

heavy hereavements are recognized as mighty voices calling to us for greater earnestness and consecration in the work entrusted to our hands. The great losses to which I have referred have received peculiar emphasis in the resignation of Chancellor MacVicar, whose years of untiring labor in behalf of the several departments of our educational work have done so much to bring about their equipment and present organization.

#### THE GREAT GAINS ALSO.

But the past year has not been wholly one of loss and sore trial. Woodstock College, under the inspiration of Principal Huston and his experienced masters, is filled with earnest students, while Moulton Ladies' College begins the work of a new year with an able corps of teachers presided over by a lady of large educational experience, and is surely assuming the condition, young as it is, of a well organized and strong school. Additional professors of established reputation have been added to the faculty of the theological department, and since it is now the largest in Canada, we may be pardoned for believing it to be, I will not say the ablest, but at least second to none in Christian scholarship and teaching power. At this time also the Senate and the Board of Governors have united in bringing into operation the Arts Department, through which it is believed all the departments will be strengthened and bound together, and thus related, achieve a manifest corporate existence and life as McMaster University. A professoriate sufficient in numbers for the present, and, in the judgment of the Senate, composed of men of adequate educational experience and teaching ability, has been appointed. We have admitted students to the work of the first year of the course, and an additional class will be admitted each year hereafter. This means the enlargement of the professoriate as required, and I have no doubt additional accommodation in the near future.

#### THE LESSONS OF FIFTY YEARS.

For more than fifty years the Baptist denomination within the territory now embraced in Ontario and Quebec has been doing certain distinctive work in connection with advanced education. The Baptist College, Montreal, and the projected McLay College, Toronto, were theological schools. The college at Montreal did excellent service, but events showed that