

in Mining and Metallurgy; and the addition to the component parts of the University system of an "Academic Board," consisting of all the Professors of all the Faculties in the University, with certain other members of the teaching staff, chargeable by statute with the duty of "considering such matters as pertain to the interests of the University as a whole and making recommendations concerning the same."

A movement which is likely to have an important influence on the interests of the University is the formation of Graduates' Societies in the several Provinces of the Dominion and in the United States at various centres. Besides extending information with regard to the work done in the University, several of these societies have shown in a very practical manner their attachment to their Alma Mater by the founding of Scholarships or the donation of Prizes.

In addition to changes in the staff consequent on the transference of Professors to other appointments, details of which are given below, in connection with the several Faculties, the University has to mourn the removal by death of the Honourable Christopher A. Geoffrion, Q.C., D.C.L., P.C., for many years a Professor in the Faculty of Law.

Mention must also be made of the death of Miss Barnjum, for many years connected with the cause of physical education in this city, and for the last ten years Instructress of the Donalda students.

#### FINANCIAL CONDITIONS.

The grave anxiety as to the financial position of the University, referred to in the Report for the year 1897, was to some extent relieved by the generous action of various members of the Board of Governors, who subscribed among themselves, last Christmas, a sum of one hundred and ninety-one thousand dollars with the view of replacing sums which had at va-