

sweep down upon him. Then it is that his re-entrance into the old scenes through the medium of his college paper inspires him with renewed hope.

It has been said with truthfulness that there are no friendships as lasting as those formed during college life. The unifying influences, which are so plentiful in college days, depend largely upon the college journal for maintenance in after years, when time and space intervene. When years of absence have shattered every tie; when even the freshmen, over whom you loved to lord, have passed from grave and reverend seniors to graduates, the college paper should not fail to awaken the old feelings and renew the old friendships.

As an educative factor it is hoped the

"Vox Wesleyana" will not be wanting. From month to month the management will present to its readers articles from men of learning on points of lively interest and usefulness. Many of these will be written by old students now in different spheres of life, and will thus add another link to the tie which binds all students of old Wesley together.

Lastly, the journal will have a direct and very practical influence upon those engaged in the actual work of its compilation. A college education is theoretical; the management of a college paper is an education altogether practical, and while perhaps most limited in extent of all, yet is more potent than any of the college papers' influences.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WESLEY COLLEGE

THE INSTITUTION

In June of the year 1889 the first calendar of Wesley College, the youngest in the corporation of colleges forming the University of Manitoba, made its appearance. The opening paragraphs of its announcement indicated fully the scope of its work. These were as follows: "Wesley College, though established in the interests of and sustained by the Methodist church, is, in its Arts Department, of an entirely non-sectarian character, and, as such, welcomes to its advantages students of any denomination whatever, who are desirous of pursuing a course of higher education. The course of study in this department is that prescribed by the University of Manitoba for all students proceeding to a degree of Arts.

"The Theological Department, however, is entirely under the control of the Board of Directors of the College."

Although established as early as 1873, yet, owing to insufficient equipment and support, actual teaching had to be suspended, and it seemed as if the young college had received its deathblow. A few enthusiastic supporters, however, still cherished the idea that a Methodist in-

stitution was a necessity, and must prove a success if the hearty support of our people throughout the province could be enlisted. This feeling grew to such an extent that in June, 1888, the Manitoba and Northwest Conference placed itself in hearty co-operation with the Board of Directors to establish the college in an active and honorable position, and in October of the same year the college was affiliated with the University of Manitoba, a principal and staff of professors having in the meantime been secured, as well also as suitable accommodation, in order that such legal status might be obtained in accordance with the University Act.

As now constituted, Wesley College began its operations under, it is true, somewhat unfavorable circumstances. With scarcely any previous announcement, and with no further accommodation than two class-rooms in Grace church, together with a small, dimly-lighted room, used as a kitchen by the ladies of the church, the college began its career. The aforesaid kitchen served the purpose of a chemical laboratory for the solitary student taking this subject, and, with its reagents and apparatus of strange design, was in conse-