

with incessant mission work in vacation. The wiry constitution of Dr. McVicar has at length succumbed to his intense activity, and he was compelled before the close of the session to abandon his work and seek rest and restoration in an ocean voyage and a visit to his native land. We fervently pray that these invalids, both students and professor, may find perfect recovery, and an early return to their cherished work.

Last year at our annual meeting we were deploring the loss of a professor for whom we had anticipated a brilliant and inspiring career, but to our great disappointment he concluded to return to the pastorate. The Faculty deplores the fact that we close this academic year with the resignation of another member of the staff, in the hands of the Board of Trustees. We profoundly feel that the College cannot afford to lose Dr. Clarke. His ripe scholarship, his critical insight, his profound reverence for the Word of God, his breadth and candor, his sincerity and simplicity of character, his even temperament, and his rich experience in Christian life and truth combine to make him an invaluable teacher, whose quiet and constant influence on students is far beyond the precious stores of knowledge communicated in his lecture-room. For the College and the country to lose such a teacher is an event which should be permitted to occur only after we have exhausted every reasonable expedient to prevent it. The Faculty will hope to the very last that this loss may be averted. A young College which has its reputation to make cannot afford the strain of too frequent changes on the staff. They create unrest among the students and questionings in the denomination which militate against solid and growing influence.

In concluding this last report to the Senate and Board of Trustees under the present charter, the Faculty cannot but rejoice in the wonderful tokens of Divine favor and providence which have marked our brief history. McMaster Hall commenced its life amid the fears as well as hopes of the denomination. If the hopes of its friends were high in regard to the better facilities for theological education, many trembled lest, after the toil and sacrifice, prayers and tears of the noble men who had projected Woodstock College for the Christian education of our sons and daughters irrespective of sacred or secular calling, the Institution would pass out of existence by the wanting of sympathy after the withdrawal of the theological element. How different the result! The foundation of McMaster Hall has not only been the salvation of Woodstock, but its perpetuity with vastly enlarged resources and University powers. Profoundly assured of the Divine guidance in the past, we confidently commit the new University, in all its departments to the providence of God, which leads this people in a way they knew not of.

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