

women did their part—their names hold honorable places in subscription lists over which we have glanced, and in one instance a mother bereaved of her little son gave the entire portion which had been laid up for him. Special efforts were also made, and these were generously responded to by citizens. On three or four successive occasions subscriptions were obtained in support of different Chairs extending over five years. On these lists, one of which is still running its course, the names of persons appear as giving annually four hundred, three hundred, two hundred, one hundred, fifty and twenty-five dollars, and smaller sums. In 1871 the General Assembly launched a scheme by which to raise \$250,000 for the endowment of this College and Knox College, Toronto. An agent was appointed to carry it out, but the movement proved an utter failure. Our Board perseveringly continued its work, adding slowly to its invested capital and securing special contributions such as those referred to. In 1877 the Executors of Mr. Hall of Peterboro paid to the Board a bequest of fifteen thousand dollars, which was added to endowment, and which brought the fund up to over forty thousand dollars. That the fund reached even this amount bespeaks no small degree of liberality when we take into account the limited area from which it was drawn, the large sums raised at the same time for current expenses, and the amount expended in the purchase of grounds and the erection of the first buildings. Almost contemporaneously with the opening of our new buildings in 1882 a special wave of liberality flowed in our direction. Mrs. Redpath, of Terrace Bank, endowed the "John Redpath Chair" to the amount of twenty thousand dollars. The late Mr. Joseph MacKay bequeathed ten thousand dollars for endowment, and his brother Edward completed the endowment of the "Joseph MacKay Chair" by giving forty thousand dollars. Both had been generous contributors to all the funds of the College from its beginning. At his decease in 1883 Mr. Edward MacKay bequeathed to the College ten thousand dollars more, and his three nephews, Messrs. Hugh, James and Robert MacKay, completed the endowment of the "Edward MacKay Chair" by adding to this amount forty thousand dollars. These are examples of enlightened generosity such as have not frequently occurred in Canadian history, but which, we trust, may be followed by many others. Our institution is not yet by any means financially independent or fully equipped. Its wants are still very obvious and pressing, but will doubtless be met in future as in the past. At present it draws an annual apportionment from what is called the "Common College Fund," instituted by the General Assembly at Kingston in 1881; but the sooner the scheme projected by the Board last year for much more complete endowment is accomplished the better. There is room in the extensive curriculum demanded by the exigencies of modern thought for the establishment of several additional chairs, and the work of the existing ones might to advantage be obviously subdivided.