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## Editorial.

The past year has been one of phenomenal growth at the Ontario Agricultural College. The year opened with the magnificent gift of \$40,000, from the late W. E. H. Massey for the erection of a hall and library. As soon as the weather permitted work was begun on the new building and it is now rapidly nearing completion, but before it is formally opened it is probable that work will be begun in connection with the other new buildings to be erected this coming summer. This is made possible through the generous gift of Sir William Macdonald, the Montreal millionaire, who has given \$125,000 for the erection of suitable buildings for the teaching of Nature Study and instruction in Domestic Science. That these buildings were greatly needed is well known to every one at all acquainted with the College, and the staff and students of this institution have reason for congratulation that wealthy men who are interested in the higher education of the young farmers of this country, have seen fit to make such liberal gifts to a government institution.

The buildings are to be erected under the direction of Dr. Mills, and the work of construction will commence as soon as possible. President Mills has already visited a

number of institutions in the United States and has gathered much valuable information from those who have had experience in carrying on similar work across the border. When completed, the buildings will be under the control of the Department of Agriculture.

Nature Study will now form part of the regular college course and will probably be made part of the Normal course so that teachers in our Public Schools may become better qualified to instruct their pupils in the familiar objects of nature which surround them on every hand.

We appreciate very highly Sir William's splendid gift and feel deeply indebted to him for the public spirit and generosity he has shown. We believe this gift will enable the government to make even larger appropriations for the education of the coming agriculturalists of Ontario than could otherwise be expected.

The new building will be a valuable addition to the college, and will add greatly to the appearance of the college property. With its excellent staff, modern buildings, well equipped laboratories and increasing attendance the Ontario Agricultural College bids fair to become the greatest of its kind in the world.