

erection of buildings, but finally, having secured a large and very valuable plot of ground adjoining the University park, the erection of the building was proceeded with in 1882. The present buildings, spacious as they are, are only about half the size of those ultimately contemplated. They are of handsome elevation, built of grey stone, and present a substantial and striking appearance viewed from University street. The edifice contains a residence for the Principal, Dr. Douglas, a Convocation hall, three lecture-rooms, library, office, a large dining hall, and refectory. The total value of the building, land and furniture is about \$40,000.

FRANCE.—Thoughtful men are watching France. Poor, foolish, erratic, spasmodic France! It appears that the position of this atheistically and socialistically ruled country is almost inferior to that of the degraded Turk. Like many of Rome's last efforts to make a display of power, when all was weak and rotten within, this wretched country is making enormous pretensions of military strength and efficiency. An expedition to Tunis is followed by another to Madagascar, where a most contemptible war is being unjustly waged against the Houa rulers of the Island. Another expedition is working for an increase of power and territory on Asiatic soil. John Chinaman meets it, and is giving the Frenchman a very warm reception. Failure awaits this undertaking. History will write *failure*. France thinks England's wonderful power and success resulted from conquest, and therefore determines to conquer. Poor, foolish, deluded rulers and people! They do not know how to rule themselves. This they must learn or die. But they are not in a state to learn until their country is again humbled. The humbling process is preparing for this old race, and it will end *only* with their utter extinction. It seems almost cruel to foretell the inevitable, but it is truth and must be told. The Frenchman "must go" from the face of the earth. His end is approaching. The higher types of mankind will mercilessly grind him out. Conquest for France! This Godless and wayward country is not able to command