

College Convocations.

KING'S COLLEGE ENCOENIA.

The University of King's College, Windsor, has just completed a most successful and encouraging year. King's was founded in 1789, and received a royal charter in 1802, and consequently is one of the oldest universities on the continent.

There may have been stormy and depressing times in the history of the College, but now the rising tide is carrying the old University along and brighter and more prosperous days are at hand. Although increased accommodation for ten men in residence was added during the past year, yet all the available rooms were taken so that again it becomes necessary to add a new building. The Board of Governors has let the contract for a wing to the present College, which will accommodate some twenty men, to be completed in September.

The Forward Movement, begun in October, has been by no means barren of results, and already a far greater interest is being manifested throughout the Maritime Provinces, and both men and women are rallying to the support of the College.

At the time of the Bi-centenary celebration in Halifax, in 1910, a special Convocation was held at Windsor, when such men as the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Glasgow, the Bishop of Philippine Islands, the two Archbishops of Canada and other distinguished men were granted honorary degrees.

At the recent Encoenia proceedings Chief Justice Sir Charles Townshend was installed by the President as the new Chancellor of the University, in place of the late Mr. Justice Hodgson. One of his first official duties was to confer the honorary degree of D. C. L. upon Col. Sir Henry Pellatt. The Convocation took place at two o'clock, the regular Encoenia services having been held in the morning, when the Rev. Dr. Macklem, Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, preached the special sermon.

In August the University will confer the degree of D. C. L., *honoris causa*, upon His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, while in Windsor on his tour through the Maritime Provinces.

These and many other distinguished Alumni bring credit and honour to their alma mater, but the true strength of every university lies in its ideals, its principles, its constant, eager, penetrating search after truth, the resolute stand it takes for the good, the pure, the true.

It is the constant aim of the authorities of King's College to give all things their due proportion and thus balance the education of the students. It is well that there are institutions that do not hesitate to put the claims of God and religion first. Too frequently everything is valued from a material and monetary standpoint, and when this is the case, universities must bring forcibly to the minds of

students the difference between the finite and the infinite, the temporal and the eternal.

Twice each day service is held in the college chapel and God is recognized as being the Creator and the Preserver of all. The atmosphere, besides being spiritual and moral, is intellectual. Cleverness and mental agility are not undervalued. Each man, if he uses his opportunities, may gain the basis of a good, sound education, which will fit him in after life for those positions of trust and influence which await the man of culture and refinement. There is an incalculable advantage in a small college from the fact that each student is personally known to the various professors and may gain from personal contact with them that tone and bearing which fit men and women for the duties and amenities of life.

Education must also be social and physical if it is to be complete. Here again, in a college of limited size, where each man is under the supervision and influence of the president and professors, the residential system brings men into constant fellowship, and students often widely different in opinion and disposition grow to respect the rights and feelings of one another. He learns also while expressing his views with conviction and moderation to submit to constituted authority, and himself in turn to exercise it wisely. His physical being is not neglected, for the gymnasium and the campus invite him to feats of agility and strength.

King's College is doing her best to make a true and lasting contribution not only to the life of the Maritime Provinces, but to the cause of the nation as a whole, and she merits the support of those who wish to see young people trained to be strong, straight, broad-minded, God-fearing men and women.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY.

The annual Convocation, which marks the close of the academic year in Dalhousie University, was held in the Academy of Music, Halifax, on the afternoon of April 25th. The circumstance that this was the first Convocation to be presided over by the new President, Dr. Mackenzie, lent additional interest to the proceedings, and the audience taxed the capacity of the theatre to the utmost.

The chief interest of Convocation exercises centres, of course, about the graduates. There were sixty-nine degrees conferred, of which forty-two were in Arts and Science, twelve in Law, ten in Medicine, three in Dentistry, and one each in Music and Engineering. The last named was notable as being probably the last degree in Engineering which the University will confer, for the Faculty of Engineering was discontinued on the opening of the Nova Scotia Technical College. The degree was granted a former student of the Civil

