

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Historical.

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE, formerly THE CANADIAN LITERARY INSTITUTE, was founded in 1867, principally through the exertions of the late R. A. FYFE, D. D. Under his wise presidency, ably assisted for 18 years by Prof. J. E. Wells, M. A., the school constantly increased in efficiency and power until from a small beginning it has attained to its present large proportions and wide influence.

Its friends have donated, in all, nearly \$100,000.00 for grounds and buildings. A portion of this was expended in the erection of the first building, which was burned; the remainder purchased the grounds and erected the present buildings. The buildings now consist of three large and separate structures; 1st the central or Main Building, containing class and reading rooms, dormitories, library, chapel, &c.; 2nd—Ladies' Building, also containing dormitories, reading rooms, parlors, &c.; 3rd—Commercial Building, now fitted up in the most approved manner for conducting the business of a Commercial College.

Recurring annual deficits have taught the Trustees that no school of a high grade can be self-sustaining in this day of free education; hence, three years ago a movement was inaugurated to obtain an endowment. This has been so far successful that now pledges for some \$85,000.00 have been received, of which, \$35,000.00 is now bearing interest, and the balance is being rapidly collected. Thus a daily increasing revenue gives promise of satisfactory growth and widely increasing influence in the future.

During the presidency of the late Dr. Fyfe, the school consisted of two Departments, a Theological and a Literary. Into the latter both sexes were admitted. Owing to the removal of the Theological Department to Toronto, the Literary, now Woodstock College, enlarged by the addition of a Commercial College, alone remains.

Situation.

The College is beautifully situated in the Town of Woodstock, County of Oxford, and, owing to the intersection of three railways, viz.: Credit Valley, Great Western and Georgian Bay and Lake Erie branches of the Grand Trunk, it is easy of access from any point. The surrounding country, one of the most elevated and healthful districts in Ontario, is beautifully undulating and the scenery diversified and picturesque.