

The revival of Convocation.

It was about this time, viz., Midsummer, 1887, that the scheme for the revival of Convocation was outlined by the Provost, and warmly supported by a large body of the Graduates. It was proposed to form in every city and town of Ontario local associations, which should have regard to the local interests of the University. All who were disposed to support Trinity, although not graduates, were to be entitled to become associate members. Thus a substantial revenue would be reaped from the subscriptions of the members and associates, all churchmen would have the opportunity of expressing their opinions, the council would gain by securing men of influence and weight in the Province as representatives of the associate members, a means of disseminating information and correcting errors regarding Trinity was created, whilst the local associations formed a convenient organization through which to conduct a vigorous canvass of the whole Province.

The results of the labours of Convocation considerable,

In part these prospects have been fulfilled. There can be no doubt that the recent increase in the numbers of the students is partly due to the labours of Convocation, that the council was thereby encouraged to erect the commodious new wing, and a revenue sufficient to justify some increase in the teaching staff has been created.

But are not commensurate with the needs.

But that the results have been at all commensurate with the needs it is impossible to maintain. A comparison of the calendar of 1888 with that of 1893, shews that the new creations have been the Fellowship in Classics and the Professorship of History, whilst the salary of the Lecturer in Modern Languages has been increased so as to allow of the foundation of an Honour course in that department.

These additions to the staff, and to the courses of study, are very largely supported by the annual revenue of Convocation, which is only kept up by the unremitting labours of those who have not too much time to devote to their proper spheres of labour. But how insignificant are they, in comparison with enormous outlay of money and increase in staff, of both Toronto and McGill Universities. Indeed, they will scarcely bear comparison with Queen's University, which in the last year alone has had legacies to the amount of about \$100,000.

There is certainly ground for dissatisfaction.

It ought, therefore, to occasion no surprise to know that some of Trinity's supporters view her present position with grave dissatisfaction. There is no reasonable ground for anticipating any

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