Greene as associate professor of drawing, and of Mr. Smiley as head master of the Model school, and Mr. W. H. Smith as instructor in the tonic-sol-fa system; also, that Dr. Reed had undertaken the lectures in chemistry; that important additions had been made to the library apparatus, and that application had been made to the Government for repairs and improvements to building and play ground.

Progress was reported in the preparation of an improved list of graduates for the triennial calendar, and it was suggested that, if possible, the additional titles and offices of graduates should be inserted with their names. An effort will be made to secure this.