

task fell to a large extent upon Dr. Snodgrass and Professor Mackerras, and it was mainly through their untiring efforts that the sum of \$100,000 was raised and the pressing emergency met. It was with great regret that the news of Dr. Snodgrass's resignation in 1877 was received. During the last few years the advancement of the College had been steady, and it was felt that much of the prosperity she had regained was due to his wise and judicious management.

Of our last Principal there is but little need to say much. The story of the life of George Monro Grant here has often been told, and is still fresh in all hearts. We have all known his going out and his coming in, and we know well that from the day he left his work in Halifax to take up the more arduous and responsible duties of his position here, there was never any deviation from the path of whole-souled and self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of Queen's. What that devotion has done is patent to all. Under his care every department of University work has increased and prospered. The history of the University is naturally the history of her Principals, and in none more so than in the case of the late Dr. Grant, who so completely identified himself with the interests of the College and her students.

With the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Gordon, the friends of Queen's have every reason to believe that the new era upon which the University is entering will be worthy of her past, and they look forward with hope and confidence to her future. Our new Principal does not come to us as a stranger, but as an old and tried friend. As such the JOURNAL offers him hearty greeting.

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#### RECEPTION OF THE PRINCIPAL.

THE enthusiastic reception tendered Dr. Gordon on the occasion of his arrival in Kingston on the 14th of January, demonstrated clearly the universal satisfaction which his appointment as Principal of Queen's has given. Students, professors and trustees vied with one another in trying to make the welcome hearty. A deputation representing the Senate, the Board of Trustees and the A.M.S., met Dr. Gordon at the outer station. Meanwhile all the available space in the vicinity of the inner depot was occupied by the surging mass of students, all eager to catch the first glimpse of their new Principal. About four o'clock the train pulled in and the Mayor and Council entered the car and met Dr. Gordon there. A few minutes afterwards the mighty slogan which pours so spontaneously from the throats of Queen's men in times of excitement, proclaimed that the students had caught sight of their chieftain. When it was noticed that the Chancellor was escorting Dr. Gordon the enthusiasm increased. We love Sir Sandford for his own sake and because he was so closely associated with him who is gone. Besides, he connects the past with the present. In Halifax he was a parishioner of the Rev. George M. Grant, and later on when he came to Ottawa his minister was the Rev. D. M. Gordon.

There was perhaps a tinge of sadness mingled with all the enthusiasm, for, though none who are now students can remember Principal Grant's first arrival in Kingston, many of us were reminded of one day three years ago when we assembled at the station to welcome our "Geordie" back from Scotland where he had been taking much needed rest. We felt that it was