

paragraph all the advances in scientific research and teaching efficiency that have taken place in the Faculty of Applied Science? Materially her progress has advanced by leaps and bounds; new endowments for equipment, one new building—really, of course, a University benefaction—a new department of architecture, with its museum and drawing and modelling classes. We must come back for a moment to the department of mining. Professors Carlyle and Hardman could not be kept from the active enjoyment of their profession; but Dr. Porter is giving the Seniors a taste of the delights of active mining operations in the new laboratories, which is much appreciated. Another source of satisfaction to Seniors is the fact that Professor Smith remained in the Faculty until their final year. The presentation of two valuable aneroid barometers is but a token of the esteem in which Professor Smith was held by all his students. The miners of '99 will have some valuable instruction this summer in the Lower Provinces. This plum came just too late for the benefit of the graduating class. The whole University has gained in reputation from the discoveries made here during the last generation. The papers issued by Professors Callendar and Adams within the year have both been the outcome of combined research with Professor Nicholson, experiments which may well be said to have been continuous during the four years. So generally are our facilities for research becoming appreciated that some half dozen graduates are now busy in the mining and physical laboratories. Hydraulics has attached an exhibitioner's scholar from Australia.

Comparative Medicine rejoices in the federal establishment of an experimental station while Dean McEachran has just returned from Europe with many ideas for future expansion.

After due consideration for the feelings of their professors, the students in Law have abandoned their old custom of smoking during lectures; the new quarters at the College have been occupied, and the Faculty is beginning to identify itself in many ways with the other students. One old-time custom has been abolished very recently, the system of thesis writing for the B.C.L.; the accompanying prize that always went to the third best gra-

duate is thus withdrawn from competition. By some happy chance it was usually the man who missed the medal and cash prize who wrote the best thesis! Dean Walton is bringing the lectures into greater prominence; we are glad to say that office work is still required. The practice of having a comprehensive examination on all courses of the three years is an innovation which tends to prepare the candidates more thoroughly than formerly for the vicissitudes of their bar examination.

In regard to Arts we may frankly say that a good many hopes have been cherished for an opulent future. That Sir William Dawson's successor was chosen from this Faculty probably indicates that the Governors considered Arts a fruitful field for re-organization. Classical and modern languages, political and natural science were all pinched for lack of funds. The \$120,000 endowment, that *bonne bouche* of equal age with the Donaldson foundation, has been very useful in providing assistants to chairs already established, but now that the ladies are about to take up residence under their own roof, will their endowment follow them, and if so, "what will poor Arts do then, poor thing?" Those who remain behind would gladly see some suitable reward offered as consolation for the loss sustained. During the past four years many facilities to work have indeed been provided, to wit: an endowed biological table at Woods Holl, an opportunity for laboratory work in Zoology, the separation of history from the chair of English literature, the endowment of a new chair in Classics. That the Faculty is alive to its responsibilities may be seen in the new requirements for entrance and the new curriculum about to be issued. The Christmas trip of the professors of Botany and Zoology is not without its significance. Last session's Latin play indicates the enthusiasm with which the ancient classics are read at the end of the century.

Of changes and improvements in the Donaldson department who dares speak? To mention improvement may seem to imply that the ladies were not always perfect, yet the changes whereby the men have benefitted have also affected the ladies. They are not slow to avail themselves of all the laboratory courses, in which they certainly do much brilliant work.