

Mayhap later issues of the JOURNAL have modified the *Student's* impressions of us. Like most mortal men, we must admit the weakness referred to, but fear it is more than temporary.

Of course there are ladies on the JOURNAL Committee and it would be but fair to name a representative of the Levana in the published staff. Improvements along that line will likely be made in the next volume.

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An increase in the number of students attending a university is not necessarily a sign of real progress; nevertheless the steady advance of Queen's in this respect cannot fail to afford gratification to her friends, when we remember seeming disadvantages which tend to make that increase slow. Having neither the prestige of a state institution as such, nor the endowment of a Cræsus seat of learning, we find ourselves situated in a realatively small city and consequently denied the privileges of enjoying the best productions in the way of art. Yet we are by no means utterly lorn. Apart from the gifts and graces of our honoured Alma Mater, there are open to us sources of culture, refinement and spiritual enjoyment, which we prize the more perhaps, because they are not so numerous as in larger cities. It is scarcely possible to hide ourselves from landscapes of the greatest natural beauty. The refining and æsthetic influence of what excellent architecture we have, is all the more powerful just because it is not profuse; and so also, it may be, we have a keener appreciation of the gems of art which are within our reach, since we are in no immediate danger of a satiety.

Along with the rest of the community we feel ourselves deeply grateful to Mr. Harvey for the recitals which, out of the goodness of his heart, he has given. He cannot be aware, nor dare we venture to say what is the measure of the service so freely rendered. Many of the great masters of music were little more than names to some of us, till he, with true art and sympathetic interpretation, reproduced the efforts of their souls; and breathing through it all the charm of his own spirit, awakened love of purity, truth and beauty.

"And I know not if, save in this, such gift be allowed to man,
That out of three sounds he frame, not a fourth sound,
but a star."

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The author of that famous boys' book, written about forty years ago, "Tom Brown's School Days," is dead. A man of strong personality and noble character, he was distinguished in politics, law and letters. In 1848 he was called to the bar, in 1869 he was appointed a Queen's Counsel, and in 1882 he became a judge. As a member of parliament he

sought to advance the true interests of the working class. Indeed, all social questions were of interest to him. The *Week* was honored by having him as a regular subscriber. England has lost a true man and a patriot.

WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL FUND.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association of Queen's University, held in Kingston on Feb. 19th, the Chancellor explained that directly after the funeral of the late DR. WILLIAMSON he issued the following circular:

"It is understood that the late Professor Williamson has, after providing for a few legacies, bequeathed the residue of his Estate to the endowment of the University. There are many old students and friends of Dr. Williamson who would like his name associated with some permanent memorial, and it is proposed to ask the Trustees to allow the bequest (which will be under \$1,000) to form the nucleus of a fund, to be supplemented by voluntary subscriptions sufficient to establish a fellowship or lectureship which would forever be known by his name.

"Those in favor of the proposal will be good enough to communicate with me as early as convenient, stating the sum they are disposed to contribute.

"SANDFORD FLEMING,
"Chancellor of Queen's.

"Ottawa, Oct. 2nd, 1895."

The sum of \$456 has been already sent in money or promises, the subscriptions ranging from \$1 to \$100.

The Alumni Association passed the following resolution:

Moved by Rev. J. Sinclair, seconded by Rev. J. Hay, and resolved: "That this Association approves of the step taken by the Chancellor with the view of establishing a Scholarship or Lectureship in memory of Dr. Williamson, and that the Chancellor, Mr. McIver, and the Rev. Mr. Cumberland be a Committee to call the attention of the Alumni generally to this project."

The Alumni Association will meet again during Convocation week in April, when it will be determined what further action should be taken. Meanwhile I shall, as Secretary of the Committee, be very glad to add the name of any old student or friend of the deceased to the list of contributors to the fund.

Remittances for any sum by P. O. Order or otherwise may be sent direct to the Treasurer, Mr. J. B. McIver, Kingston.

J. CUMBERLAND,
Secretary,
STELLA, ONT.

Kingston, Feb. 20th, 1896.

The above circular has been issued by the committee appointed to receive subscriptions for this fund.

We are glad to know that an effort is being made to perpetuate the name of the venerable and beloved professor.

For half a century he gave the benefit of his ripe and varied scholarship to our university, besides many handsome donations in money and instruments as the shelves of the Physical Class-room and Observatory can testify. The best proof of this is that at his death he had less than \$1,000 to bequeath as a testimony that the love and devotion with which, in his life, he had so well and faithfully served Queen's had continued to the end. Surely the least we ought to do is to supplement this, to found a Scholarship to be known for ever as the "Williamson Memorial. It will not require a large sum from any to accomplish this if we each give a little.