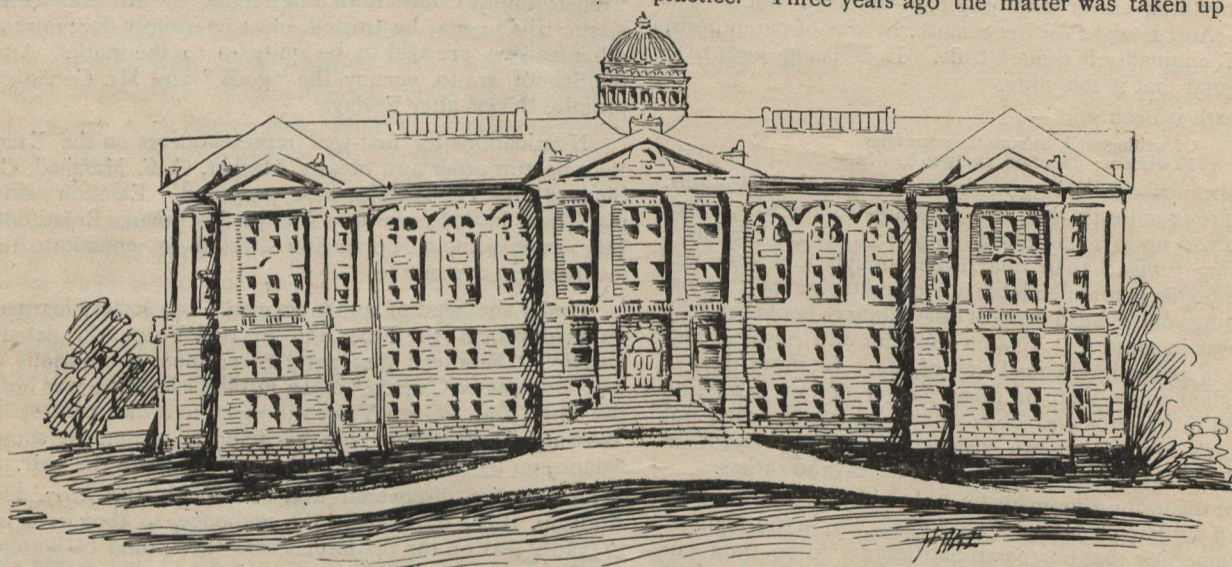


THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING.

THERE seems to be among many, and particularly among School men, a tendency toward strong, but rather indefinite, criticism regarding the delay in the erection of the new chemistry and mining building. This feeling may or may not be justifiable, but the mere existence of such demands some explanation.

As will be remembered, the original plans and specifications for the new building were prepared early in the year and tenders were called for in June. Upon opening them, however, it was found that the cost of the work would considerably exceed the \$200,000 appropriated for that purpose. Building materials and labor in Toronto had gone up very much higher than had seemed probable when the estimates were made. It was necessary, therefore, to call for new tenders on revised plans and specifications, and this is where nearly all of the delay occurred. Again, it must be borne in mind that with a heavy and massive building, necessitating carefully-laid concrete foundations, any undue speed in underground work is highly undesirable, to say the least.



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The alterations made on revision of the plans and estimates merely affect the appearance of the building and not its accommodations. The central dome was eliminated, the amount of stone trimmings reduced and other minor changes made to bring the cost within the limit. In the arrangement of floor space there will be no better building of its kind in existence, for the reason that it not only embodies the best features of American and European practice but improves upon them. It will be in renaissance style with central facade and two wings. The material will be red brick with brown stone trimmings.

There is no doubt whatever as to the ultimate completion of the work. All the contracts have been let, and it consequently must proceed to the end. The contracts call for the completion of the building in December of next year, but there is no doubt that by the first of October it will be in a state to considerably relieve the pressure occasioned by the incoming year.

CARRYING WAR INTO AFRICA.

AT a meeting of Graduates held in the Collegiate Institute of Kingston, Friday night, a most promising Alumni Association of the University of Toronto was instituted. Principal Hutton and Professor J. C. McLennan made short speeches on the work and needs of Varsity. Reference to the

increasing number of Toronto's men every year entering industrial and commercial life was warmly received. This closer connection of the University to the business life of the Dominion was held to augur well for the future of both. The Graduates one and all expressed the belief that every effort should be made to urge the Government to adequately support the University.

As a result of the meeting an association of 40 members was organized, with the following officers: President, Dr. E. H. Smythe; Vice-President, Professor I. E. Martin, R.M.C.; Secretary-Treasurer, E. O. Sliter, M.A.; Councillors, Dr. Ackroyd, Dr. W. S. Ellis, M.A., B.Sc., LL.D.; Rev. E. Crumey, B.A., B.Sc., Professor McGillivray and Dr. Clarke.

WEARING OF GOWNS.

IT seems not out of place, as the class of '03 is entering upon its final year, to speak briefly about the custom which they may fairly claim the credit of having revived, namely, the wearing of gowns. Especially is this the case since there is a noticeable falling off in the number who are living up to this practice. Three years ago the matter was taken up with com-

mendable energy and resulted in the University authorities putting in lockers at considerable expense. It would, under the circumstances, be extremely inadvisable to let the matter drop now. Apart from the excellence of this traditional feature of University custom, we ought to consider that in signing and presenting a petition to the Senate, we have made ourselves morally bound to carry out our side of what was virtually an agreement with that body as a result of which we got the lockers. The onus in this matter rests largely with the three lower years. Those of the Seniors who have not already got gowns will scarcely do so for the short time now remaining. The junior years should support this movement strongly now while it is in its experimental stage.

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