

academical year was saddened by the loss of our University's greatest benefactor, Dr. Robert Hamilton. At the outset of our present year we were called upon to lament the death of one who certainly stood second on the list of benefactors, the Hon. Evan John Price, Senator of the Dominion of Canada. To his generosity the College is indebted for frequent liberal gifts, and we have also to remember with gratitude his prompt readiness to respond to any appeal for assistance in case of lesser needs. A brass tablet has by the contributions of members of Corporation and other friends been recently put up to his memory in the College Chapel.

In my report last year I spoke of the project suggested by the Bishop of a Diocesan memorial to Dr. Hamilton, in the form of the reconstruction in greatly improved style of the Arts building of the University. Last year it was a project. To-day it is before us in a considerable measure an accomplished fact. Of course the collection of a large sum of money (some \$20,000) is a matter of serious difficulty in such a community as ours, the number of rich members being very small and calls for money contributions numerous and often very urgent. Still friends have come forward with large and generous donations, notably the Bishop of Quebec, Senator Price and other friends have given according to their means and the result is what you see, or rather this is not all. The whole work was planned to consist of three sections, one at each end of the building, and the third in the middle, each of which by arrangement could be completed independently of the rest. The section first undertaken was that at the East end (next the Chapel) and included the extension of the whole of that portion of the building into the "quad" so as to considerably enlarge it. The enlargement included the kitchen and other basement offices and provided on the ground floor (in addition to the dining room formerly common to the College and School but now reserved for the latter only), an enlarged lecture room and a tolerably spacious Council chamber. On the next floor a handsome and commodious dining-room for the students forms an entirely new feature. Besides we have new students' rooms, bath rooms, etc. And here, at this point, thankful indeed to have attained this measure of

success, we fully expected to have been obliged to stop with section No. 1, although keenly realizing the immense advantage we should enjoy could we only proceed at once to section No. 3, at the west end of the building, or in other words to the Principal's lodge.

We felt that the provision of a suitable home for our new Principal, to be ready for his occupation on his arrival, or shortly afterwards, was an object of the very first importance. Most happily an anonymous friend presented himself in the nick of time with the generous offer of a large proportion of the sum required for No. 3, on condition that the rest be secured and the work set about during this month of June. It may be well to remind friends that No. 2 is still unprovided for, and that this portion of the building, if suffered to continue in its present condition, will be a sad eye sore in its contrast to the new portions on each side.

The opening of the College took place at the usual time, although owing to the dismantled condition of a large part of the building in consequence of the work then going on, a good deal of inconvenience was suffered.

In September last a special meeting of Convocation was held, at which the hon. degree of D. C. L. was conferred on Rev. Dr. Shaw, Principal of the Wesleyan College, Montreal, and Rev. Dr. Cunningham, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. To the latter gentleman we have since been indebted for his suggestions and co-operation in securing a new Principal.

The newly established honour course in English under its newly appointed Professor, Mr. L. R. Holme, has been put into operation and has worked most satisfactorily. It is a matter for deep regret that owing to unexpected financial disappointments our prospects for the continuance of this branch of our work are threatened with an untimely suppression and loss of Mr. Holme's most valuable services. The new Principal, indeed, is a specialist in this department, and we may hope therefore that it will not be allowed to collapse. It is absolutely essential, however, that a certain amount of assistance should be provided, and for this purpose (as well as to ensure a resident lecturer for the preservation of discipline in the Arts building) we have fortunately succeeded in re-engaging Mr. G. Oswald