

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT  
—OF THE—  
Queen's University Endowment Association.

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*To the Graduates, Alumni and Friends of Queen's University.*

It is the duty of the Executive Committee, in publishing the first Report, to call the attention of those who may be considered the true constituency of the University to the origin, nature and objects of the Q. U. E. Association, and the claim it has to your loyal and immediate support. The Chancellor, while assisting at the celebration of the ter-Centenary of Edinburgh University—on which historic institution Queen's is modelled,—learned how useful similar associations had been to the Scottish Universities; and he also learned, on his return to Canada, that you were practically a unit in your determination to preserve Queen's on its first site, with all its rights, privileges, functions and Faculties. Very naturally the proposal came from him that an Association or League of all its real friends should be formed, for the defence, maintenance and extension of a University which is framed on so goodly a model, which has done much for Canada with exceedingly scanty resources, and which promises to be an increasingly important factor in the intellectual and moral development of the Canadian people. It is not necessary for us to argue the general question of the value of Universities. "They have and will continue to have," as Carlyle said to the students of Edinburgh, "an indispensable value in society. I consider the very highest interests of man vitally entrusted to them." We believe this. We believe, too, that four are as much needed here as four have been and are needed in Scotland, or that if any one of ours can be dispensed with, Queen's is not the one. Believing this, we have a duty to perform, and to the discharge of that duty we call one another.

Queen's is not situated in a populous centre, where its work would daily attract the attention of wealthy men. Our fathers placed it in a centre convenient for the youth of the two Provinces of