

The Secretary of State had now appointed a Commission to inquire into the financial necessities of the Scottish Universities.

It was possible, even probable, that from that source they might receive some relief from their difficulties as regarded income, but that relief would only be towards their annual recurring expenditure. There remained before the University the urgent necessity for quite large capital expenditure.

There was, for instance, the project for a new Chemistry building. The building had been expected to cost about £180,000, and towards that they had between £130,000 and £140,000. That still left a margin, and with rising prices that margin would be even greater than they had foreseen.

That was only one project. There were many others. Large sums would be needed for the extension and re-equipment of departments on a scale adequate to the necessities of modern University teaching and research. If Glasgow University was to maintain its pre-eminence not only among the Scottish Universities but among the Universities of the world, it would need the support and help of all its graduates and friends. The Principal hoped that the General Council would be ready to take its share in this endeavour.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

The CONVENER moved and it was agreed that for the consideration of any communications from the Court which the Business Committee might think sufficiently important to necessitate a meeting of the Council, the Council adjourn to a date or dates to be afterwards fixed by the Business Committee.

The Benediction was pronounced by the Reverend ROBERT HARVIE, M.A.