

SUMMARY OF THE LAST ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY THE PRINCIPAL.

Number of students last session:—In Arts, 230; in Divinity, 30; and in Medicine, 168.

Recent changes in the direction of specialising study and affording opportunities for independent work on the part of students have proved successful. These changes were rendered possible by the increase of the teaching staff. The stimulus given to University work has been out of all proportion to the increase in the number of students. We established fourteen Honour Courses, leading directly to the degree of M.A., and bifurcated the ordinary B.A. degrees, with options in each of the two courses, and we also provided a scheme for guiding and assisting extra mural and post-graduate students. At the same time we instituted what is known as "The Seminary," a method of teaching based on the principle that a man must educate himself, and that a professor does most for him when he guides his reading and gives hints from time to time. Students thus learn to investigate and think for themselves, and to consult Professors instead of being content to listen to lectures and to pass examinations. To carry out this method we have placed in seven class rooms small but well-selected libraries, including books of reference. Students using these are supplied with keys, and are allowed to read and write in the rooms when classes are not being held in them. Already there are candidates in ten out of the fourteen Honour Courses.

In English, Classics, Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy, and other departments, our staff is now as complete as can reasonably be desired. When the Carruthers' Hall is finished, we shall also be in a position to do our work satisfactorily in Chemistry, (practical and theoretical), in Astronomy and in Assaying.

As accommodation will not be entirely lacking, it is for the trustees to consider whether steps should not be taken to establish a department of Civil Engineering. But the Natural Science side of the University needs strengthening more than any other. The Rev. Mr. Fowler has done admirable work, and he has been assisted by a tutor, but I trust that some further assistance will be given to him at once, even though the doing so involves financial risk, on account of our not having a revenue equal to expenditure.

I desire to acknowledge with thankfulness some important subscriptions and other benefactions: R. R. McLennan, Esq., Alexandria, has subscribed \$4,500, in addition to \$500 given previously, to form a fund to provide four scholarships for students from the County of Glengarry, to be known as "The McLennan Glengarry Foundation Fund." Hugh Waddell, Esq., South Monaghan, has subscribed \$2,000 to establish a scholarship in memory of his mother, to be known as "The Sarah McClelland Waddell." The executors of the late James Anderson, Acton, have remitted \$500 to establish "The James Anderson Bursary," to be given by the Senate to a Theological Student who can preach in the Gaelic language. P. Purcell, M.P., has remitted \$500 to establish a scholarship, exempting from payment of fees one student annually from the Williamstown High School. Malcolm Mc-

Taggart, Esq., Clinton, has remitted \$500 to the Jubilee Endowment Fund. I may here call attention to the fact that though the minimum sum contemplated for this fund has been subscribed, yet the ten per cent. additional necessary to make up for losses and shrinkage has not, and that no contributions can be so welcome as those that are freely given to complete this monument of the spontaneous liberality of the sons and friends of Queen's. By the will of the late Honourable Alexander Morris, P.C., \$1,000 have been set apart to establish a scholarship, and the executors have also intimated their intention of sending to the library his collection of books and pamphlets on Canada and Canadian subjects, to be kept as a collection bearing his name. This valuable gift will include between six and seven hundred volumes. I do not refer here to the loss the University has sustained by the death of the Chairman of its Governing Board, as this has been done by the University Council, not only as regards Mr. Morris, but as regards another esteemed member of the Board, the Rev. William Bain, D.D., but it is very gratifying to think that the name of Alexander Morris will be permanently connected with this seat of learning. His father, the Honourable William Morris, had more to do with obtaining our Royal Charter and Her Majesty's Assent to the use of her title as the name by which the University was to be known than any other man, and I think that efforts should be made to secure a portrait of so worthy a founder for our Convocation Hall. I desire also to acknowledge with thanks 304 volumes and ten years' numbers of the *Lancet* from R. Bell, Esq., LL.D., of the Geological Museum, whose name recalls another of the families that have been distinguished for enlightened interest in the University from its foundation. Also, 50 volumes from McMillan & Co., London, England, a firm that sends contributions to the Library regularly. The Librarian's report will show that we have now nearly \$1,000 a year available for the purchase of new books. The establishment of our Seminary Courses makes it desirable that this amount should be supplemented for the next few years, and there is perhaps no other way in which the expenditure of a moderate sum would benefit our students more.

Among other benefactions of the year, it is fitting that special mention should be made of the prize of \$75, given for matriculation in the subject of mathematics by His Excellency Lord Stanley, LL.D.; also of two prizes of £5 sterling, each, by Dr. Robson Roose, LL.D., London, England, in the subjects of Pathology and Medical Chemistry; a prize of \$25 offered in Medical Jurisprudence and Sanitary Science by Dr. Rivers Willson, Ph.D., Oxford, and prizes of the same amount given by James Johnson, Esq., Ottawa, and A. G. McBean, Montreal, for Essays.

The Museum has had various additions made to it during the year by Dr. Robert Bell, Ottawa, and other donors, and the different laboratories have been improved, though much remains to be done to make their equipment complete.

The Finance Committee has leased a portion of the campus to a joint stock committee, as a site for skating