

him one of the most highly esteemed and honoured of the present staff. About 1870 Professor Murray retired to accept a similar appointment at McGill University, and was succeeded, in the professorship of metaphysics, by the present occupant, Dr. John Watson, an accomplished student of philosophy, and widely known to lovers of that study by his able works on the Kantian school of thought. In 1877 occurred one of the most important events in the history of the University—the appointment of its present Principal, George Monro Grant, D.D.—Dr. Snodgrass having resigned his position in order to return to Scotland. The accession of Principal Grant, whose high qualifications are too well known to need comment here, was greeted with great enthusiasm by all connected with the University, and its subsequent history has fully justified that enthusiasm. In his inaugural address, Principal Grant took the ground that it was well that the endowment of Toronto University had not been frittered away by subdivision, being little enough for one well equipped University, and that others would justify their existence only by securing for themselves the means of adequate equipment. He indicated that the friends of Queen's must put her on such a footing as to keep her abreast of the requirements of the age. The result of his energetic *régime* and eloquent appeals, is visible to-day in the large and able staff of Queen's, in her beautiful buildings, her hundreds of students, and the additions to her usefulness still in progress. The noble edifice which to-day replaces her first humble habitation was a worthy gift to the institution from the citizens of Kingston. A large increase to her endowment was secured through the exertions of Principal Snodgrass and of Professor Mackerras in his last days of health ; but the indefatigable Prin-

cipal has taken "Excelsior" for his motto ; and, having, mainly by his own personal exertions, and almost at the cost of his health and life, secured an endowment sufficient to place the University on a permanent footing, is likely to follow the example of the immortal Oliver Twist, and with greater success. A new Science Hall—the generous gift of a citizen of Kingston—will be immediately erected on the college *campus*, affording additional room, already much needed, for the teaching of pure science. It is to be hoped that, in the interests of a large tract of surrounding country of which this is a convenient centre, the Ontario Government will supplement this expansion in a scientific direction by the creation of a School of Technology or Applied Science, in convenient proximity, which could be done with great economy of resources, and would be of great practical importance. The chair of Physics is now separated from that of Mathematics, and was taken by Professor Dupuis, a first-rate mathematician, and the author of valuable English text books. Physics also is subdivided, Astronomy being retained by Professor Williamson, who has also charge of the public Observatory, removed to the college *campus* for convenience, observations being regularly taken in connection with the University. Physics proper is taught by an accomplished physicist, Professor Marshall, while Natural History is under the charge of Professor Fowler, one of the best botanists in Canada. The scholarly Professor of Classics—Professor Fletcher—has, as assistant, the Rev. A. Nicholson, a man of great linguistic accomplishments and wide knowledge. Political Economy has also been dissociated from Metaphysics, and is taught by Professor Shortt, a distinguished graduate of Queen's. Separate chairs of Modern Languages and English Literature have been re-