

We are sorry to report that the Library has not made the progress of former years in the acquisition of new books. However pressing our needs in this indispensable auxiliary to the interest and work of the College, the Faculty have felt that it is vain to appeal to our Baptist public for funds, until time and experience have worn away the impression that the Corporation of McMaster University has enough and to spare for every conceivable educational purpose. We hope, however, that among the more thoughtful and liberal of our brethren there may soon be found a goodly number who will rejoice to make themselves partners in so grand an enterprise. The Faculty will be on the alert for indications of this spirit in behalf of the Library, and in the meantime, they hope the authorities of the University may feel it consistent to make a small appropriation, say \$500, to supply existing and pressing wants.

In reviewing the year so crowded with events of the largest significance, events which must change all the future of the Baptists of Canada, we are profoundly conscious of the utter inadequacy of mere human wisdom to shape our policy, and control the deep and swift currents which are flowing. We need the Shekinah to awe us with a sense of the Divine Presence in all our Councils. The little work we have done, confessing its weakness and manifold imperfections, we commend to the charitable consideration of those whose duty it is to judge us, while for the purity of our intentions we leave it to the unerring judgment of Him who judges, and yet loves us all.

On behalf of the Faculty,

JNO. H. CASTLE,

McMaster Hall, April 25th, 1888.

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