

those who had grown into spiritual relationship with him, Principal Grant spoke as a prophet and a king to us. He told us of the ideals that had guided and nourished his life. Of them, we can remember but this one: "Be honest, no matter what it costs you; be honest with your neighbor, with your friend, with yourself." At the fall convocation of 1906, as we listened to the words of Principal Gordon, we knew that duty and truth and purity had no less staunch and no less eloquent a champion.

So quickly does Queen's grow, and so wide and numerous are the interests which she represents and includes that it was a fitting preface to the Principal's speech to make mention of the growth and changes that have taken place, even since last convocation. He referred to the gymnasium. In April of this year Chancellor Fleming turned the first sod on the site where now stands completed another monument to the practical devotion of the students and graduates to Alma Mater. Work has already commenced on the new Biology building, for which a grant of \$50,000 was made by the government. Reference was also made to the recent additions to the teaching staff, in the departments of Latin, History, Physics, Botany, History, and Mechanical Engineering, and to the gratifying outlook for the present session in the large increase in attendance. The Principal then went on to impress the lesson that university training is meant to fit the student for service to his fellows, rather than for mere professional success. If the man with a college training is lifted thereby above the mass of men, it should be to the end that he may help to raise the mass to his own new-

found level. We quote some words from the address; let us ponder these things in our heart: "The university should train men not solely in knowledge, but in character. The men who go forth from the college halls should be imbued with the true university spirit, that is, with love of truth and devotion to duty, men who would set their face like a flint against every form of graft and corruption, men who can be honest and kindly however rich, high-minded and charitable however poor, men who can always be relied upon to seek those things that are just and true, honest and lovely and of good report."

THE FRESHMEN'S RECEPTION.

THE season for college functions has again opened, the Freshmen's reception leading the way. To the student this is the one unique function of his whole course, for here he is initiated into the mysteries of college social life and gets his first glimpse of how they "do things in college."

The societies which give this reception, the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they have fulfilled their task, for from many points of view the reception this year was a decided success. However, the old hackneyed question persistently comes up, does the reception accomplish the end for which it is held? It is always easier to see faults and to criticize than to propose a remedy, but we feel that there is room for improvement along one line. In there any necessity for so many outsiders being invited? The reception is fundamentally for the purpose of giving the freshmen and freshettes the opportunity of meeting