

"In these circumstances, and since the subject is closely connected with the functions of the Theological Colleges, and it is important to them that Hebrew should be taught by an eminent professor in the University, the Governors desire to appeal more especially to the friends of these colleges for aid in this matter. If an annual sum of \$2,600 could be secured, it would relieve the general funds of the University, place the Chair in a safe position, and ensure its permanent occupation by a professor satisfactory to the University and to all the affiliated colleges; and it is believed that no greater service could be rendered to the cause of theological education, and of higher education in general, than by thus endowing the Hebrew Chair. Even a smaller sum than that above mentioned would be acceptable, since it might enable the present arrangements to be extended and improved until more ample endowment can be obtained."

In the early part of the year, the attention of the Governors was called to the importance of providing a suitable dining-hall for students. A site was selected on the College grounds, and a plan and estimate were procured for the building. It was, at that time, found to be impossible to proceed with the work, as there were not sufficient means at the disposal of the Board applicable to this purpose, and it was at the time unable to obtain special contributions. The matter is, however, only in abeyance for the present, and it is hoped may be taken up under more favourable circumstances: but it should be understood that in the present financial position of the University this object can be adequately provided for only by the aid of a special gift, or of a benefaction which may relieve the general funds in some other direction.

The Principal has directed the attention of the Board of Governors to the fact that in the ordinary course of nature it cannot be expected that he shall be able for many years longer to discharge the duties of an office demanding continuous care and watchfulness and much actual labour, and that in the event of his removal or retirement the Board might have some difficulty in providing a salary for his successor. This difficulty has heretofore been avoided by the fact that the Principal has held a chair covering the whole range of the Natural Sciences, until relieved by the recent appointment of professors of