

eral interests in connection with the University which would form a basis of organization, and beside these there are also questions of a more special character which would demand the attention of those interested. An Alumni Association would be, for example, a source of great strength to the Missionary Association, both in its home and foreign work. It is necessary that, in connection with the support of missionaries at home and Dr. Smith in Honan, some new means be adopted to increase the interest among the alumni. As a question of general interest it would be a work worthy of an Alumni Association to place QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL on a firm basis financially and otherwise. The JOURNAL is at present in the hands of the students, and depends for its existence upon the competency of its staff and the generosity of its subscribers. The failure of either factor, or both, will bring the Alma Mater society into bankruptcy. This has occurred in the past and its repetition in the future is not beyond the range of possibility. We are thankful to state, however, that this year the prospects are that such a state of affairs will not exist, provided that all subscriptions are received. Now, it is evident that there is little encouragement and some risk for any staff to take the JOURNAL in hand. By an association such as we are advocating, the JOURNAL could be placed on a firm financial basis by the formation of a joint stock company. A permanent editor could be appointed, for an ordinary student has neither the time nor experience to do the work of an editor satisfactorily. The JOURNAL could be made a first-class literary and scientific periodical, reflecting the best thought of the times, while a portion could be reserved to be edited by the students. These thoughts we put forward merely as suggestions. The movement must come from the alumni themselves. An association could be formed, perhaps, in connection with the Alma Mater Society, which all students and alumni are members. We would like to hear an expression of the opinion of the alumni on this question. The columns of the JOURNAL next session will be open for such discussion.

COLLEGE NEWS.

CONVOCATION.

THE annual convocation for the reading of valedictories from the graduating classes was held on Tuesday, April 29th. The hall was well filled. The platform was occupied by a large number of distinguished gentlemen, arrayed in gorgeous hoods. The students in the gallery behaved themselves well as usual. Chancellor Flemming presided. The valedictorians were:

MISS MCKELLAR, M.D. Woman's Medical College.
 MR. DAVID CUNNINGHAM, B.A., M.D. Royal College.
 MR. JOHN MILLAR, B.A. Arts.
 MR. P. A. McLEOD, M.A. Divinity.

MISS MCKELLAR'S VALEDICTORY.

Mr. Chancellor, Gentlemen of Convocation, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The word valedictory explains itself—a farewell to the college and companions with whom for four years our

lives have been passed, years which must influence our whole future career.

The ardent feeling with which a student usually enters upon her course has had ample time to cool.

Many hard trials have been met and overcome—trials which tested the sincerity of the impulse which first prompted us to enter upon the unknown world of our profession, a profession which claims that self must be forever forgotten, and that the strong must ever learn with patience to bear the infirmities of the weak. That we are now before you proves that we have stood the test, and that the object aimed at has been attained.

Here we would gratefully acknowledge the kindness of friends in Kingston whose helpful words and ready sympathy has cheered and encouraged us during the whole course of our studies. They have, indeed, lightened the work of many a weary hour. I say "weary hour," for what student is there who has not felt "some time well nigh worn out before the close of the session. And it is at such times that we turn eagerly to hear the kind words of our friends, coming like draughts of cool water to the thirsty soul, stimulating us to new efforts of perseverance and ensuring our ultimate success.

The ready sympathy of the citizens with those who come to pursue their studies at Queen's is only one among the many advantages which Kingston possesses over other cities. In any large city the student finds herself but a unit in the mass, but here both citizen and professor vie in promoting the social happiness of those who have come to prosecute their studies in their midst.

The advantages of our college—the Woman's Medical—are such as must draw to it a large proportion of those desiring to take up the practice of medicine as their life work. The staff of professors is too well known to require any eulogy, while the skill of our Dean is acknowledged throughout the Dominion.

The building recently purchased through the liberality of those friends by whom our college was established, and by whom it has been sustained, is admirably adapted for the purpose. It is well situated, detached from other buildings, with ample grounds so that, should the growing needs require it, additions and changes may be made. It is near the University and General Hospital.

Our hospital advantages are now all that could be desired; a new gallery in the amphitheatre gives us ample accommodation, and in all our clinical studies we receive unvarying courtesy and kindness from our fellow-students of the Royal.

The new wing about to be built for the sick and suffering little ones of the great human family will give still greater scope for that tenderness which must ever be an indispensable part of the treatment of disease, especially among children.

We would bear testimony to the courtesy which has been shown us in the General Hospital and Hotel Dieu. In both institutions the doctors and nurses have afforded us every facility in their power that we might derive benefit from the observance of the cases under their care.

Let us hope that the day is not far distant when another institution will be added to the many already existing in Kingston. What a boon it would be if we had a convalescent home in connection with the hospital, to