

2,000,000 square miles, whereas Canada has 3,500,000. Our population embraces twenty different nationalities, differing in blood, religion, habits and tendencies. The stream of emigration has only begun to flow either from the east or the west. Canada is a vast dumping ground for great loads of humanity from both Europe and Asia. Great numbers come from Europe bringing with them the worst thoughts and habits of the Old World, which will be a curse to this country unless met by the opposing influences of the Gospel. We have not such national assimilating capacities as to be able to digest these as they come. We require the counteracting influence of the home missionary to meet them. Apart from the immigration to the country we have dividing elements. There are the two great nationalities that are Canada's own, and there are sectional and class and religious interests that tend to frustrate the development of a distinctive Canadian nationality. A Canadian feeling and Canadian influences must be cherished. We don't want the continental Sabbath, the continental sedition and listlessness. If we love our land and our home we will do everything to head off all these evils and everything to make the country great in the best sense of the term. The moral worth and godliness of the people is what makes them great. What is the future of the land to be? The more we think of it the more we may fear for Canada. By this reflection we are led to an appreciation of the magnitude and sacredness of home mission work and its vital connection with the future of Canada.

An appropriate reading by Miss O'Hara and a solo pleasantly rendered by Mr. H. Lavell and choruses by the choir completed the programme.

A STUDENT LECTURER.

A LARGE audience assembled in Convocation Hall, on Friday evening, Jan. 20th, to hear the lecture delivered by E. H. Horsey upon the reign of Queen Victoria, and under the auspices of the Missionary Association. Rev. Jas. F. Smith, president, occupied the chair. The students turned out in force, and were enthusiastic in their applause throughout the lecture, which was an exceptionally interesting and instructive one. The speaker's manner was easy, his language racy and at times eloquent and on concluding he was warmly congratulated on all sides. A brief synopsis will appear in a subsequent issue.

JUDGE M'DONALD TO THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

BROCKVILLE, Jan. 11th, 1888.

To the Secretary of the Alma Mater Society of Queen's University, Kingston:

MY DEAR SIR,—Will you please convey to the members of the Alma Mater Society, of Queen's University, my grateful acknowledgement of the honor conferred upon me by my election as honorary president of the Society.

I am, my dear sir, faithfully yours,

HERBERT S. McDONALD.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

AMONG the donations recently received are two which deserve special notice. There has been received a gift from the British Government of 242 volumes of valuable historical works. They include:

Calendars of State Papers, 39 volumes.

Chronicles of Great Britain and Ireland during the middle ages, 166 volumes.

Publications of the Record Commissioners, 25 volumes.

Scotch Record Publications, 12 volumes. These include works in Latin and in various dialectic variations of English, reaching back to Saxon and Norman periods of the development of the language. As works of reference they will be very useful for historical research.

Another valuable donation consists of a complete series of the English Hansard from Charles I to George III, or nearly the whole of the 17th and 18th centuries. These books were purchased at the sale of the library of the late Justice Draper, by William Henderson, Esq., of Toronto, and by him generously given to the library of Queen's.

OSSIANIC SOCIETY.

AT the annual meeting of this Society, Dec. 19th, '87, the following officers were elected:

Patrons—{ Rev. W. Ferguson, Kirkhill.
Rev. N. McNish, LL.D., Cornwall.

Bard—Evan McColl, Esq.

Hon. President—Rev. M. McGillivray, M.A.

President—D. D. McDonald.

Vice President—R. M. Rose, Esq.

2nd Vice President—John A. McDonald.

Secretary—J. D. Boyd.

Treasurer—A. McDonald, Esq.

Librarian—N. A. McPherson.

Ex. Committee—{ Profs. Nicholson and Harris.
N. McNeil and M. McKenzie, B.A.

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THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

To the Editor:

DEAR SIR,—The students of Queen's, in their efforts to increase the Jubilee Fund, are deserving of admiration, and they have mine. Every now and then some bilious individual groans out that student life is not what it was, and that everything in these bad days is going to desolation. That kind of desolation is welcome which sends out one or two hundred students to do battle for their Alma Mater. Perhaps if the bilious individual will buckle on a sword and targe—I mean undertake to fill a subscription list—he will soon resume new courage and revive, and his prostrate faith in College life will once more stand on both its legs. I wish that any words of mine, as the the timid young preacher says, might be endowed with energy enough to stir up those of our graduates and friends who many chance to be asleep. Brothers, is this the time to