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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

IT devolves upon me, according to custom, to say a few words with reference to the more immediate past, and also with reference to the prospects of this institution, and to give you in the first instance a few of the figures which indicate, so far as figures can indicate, our present condition. Several years ago the University made a great step in point of numbers. It was not to be expected that progress should continue at that rate, the most that all of us hoped was that we had made a new base, a new point from which to advance. There have been obvious causes which were, perhaps, somewhat calculated to diminish the numbers in the last year or two. In the first place a large migration has taken place to the North-West Territories of Canada; and in the second place we know that the necessities of the University and College have obliged us to increase the

fees within the last year or two, with a view of obtaining additional facilities for imparting learning; and this circumstance has been attended with a result which was not to be anticipated in this country. In imposing difficulties not immediately to be overcome on the part of those who are participating in the benefits of the institution, I think it well to observe that point, as it is a very grave indication of the danger of any further step in the direction of increasing those changes. Now the figures for the year 1882-83 are as follows:—Matri- culated in law 15, in medicine 17, in arts 177—a total of 209; and the graduates for that year in all branches were 91. Last year there were 8 gradu- ates in law, 24 in medicine, and 171 in arts, or 203 in all; and there were 78 graduates in all, 63 being in arts. I may add that the number of persons who have given notice for junior matriculation is 185, and these figures will probably be increased to 200 before the examination takes

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