

as to the benefit of the Province, by his recent discoveries in his peculiar department, which have been favorably noticed abroad.

A valuable paper by the Professor, on the Minerals last analysed by him, is to be published by the Nova Scotia Literary and Scientific Society, and interesting details may there be found, by all who are desirous of information on the subject.

The year has been remarkable in the history of the University, for a special meeting of the Governors and Alumni, called on the 30th of November last, for the purpose of conferring the honorary degree of D. C. L. on Major-General Sir W. Fenwick Williams, Bart. of Kars, K. C. B., which had been unanimously voted by the Convocation at the Encenia of 1856, in consideration of the eminent services of that distinguished son of Nova Scotia.

There was a very large attendance on the occasion, and the whole proceedings were intensely interesting and enthusiastic. The brave warrior made an impressive address, acknowledging, with evident pride and satisfaction, the honor done to him by this, the oldest University in the British Colonies.

In his own person there is an instructive example for all young men, of what may be effected by steady devotion, and unswerving integrity, in the path of duty.

It would have been highly gratifying to the Governors if, on the day on which they did honor to the Hero of Kars, they could likewise have had the pleasure of welcoming to his native halls, Major-General Sir John Inglis, K. C. B., son of the late Right Rev. Visitor, and grandson of the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, to both of whom the College is so deeply indebted, the father being indeed justly regarded as the first, and the son as the second Founder of this University. Upon this distinguished Alumnus the same degree has been conferred, by diploma, as that personally received by General Williams,—and it cannot but be gratifying to all connected with the College to know, that these noble defenders of Kars and of Lucknow, so distinguished in the annals of their country's fame, have thus received, and do highly prize the University honors of their native land.

Several donations were made to the Library during the year, viz.:

From T. B. Akins, Esq., Barrister, 54 volumes of the publications of the Parker Society;
From Mr. J. R. Willis of the National School, a fine collection of the Mollusca of Nova Scotia, accompanied by a most valuable catalogue.