

University authorities would scarcely be warranted in maintaining so large a staff, merely for the sake of a few students in the local offices. And even these would not be likely to attend the lectures, as their textbooks are prescribed by the Law Society, and their principals are always at hand, willing to explain difficulties and resolve doubts.

Now no greater anomaly can be conceived than a large staff of teachers without disciples, or with only a corporal's guard; and this, we think, will be the case with the resurrected department. So, taking one consideration with another, the resuscitation of the Law Faculty appears to us to have been ill-advised, and we fear that, as before, it will "lag superfluous" for a time only to die at last from sheer anition.

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**LIBERALITY TO COLLEGES IN CANADA.**

A COMMUNICATION in the last number of the JOURNAL called attention to the fact that Canadians are beginning to think of the duty they owe to the country and to posterity in the matter of equipping and endowing those great collegiate institutions that are the ganglia of national life. Dalhousie, McGill, Queen's, and Victoria have thrown themselves upon their friends, and their trust has not been disappointed. In the distant future the friends of Toronto University may be stimulated by the example, and put their own shoulders to the wheel instead of vainly invoking Hercules. To a certain class it is much more pleasant to abstract money from others than to dip their hands into their own pockets, but according as the first operation becomes difficult, the second is likely to be resorted to. Once upon a time the friends of Queen's wasted precious hours lobbying about the brick buildings in Toronto. Necessity taught them wisdom. They now go to headquarters; not to the representatives of the people, but to the people themselves.

Since the last communication was written, a statement has appeared in the Montreal papers which indicates that not only the men, but the women of wealth are proving their faith in the future of the country by their works. An aged Scottish lady, of gentle birth, has died leaving \$30,000 to endow a Chair of Civil Engineering in McGill College, and \$2,000 to endow a Classical Scholarship.

This is a form of co-education that probably the most timid would scarcely object to. The lady referred to lived with extreme frugality that she might, by means of her savings, do something for future generations. Queen's can boast of a large number of ladies in her long list of benefactors. And besides these who gave directly, how many inspired their husbands to act generously? We have heard the principal say that if a man answered, on being asked to contribute, "I must consult my wife," in every case the man returned to him and gave liberally.

There is, however, a good deal of misapprehension current respecting the sum actually received by Queen's during the last two years, and the position in which it has placed the College. Some have spoken of Queen's being now in easy circumstances. There is something ludicrous in such a statement when we learn how much has been received, and how much of it has had to be paid out again. About \$90,000 in all have been received. Of that amount, we were informed at the opening that \$64,000 have been paid for Campus, Buildings, and Equipment. That would leave about \$26,000 to be added to the endowment, or say \$1,500 a year, and as Queen's has lost \$1,900 a year of the revenue she was in receipt of two years ago, how much richer is she now than she was then?

**VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES.**

THE delivering of valedictory addresses by members of the graduating classes has not, it may be said, as yet become a practice in Queen's. Last year, however, at Convocation, valedictory addresses were delivered, and the general feeling seemed to be that an interesting feature had been added to the occasion. The intention to make it a permanent feature was also apparent. The only objection manifested at the time was that they made the proceedings rather lengthy. Without detracting in the least from the success of those given last year a further consideration of the question may not be out of place. Going on the supposition that the propriety of having them is already established, the question arises which is the best way to select students from the graduating classes to deliver the valedictories? Last year, if I am correctly informed, the members of the class themselves chose one of their number for that duty. Perhaps no better selection could have been made than was made, nevertheless the privilege is open to abuse. The popularity of a student, his standing on the class list, and many other foreign considerations, might do much in bringing him forward when perhaps his abilities as a valedictorian are not nearly so good as that of others. Is it not desirable to have with well composed matter an accompaniment of some elocutionary power? It may possibly exclude students who have won honors in their collegiate course, but if they don't possess as many requisites of a good speaker as another, let them be content with the honors they already hold. Would the case not be met if the Senate, or a committee, were delegated by them to state