

tion in society. In conclusion he reminded the graduates of the University of the duty they owed their Alma Mater.

The Vice-Chancellor said he did not intend to make a speech, but he had some statements and announcements to make. The first gold medal ever offered in this University was that founded by Henry Chapman in 1856, and copies of which he has had annually struck from the beautiful dies executed for him by Leonard Wyon, of London. Mr. Chapman now proposes to render this gift permanent, by placing the dies and a sum of money for the endowment of the medal in the hands of the Board of Governors, so that this, the first gold medal of McGill College, will be placed in point of perpetuity on a par with the others, and will continue to be offered as a stimulus to the higher culture of the classical languages and literature. He had to announce with much gratification, another and most valuable gift to the College from His Excellency the Governor-General, who proposes to give annually during his residence in Canada, a gold and a silver medal for competition in the Faculty of Arts. The Corporation has decided to suggest to His Excellency as the special subject for these medals, a course of study in History, and that the competition should be open not only to undergraduates but to graduates, within seven years of their matriculation. Should this suggestion be adopted, the subjects appointed for study will be announced in the calendar now forthcoming, and the first examination for the Earl of Dufferin's medals will be held in December next. In the past session the students of the University have numbered over 300, of whom the large proportion of 118 are in the Faculty of Arts. The degrees in course conferred at this meeting of convocation and that held in March are 77. There is reason to hope that we shall have still larger classes next year. In connection with this I would direct attention to some changes in the calendar for next session, the earliest sheets of which are now on the table for distribution. One of these relates to the scholarships offered in the third year and to the Scott exhibitions, the conditions of which have been so modified as to make them accessible to a larger number of competitors. Another relates to exemptions offered in the third year in favour of honour studies. Another is the appointment of an assistant to the Professor of Engineering, and the institution of arrangements for field-work at an earlier period of the session than heretofore. All of these and some other changes introduced will, it is hoped, be found conducive to the advantage of our students. The most Rev. the Metropolitan having pronounced the benediction, the proceedings came to a close.—*Witness.*

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.—Principal Snodgrass presented the report of the Trustees of Queen's College, and the College Calendar for 1874-75. The following are the leading paragraphs of the report. Last year the Trustees had the satisfaction of reporting an increase from 39 to 50 in the number of registered students. It is exceedingly gratifying to them to have to intimate a further increase this year. In the season just closed there were no fewer than 22 entrants, and the total number enrolled on the faculties of Art and Theology is 60, 51 in the former and 9 in the latter. Just once in the history of the College has this number been exceeded, namely, in the session of 1858-9, when the number of entrants was 27, and the total number of students 64. Of those enrolled, 22, including 2 who belong to the Canada Presbyterian Church, have declared their intention of studying for the ministry. According to present prospects there will be a still larger attendance next session. The winter's work has been productive of very satisfactory results. The marking attained by leading students in the several years of the curriculum at the University examination recently held, was unusually high. The Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, ever solicitous for the prosperity of the College, and ever persevering in their efforts to promote the welfare of the church, finding themselves unable to obtain a sufficient number of missionaries being licentiates, or ordained men, to supply the demand made upon them, have adopted a new measure, with an earnest hope and a fair prospect of being successful in the better attainment of their object. To promising youths desirous of entering the ministry, pos-

essed of a good general education, unable it may be of themselves to prosecute their studies in Scotland, willing at the same time, perhaps preferring, to make the colonial field the sphere of their future labours, the Committee offer inducements to come to this country, and receive a collegiate education here with a view of becoming qualified in due course to take full rank as ministers. While it is thought that this measure will not fail for want of applicants desirous to take advantage of it, it is believed that their training amid the very scenes of their future labours will be of special utility in fitting them for the service which is awaiting them. There is obviously very much in favour of such a measure, and the instalment of progress already made in the endeavour to give effect to it, is a good assurance of ultimate success. Last summer, five applicants, selected with great care and after much enquiry, were sent to Kingston. Two of them entered the College, and three went to the Collegiate Institute to prepare for entering next session. Of the whole of them, the Principal reports in the most encouraging terms. From the character they have established for themselves, and the progress they have made in their studies, it appears that this new and interesting progress has in its initiation been singularly favoured. The trustees solicit the Synod's favourable consideration of a scheme which is so certain to increase the usefulness of the College, and the strength and stability of the Church. Two extra courses of lectures were given to the students in attendance at the Divinity Hall; one on Science and Revelation, by the Rev. Geo. Bell, LL.D., the other on Pastoral Theology by the Rev. John Jenkins, D.D. Whether as regards the practical importance of the subjects, or the able manner in which they were discussed, these lectures cannot fail to be of the greatest use. They were highly appreciated by the students. The necessary expense was defrayed by private subscription without charge to the College funds, and the Board tenders its thanks to the subscribers for the interest they have taken in the matter. A permanent endowment of some lectureships is much to be desired, and perhaps the success which has attended the arrangement for the past session may bring about the attainment of so laudable an object. In the meantime the Trustees will be glad to have it in their power to provide one or two courses of lectures for next session. Several graduates have renewed their good offices in furnishing class prizes. A number of gentlemen have become responsible for valuable University prizes, to be awarded chiefly for the best essays on prescribed subjects, as announced in their calendar. The essays are to be given in sufficiently early to prevent the writing of them from interfering with the ordinary work of the classes. The donors of these prizes are much to be commended for their liberality, and the interest in the prosperity of the College which is thereby indicated. It is hoped that their efforts will produce all the advantage of satisfactory competition. The Alma Mater Society has added to its many important services the foundation of a University prize for annual competition, open to members of the graduating class, and to be awarded for the best essay on some subject connected with oratory. The additions to the Library during the year consists of 219 volumes, the greatest part of which are valuable modern works, and a large number of pamphlets, chiefly on scientific subjects. The donations to the Museum have not been numerous. Among the miscellaneous contributions are specimens of wearing apparel, and sundry other articles used by the Hare Indians of the Upper Mackenzie River. These were presented by the Hon. R. Hamilton, of the Hudson Bay Co. The Treasurer's financial statements for the year ending 10th instant, duly audited, are submitted. The Auditors report in the most satisfactory terms as to the manner in which the Treasurer's duties are performed, and his books kept. The sum of the charges is \$12,722.74. The expense of management, in addition to salaries, being only \$942.74. Among the receipts for revenue is \$140 from Mr. John Watkins, Kingston, who for many years has been a liberal friend to the College; also a supplementary grant of £200 sterling (\$973.33) from the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland. These contributions with one or two other amounts not belonging in permanent income, have produced an apparent surplus of \$909.89 over expenditure. As to the Endowment Fund, the statement shows \$2,164.90