

encouraging degree of religious interest. The Faculty is full and thoroughly efficient, and the various departments were never in better condition for effective work.

The donation of the late Dr. Gould, of Colborne, and the liberal bequest of \$10,000 by the late Hart A. Massey, Esq., of Toronto, give great encouragement and cheer to the Board of Management. The agency for the Relief Fund, under the vigorous efforts of Rev. J. P. Rice is showing good results, and the returns, while not as large as could be desired, are still encouraging.

One thing essential to larger success in this agency is, that at least some of the territory adjoining the London Conference should be opened by Conferential action to our representative, so that he may at all times have a sufficient number of uncanvassed fields before him to keep him constantly employed without interfering with any local interest that may be, for the time, of paramount importance to the circuit and minister.

The special needs of the school are, (1) a speedy relief from the financial burdens resting upon it; (2) a heartier co-operation and more active sympathy on the part of Methodist ministers and people in making its great advantages and moderate rates better known to the people.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of Alma College.

R. I. WARNER, *Secretary.*

B. F. AUSTIN, *Principal.*

ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE.

To the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church.

Never since the foundation of the Ontario Ladies' College twenty-two years ago, have the Directors been able to present a report which is so gratifying as the present one. This Institution was founded in the faith that it would grow and develop and meet the ever-increasing need of the higher education of the young women of this country. And this faith has been fulfilled. At the very outset, the buildings commanded our admiration, but now their extent and their beauty far surpass anything of the kind in Canada. What grand halls, what spacious parlors, what charming bedrooms, what a beautiful chapel with its new large pipe organ, and what a dining room! It helps digestion to sit in it, so full of light with rows of windows on both sides, with tinted walls and maple floor and tables nicely spread. One does not know how delightful a ladies' college can be until he has been to Whitby. Here the carpenter and the painter and the upholsterer and other skilful hands have finished their work. You look upon the college by day from without, you enter and inspect the building within, everything pleases you—the wide, verdant lawns, the gothic pillars and gables, the striking breadth of wall where the new "Francis Hall" joins the old "Trafalgar Castle" and makes an unbroken harmony of architecture, the kitchen, the laundry, the steam boilers, the dynamo engine room. You look at it by day and are greatly pleased. But you behold it by night and you are charmed. Imagine you see four hundred incandescent lights suspended on artistic fixtures shining through scores of windows and filling corridors and parlors

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