

compared with the size of the operator. If the voices of the birds are silent, there are others to keep up the chorus till the bleak winds of November drive all out-door vocalists to shelter, and permit no notes to be heard save their own.

But the greatest of all changes that autumn makes is in the colours that now are spread on Nature's face. Only a few weeks ago the grasses and leaves were plump with succulent juices, and rich with their summer green. The world outside of houses and cities wore its verdant robes. Flowers alone relieved the almost monotonous colour with their variegated hues. Now the flowers are gone; only a few asters, the rear-guard of the floral host, can be seen. But an enchanter's wand has passed over the forest trees, and draped them in their autumnal vestures. The lofty elms have changed their green for a faint yellow; the maples are dressed in gorgeous attire of scarlet and red; the birches and beeches burn with the glow that never consumes. All summer long the old chemist, the sun, has worked in his laboratory with these leaves; and now, with the help of the early frost, he gives them their holiday dress before they fade and fall. Only the evergreens refuse to change, and wear their sober green straight through the autumn, falling not when their gayer brothers fall, but wooing in the winter's winds till spring returns again—keeping the remembrance of summer always fresh, and "girding the seasons with a clasp of endless green." All the bright hues of the summer months were scattered in wayside flowers, in sunset clouds, in bright-winged birds and burnished insects; but now they are gathered up and flung with a rich magnificence over the mountains, up the hill-sides and down the valleys; and the earth lifts up its head, crowned with a glory in which Solomon never shone.

If the arrival of October is an intimation that winter is near, with its ice and snow, Nature sends the message by the most gorgeous of ambassadors. Other seasons have their beauties and their pleasures; but none come so brilliantly-robed as the season of autumn days—none so rich as the fall. The other seasons have prepared for this. The showers have been falling and the sun shining for many days to bring about the full fruition of autumn. The spring has seen the growing blades and the opening buds; the rays of the summer sun have been reflected in the bright blossoms, and have helped to ripen the golden grain and the luscious fruit. But autumn throws the wealth of Nature into our laps, and fills our barns and storehouses with the fulness of the earth.—*London Daily Advertiser*.

XI. Educational Intelligence.

—VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.—From the proceedings of the Wesleyan Conference we learn that a copy of the College calendar was presented to each member of the Conference. From its columns we learn that during the year lately closed there were students in arts, including undergraduates and specialists, 92; students in medicine, 118; and in law, 10; students in theology, 37; exhibiting a total in all the departments of 257 students. This large number is exclusive of 106 students in attendance at the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, an institute in affiliation with the College. The financial statement was read by Mr. William Kerr, Mayor of Cobourg, and one of the treasurers of the College. The working expenses of the institution for the past year were \$9,238, leaving a balance of \$719 to be applied toward the reduction of the debt. The present debt is now reduced to the comparatively small sum of \$8,796.

The Endowment Fund subscription is now upwards of \$93,000, of which \$53,000 have been paid and invested. It is the intention to increase the Endowment Fund to at least \$120,000. It is also recommended that the agency for continuing the effort to augment the Endowment Fund be persevered in, and that the Rev. Jno. Ash be reappointed, and the Rev. Joshua Johnson, M.A., be appointed to aid him in the work.

The Board recommended the selection of a European university graduate for a Professorship about to become vacant, and that President Nelles be requested to visit Europe for the purpose of securing such an appointment, and for other purposes connected with the University at Cobourg.

Revs. R. Jones, Dr. Nelles, Sanderson, and Wm. H. Gibbs, M.P., were appointed Trustees of the College for the ensuing year, and Rev. Dr. Rice, Rose, Griffin, and Dewart, and Messrs McLaren, John

Macdonald, Britton, Dean, Halden, Laselle, Wm. Beatty and Brouse were appointed the visitors for the next year.

Rev. Professor Burwash read the report of the Theological Department of the College, submitting details of the year's operation, including lectures and other studies. The report was adopted.

Rev. S. Wm. Briggs and Thomas Ferguson were appointed auditors of the accounts of Victoria College for the ensuing year.

The thanks of the Conference were presented to Mr. Wm. Kerr for his services as treasurer of Victoria College during the past year. Rev. Richard Jones read the business report:—"Through the mercy of God another year of toil and trial and progress has come to a close, and it affords your Treasurer great satisfaction to be able to report that, with very little bank accommodation, and without adding anything to the debt we have been able to meet all demands that have been made upon us to sustain the various departments of elocution in the College. We also have made some progress in the important work of paying off the debt, which stood against us at the beginning of the year. Something more would have been done towards lessening our indebtedness had the claims remained the same as formerly, but more than a year ago a petition was presented by the professors to the Board for an increase of salary. At the July meeting this petition was deliberately considered, and the Board agreed to give the President of the College and each of the four professors an increase of \$200, and the classical tutor \$100, making a total of \$1,100 to be added to the estimates presented at the last annual meeting. On no other item than that of salaries has any considerable augmentation to the expenditure been made. The Treasurers only state an obvious fact when they say that the strictest economy consistent with efficiency has been observed, which enables them to close the year free from pecuniary embarrassment, for on current transactions they owe no man anything, and the arrears of past years are fast disappearing. In the early part of the year information reached the Board that the late Edward Jackson, of Hamilton, bequeathed \$10,000 to the Trustees of Victoria College, to aid them in establishing a theological professorship, or to assist the college funds in any way they deemed desirable. It is gratifying to know that although there has been an unavoidable expenditure during the year, there is a balance in favour of the year's transactions of \$719. Until the entire debt is paid off it will be the duty of the Board to ask the Conference to give them two annual collections. When the debt is wholly liquidated it is hoped that the interest from the endowment fund, and the ordinary sources of income from students, will adequately meet the working expenses of the College. This will, beyond a doubt, be the case when the outstanding scholarships through the lapse of time shall cease to be available. In conclusion, we are encouraged to believe that a brighter day is dawning, and a bright future is looming before us to crown our patience, self-denial, and perseverance with success." The report was adopted.—*Globe Report*.

—QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—The thirty-second academic session of the University of Queen's College was opened 3rd October, by the customary services in Convocation Hall. The Very Rev. Principal Snodgrass occupied the chair. After prayer by the Principal, the opening address was delivered by Professor Watson on "Education and Life," and was an excellent address, displaying deep thought and research. After the address Principal Snodgrass made several announcements, and brought the meeting to a close by pronouncing the benediction. It is stated that the number of entrants this year is considerably larger than usual, which must be a cause of deep congratulation to the friends of the College.—*Chronicle and News*.

—MCGILL UNIVERSITY.—The introductory lecture to the session of the faculty of medicine in connection with this University was delivered yesterday afternoon by Professor Howard. There was a large assembly of students, and the lecture, which consisted chiefly of a synopsis of college duties, with advice as to the methods of pursuing studies, was attentively listened to.