

institution from its foundation, together with a record of specially important events in connection with the University, the same to be in the special custody of the trustees and to be kept in a place of security, and known as the Domesday Book of Queen's University; and that memorial tablets be placed on the walls of Convocation Hall, one for each fund of the different years mentioned, and that suitable reference should be made thereon to the said Domesday Book, as referred to in the Chancellor's address."

"It was resolved to receive and adopt the report, and a committee consisting of the Chancellor, Rev'ds Dr. Williamson, Dr. Bain, Dr. Mowat and Dr. Bell, with Dr. Williamson as convener, were appointed, with power to add to their number, to carry out the same, and to consider such further suggestions with a view of carrying out the purpose of the resolution passed at the meeting of the trustees in March last."

A true extract,
J. B. McIVER, Sec'y.

The Trustees of the University of Queen's College desire in this memorial volume to hand down to posterity a brief history of its origin and progress to the present day, and gratefully to put on record the names of those by whom from time to time it has been aided and endowed.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland, was first constituted in St. Andrew's Church, Kingston, in 1831, and in the following Extract from the minutes of its next meeting in the same place on 2nd August, 1832, we find the first step taken with a view to the establishment of the college:—

"The Synod proceeded to the consideration of a reference from the Presbytery of York respecting King's College, York, and an overture from the Rev'd William Rintoul on the training of young men for the ministry in connection with the Synod, in substance as follows: 'It is humbly overtured, that the Synod recognize the great importance of a seminary for educating and training young men for the ministry within the bounds of the Synod; that the Synod should make an immediate and urgent application to the Government for founding an institution or endowing professorships in connection with the Synod; that, in the event of the Government not founding an institution or professorships or indefinitely delaying it, this Synod should take into their serious consideration the importance of adopting a permanent measure for the education and training of ministers.'"

The synod resolved "to adopt the first two articles of the overture," but deferred for the present giving any deliverance on the third. They further appointed a committee to prepare a humble memorial to His Majesty, craving His Majesty's Government to endow, without delay, an institution or professorships for the education and training of young men for the ministry in connection with the Synod.

The population of Canada was then rapidly increasing, and only a very scanty supply of properly qualified teachers and ministers could be obtained from the Mother Country. Every year the necessity of an institution for the higher training of the Canadian youth, and for the

due preparation of candidates for the holy ministry, became more apparent and pressing, and the subject was brought up again and again at successive meetings of Synod and Commission down to 1839. Through the influence of certain parties a charter had indeed been granted by George IV. in 1827 by which the whole magnificent endowment given long before by George III. for universities throughout the province was given over to one university under the name of King's College. Unjust, however, as this was to the claims of other parts of Ontario, nothing had been done to set King's College in operation, and there was every likelihood of its opening being indefinitely deferred. The exclusive nature of its provisions and management, moreover, were altogether opposed to the just expectations of the great majority of the people, and were the subject, through their representatives in the House of Assembly, of earnest and repeated but unavailing remonstrances to an irresponsible Executive.

At the last meeting of the University Council a committee was appointed to co-operate with the committee of the Trustees in preparing Domesday Book. The joint committees desire to make the work worthy of the purpose it is intended to serve, and they consider that the writing on each page should be inscribed within a lithographed border appropriately designed. They invite the friends of the University who have artistic taste to offer suggestions to them and especially with regard to the design for the pages of the volume proposed to be lithographed. The size of paper will be 17x14 inches. Suggestions or designs to be sent as soon as possible and not later than Christmas to the Chancellor or Dr. Williamson.

COLLEGE NEWS.

THE PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS.

ALTHOUGH our session opens on the 1st of October, when the classes in Arts and Medicine begin, the Divinity students tarry for a month longer at their outside work. Hence the late date at which our theological faculty opens. The freshman class in Divinity, which has just been addressed by Mr. Carson, is the largest Queen's has ever had, and it contains a good proportion of university honor and prize men. This is very cheering. It proves that many of the noblest and best educated of our Canadian youth are ready, as of old, to renounce the attractions offered by the money-making professions and those to which the great prizes of public life fall, in order that they may be prepared to act as heralds of the cross of Christ. When I compare the spirit of our young men in this respect with the spirit of the same class in the United States, Australia and South Africa, I am inspired with a great hope for the future of our country. Everywhere among our people the tide of spiritual life is rising. Where that is the case, everything is possible. Where it is not, material prosperity may come for a time, but even it will not remain. However, it is not necessary for me to speak on this subject at present, or to say anything to the Divinity students. That duty has been well discharged by my eloquent Methodist brother,