

In this issue of the JOURNAL for the session 1906-07 we wish to thank those who have contributed news items from time to time for the Science column; and take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation. It is hardly necessary to remind Science men that next year's editor will welcome assistance, and we bespeak for him your hearty support.

Alumni.

ONLY one honorary degree was conferred at Convocation, and that was upon Prof. Willet G. Miller, geologist of the Ontario government, who received the degree of L.L. D.

Six feet three in height, sturdy in frame, blue-eyed, dark-haired, somewhat slow in speech because he thinks while he speaks and does not talk for the sake of hearing his own voice, graceful in manner, fearless in the maintenance of his convictions, in fact an excellent specimen of the best type of Canadian manhood, is Prof. Willet G. Miller, the provincial geologist. His work and the excellent reports in which he presented its results are known in many lands among those interested in mining and geology; the man himself is personally known to hundreds in this and other countries. A native of Norfolk county, in one way and another the greater part of his life since graduation at the University of Toronto in 1890, with first-class honors in the natural science department, has been spent in public service. A fellow in mineralogy with the dominion geological service, a lecturer and later professor in geology in the School of Mining at Kingston, in these various capacities he did excellent work, growing in knowledge, practical and theoretical, and gaining for himself an ever-widening reputation among scientific men. He found time at this period to take post-graduate courses at the Universities of Chicago, Harvard, and Heidelberg, Germany. In the summer of 1897 he began special work for the provincial bureau of mines, and in 1902 resigned his post at the School of Mining to become provincial geologist.

Prof. Miller has had the experience of developing—so to speak—by his work and discoveries, two unique mineral fields, namely, the corundum deposits in Eastern Ontario, beginning with 1897, and the now world-famous Cobalt silver field, from 1903 to the present time. Until he went to the scene and examined the latter no one had any conception of the importance of the daily discoveries; in fact, they thought the silver finds were copper and other minerals. Many flattering offers have been made to Prof. Miller to leave the public service to join with men controlling millions of money in mining enterprises. His special knowledge, it can be readily understood, would in such an event not only prove of immense financial benefit to those with whom he threw in his lot in a business capacity, but also to himself. But he has refused them all, although in his present position he cannot have interests in any mines. His choice is deliberate, he has devoted himself to public service and to science and seems determined that his devotion shall not be broken. The people of Ontario ought to be proud to have such men as Prof. Miller