

its influence. The University is ours to defend, to strengthen and to develop until its work and influence are everywhere felt and acknowledged as a gracious power in our fair land, and in the world. We shall best honor William McMaster by recognizing in his gift the opportunity to bring greater honor to the Name of our Lord and Master and more powerfully to serve our own and succeeding generations.

Most gratifying are the evidences from time to time that this conception is acquiring an ever deepening hold upon our people. And well it may, as we look back upon the solid advance of the past four years. Our academical department at Woodstock and Moulton are fully equipped, and doing a noble work. The Theological Department, while it has necessarily suffered during the period of transition, is fast shewing the advantages of truer adjustments and of the unification of our work. Though the heavy hand of death has twice removed the head of its teaching staff—which has also sustained other losses scarcely less serious—the faculty never was stronger or more efficient than it is to-day, nor did it ever possess so bright an assurance of conditions favorable to the satisfactory attainment of the ends for which it has been established.

What shall be said of the success of the Arts Department, which is henceforth to be central in our work? What response has come from the denomination? Let the number and the quality of the students enrolled in its first two classes answer. Nay! rather let the quality of the work that has already been done answer.

The success has been so much more marked than the most ardent supporters of the movement hoped for, that already we realize our need to be warned against over-confidence, rather than strengthened against despair. Instead of vainly seeking students to fill its classes, we are even now face to face with the urgent need for greater accommodation. The governing bodies, and the denomination behind them, must immediately address themselves to the obligation thus imposed. If our courage and faith have not failed us in all the struggles of a trying past, they will not fail us now. Let us thank God for new difficulties. Without them the opportunity for the development of true strength must ever be lacking.