

like a number of others, counts any service to his *alma mater* a joy. Reviewing the work of the past year there is reason for gratitude on the part of every true friend of the college for the good work that has been quietly done by the Alumni Association.

CONVOCAATION hall was well filled on Wednesday afternoon when the Principal, accompanied by Sir Daniel Wilson, Principal Sheraton, Professor Ashley, Rev. W. T. McMullen, Moderator of the General Assembly, the Professors and Members of Senate, entered. Immediately after the opening exercises, in which Mr. McMullen took part, Dr. Gregg announced as the subject of his opening lecture—"The History of Knox College." This lecture was a most instructive sketch of the institution from the very beginning. It was interesting to notice the applause that answered any reference to the men who laid the foundations of theological education in Toronto,—Esson and Rintoul, Bayne and Burns, Gale and Young and a half-dozen others. Associated with them, or closely following, were several still identified with the college. But the lecture will appear in full as the leading article in the November MONTHLY in which form it should have a wide circulation.

SIR DANIEL WILSON was cheered when, in response to Principal Caven's invitation, he rose to address the audience. He referred to the rapid progress in theological education made in Canada as indicated in Dr. Gregg's lecture, and emphasized the need for an earnest and scholarly ministry that the present-day agnosticism may be successfully met. To show the good-will existing towards Knox College on the part of the University, he stated that the Senate had purchased the right of way from Russell street to the University grounds, which statement occasioned loud and prolonged applause in the gallery. The students were put to no end of inconvenience by the closing up of this entrance to the University last year.

THE Principal struck a common cord in the hearts of all students when he made an earnest appeal for funds for the college library. The librarian gives this appeal in an open letter in this issue. The Church may be quite sure of the pressing need when Principal Caven, who has never been accused of seeking more money than was absolutely necessary, says that \$5,000 *must* be raised at once. In support of his statement he invited the friends to visit the library and "spy out its nakedness." No intelligent Presbyterian will say that less than the sum named will suffice to clothe the naked shelves and make the library a credit to the Church. There is hope of the work being speedily done. "It can be done and England should do it."

W. P. MCKENZIE has returned to Knox very much improved in health. He will complete his theological course this session. In the absence of the librarian he will look after the interests of the college library. R. M. Hamilton has also joined the class of '89. The difficulty of finding rooms for all the students this year has been greater than ever. One hundred-and-twenty-five into seventy-five you can't; so you must borrow fifty. The time is at hand for discussing ways and means of increasing accommodation.