

years. To this appeal a response is sure to be made, or we misjudge the spirit of the benefactors of Queen's.

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Hitherto, the university has had no Chairs linked with the names of its benefactors. The reason has simply been that no one person in all its history has given or left a sum large enough to endow a Chair. An apparent exception is the case of the late Mrs. Nicholls, of Peterboro, who left \$20,000 to Queen's, without specifying any object; but as the Trustees have reason to hope that the executors will add to this sum from the residue of the estate, they have delayed assigning it to any special Lectureship or Chair, until the estate has been wound up or this detail of it determined. A new era is now to begin, and the reason is evident from the Principal's Report. We believe that the Chair of Botany and Geology is to be known as "The John Roberts Allan Chair," and should it be divided at any time, the name will go with the Botany; while the old subject of Zoology is to be named the "The John Roberts Professorship of Annual Biology." All hail to the new departure!

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## THE CONVOCATION.

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### LECTURETTES.

ON Monday evening three interesting lecturettes were delivered in the Science Hall. Prof. Nicol took for his topic "Nickel." He showed in a very interesting way the composition of the various kinds of nickel and the manner in which it was extracted from the ore. In this connection he performed some interesting experiments. He concluded by saying that nickel is gradually taking the place of copper and brass, especially in the case of household utensils.

Mr. T. L. Walker was the next speaker. He also dealt with the nickel question, and gave some interesting information as to the working of the Sudbury mines. He pointed out the value of these mines and the difficulties in the way of making them more valuable. The chief drawbacks were strong competition, consumption and excessive charges of transportation. He thought, however, that as nickel was becoming a more utilized metal all the

time these difficulties would be overcome in time.

Dr. Goodwin was the last speaker. The subject of his lecture was "Extremes of Temperature." He showed how very low temperatures might be found by liquifying gases. He referred to the experiments of Prof. Dewar, of London. He then dealt with very high temperatures, the degrees of which could be estimated by their effects on certain metals. The sun and the stars were the most intensely heated bodies of which we have any knowledge. By means of experiments he showed the effect of a gas flame on several metals.

### VALEDICTORIES.

VALEDICTORY FROM WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, READ BY MISS RYAN.

In bidding farewell to college life, "The people we have met" resolve themselves into the citizens, the trustees, the faculty and our fellow-students.

To the people of Kingston we desire to express our hearty thanks for the kindness shown to us during our college course. Years hence the mere mention of "The Limestone City" will bring up remembrances of the cordial welcome and genial hospitality accorded to us during our residence here.

The Trustees have been both kind and considerate, and have done all in their power to make our college comfortable and pleasant. The much appreciated piano in our recreation room is due to the generosity of the present chairman, and to him especially we all desire to express our remembrance of his kindness.

Our college has gained another privilege by the union of the Royal with the University, for which all future generations of graduates will thank the "powers that be," namely, the right to compete for the medical honors, prizes, medals, &c.

To the faculty we will say farewell with feelings of gratitude, won by their untiring efforts in our behalf. We consider that each professor has done the best possible for our advancement.

Our fellow-students have been invariably kindness itself. We shall never forget the graceful manner in which they resigned to us their front seats. And when anything especially interesting was to be seen their respect-