

institutions in this city and out of it, has found it necessary during the last few years to provide considerable additions in the way of class rooms, or other accommodation, and to incur an increased expenditure in other ways to meet the urgent needs of their students?

A walk round this beautiful park, and a glance at the different college buildings which encircle it, will make my meaning very clear.

We rejoice, I repeat, at these plain evidences of growth and progress, because we well know that educational forces pull from the top, that therefore the whole community is being benefited, and that every school section in the Province, even the most remote is distinctly the gainer by it.

I feel, sir, that I should not omit noticing that some of our colleges have been recently the recipients of very substantial private donations. On behalf of this Province, I wish publicly to acknowledge the timely and generous gifts of Sir William Macdonald and the Executors of the Massey Estate.

THE COURSE OF STUDIES.

It has been well said. Mr. Chairman, that the whole world has been completely made over during the last fifty years, and that the life for which the schools should now prepare their pupils is an utterly different life from that for which the schools were preparing the children twenty years ago.

Is it not the fact that more and greater changes have been wrought by science upon our material life, within the last few years, than have been wrought in any thousand years before the nineteenth century.

This being true, it follows that the course of studies should be altered and modified so as to meet to-day's conditions and circumstances, and to-day's needs. A curriculum nicely, symmetrically and accurately formed