

quence an object of dread to those whose duty it was to preside at the manufacture of the fragrant tea and coffee at social festivals.

Seven students was the sum total on the college register for the year. Not a very encouraging prospect, one might think, yet the staff of professors, at this time three in number, was by no means daunted, and the Board of Directors were as certain as ever that greater things were in store for the college.

A great leap was made at the beginning of the next year, when the college moved into a local habitation of its own. Insignificant as it appears now, yet to the few of those days this was a palace, a real college of our own. Many have no doubt seen the brown-painted clap-boarded building on Albert street, opposite the McIntyre rink, that is still standing, and which for a brief period was graced with the title of Wesley College. Well do I remember the time when the faculty in a body marched down Main street to the cheapest spot in town, where second-hand stores were to be obtained wherewith to heat the new abode. And more vividly still do I remember the effects of the first fire that was built in some of them. Huge cracks and gaping fissures revealed themselves in various places, where the putty, which the wily dealer had inserted in considerable quantities wherever necessary, and then carefully blackened over, fell out piece by piece as the heat increased. My, what a fall was that!

During the two years of sojourn here the number of students had increased seven-fold, thus rendering another sitting necessary, this time to the large brick building on the corner of Broadway and Edmonton streets, where, for four years, work was successfully continued, with a gradual increase of students, until even the increased accommodation here afforded was more inadequate than the former.

Realizing the fact that a building of our own was an absolute necessity, the College Board was now straining every nerve to provide such accommodation as would be a credit to the denomination and would be suitable for years to come. Ably assisted by warm-hearted and loyal friends,

and owing very largely to the determined efforts put forward by the Principal, the Rev. Dr. Sparling, such a building has finally been erected, and here at length, after a few months further sojourn in the parlors of Grace church, the students find themselves with every accommodation in a building admirably adapted to college work, and with a registration number which has arisen in this short time from seven up to the satisfactory number of one hundred and twenty-five, and a graduate list of forty-nine in Arts and two in Theology, a total of fifty-one. Vivat, floreat, crescat, Wesley.

THE NEW BUILDING

One of the very first edifices that attracts the attention of the sight-seer in visiting the enterprising capital of our fair western province is the recently erected structure which bears the name of Wesley College. As we approach it from Main street, by way of Portage avenue, we are impressed, not only by the massiveness of the pile, but also by the compact strength of its outline, which in each detail manifests beauty, combined with utility. The building is somewhat triangular in form, having two towers, the larger of which faces towards the southeast and rises to a height of one hundred and thirty feet, while the other, slightly smaller, faces towards the southwest. Between these, and fronting on the avenue, is a broad entrance. The exterior of the building is of Calgary sandstone, in rock-faced courses, with dressing of similar stone. We cannot but remark just here the fine extent of level campus, which affords every facility for college sports that could be desired. Here already have many football teams won well-earned victories, and prophetic vision discerns the throngs of stalwart forms which the future will bear hither to gain the muscle, might and promptitude, which will best fit them for the all-important battle of life.

We enter the building through a spacious and massive doorway and vestibule, which are reached by ascending a broad flight of solid stone steps. Just within these is a wide landing, from which a few steps lead to the main hall and corridors