

The Proprietors of "Y Drych a Baner America," "North Wales Guardian," "North Wales Observer and Express," "The Christian," "The Analyst," "The Canadian Gazette," "Gwalia," "The Temperance Record," "Wrexham Advertiser," "Y Celt," "Y Tyst a'r Dydd," "The Tonic Sol-fa Reporter," "Yr Herald Cymraeg," "The Bible Treasury," "Y Columbia," "Y Diwygiwr," "The Women's Penny Paper."

In reviewing these figures our attention is arrested by the sudden and considerable drop in the number of the students. I confess at once that I cannot account for it. The College did not do so well in the London Matriculation Examination last June as usual. But that does not explain the serious decrease in our numbers from 165 to 124, a difference of 41. The diminution in the number of Scholarships and Exhibitions has probably had something to do in bringing about this result. Since 1887 we have reduced the amount of Scholarships and Exhibitions from £1,363 to £740. It is to be noticed that the decrease occurs almost entirely in the lower or Matriculation Classes. The number of students in the Senior or B.A. and B.Sc. classes is as large as ever.

A more agreeable duty is to acknowledge most cordially our debt of gratitude to benefactors of the College. Foremost among them this year stands Mr. W. T. Jones, of Melbourne, who presented to the Museum a very valuable collection of Australian minerals, which has now been arranged and displayed in proper order. But we are even more indebted to Mr. Jones for his munificence in defraying the cost of an ornamental inner roof for the Central Hall of the College. The beautiful design of Mr. Seddon was accepted by the Building Committee, and the roof constructed by Messrs. Davies and Sons of Newtown, who have now finished the work. I am informed by competent judges that no better piece of woodwork is to be seen in any part of the building. The coats-of-arms of all the Welsh County Councils are arranged along both sides of the Hall under the roof. I trust the Council will decide to place in the Central Hall a suitable tablet and inscription commemorating Mr. Jones's generous gift.

A geological collection which it had taken thirty years to form has been presented to the College by a patriotic Welshman in America, Mr. Edward Jones of Olyphant, Pennsylvania. Our thanks are due to Mr. Jones for his valuable gift, which will certainly be unique in this country.

Personally I have to acknowledge the great kindness of the Council in permitting me to be absent for the whole of Easter Term and take a prolonged holiday in the United States of America. But though the primary object of my visit to that great and interesting country was a change and rest, many opportunities were offered me to bring the claims of the College under the notice of Welshmen there who still cherish love for "yr hen wlad." Perhaps I ought not to have used the expression "claims of the College." For the Welsh people in the States, though they have not ceased to be Welsh, are yet in their inmost hearts and deliberate judgment Americans. Our College will not affect their interests in the slightest degree. Still they gave me, not only a patient, but a kind, I may say even an enthusiastic, hearing. It occurred to me that it would be better to consolidate our wants in a concrete form, and ask for one thing only, rather than make a general appeal for contributions towards the College funds. I fixed on what appeared to me to be the most pressing need, and appealed to them to furnish the new Library with complete fittings in a style equal to the very handsome equipments of the best American Colleges. To accomplish this we require, according to a rough preliminary estimate, twelve hundred pounds. I am glad to be able to inform the Council that this sum will be forthcoming as soon as the Council decides to take in hand the work of completing the Library. The entire cost will be defrayed by our generous and patriotic brethren in America, in the United States more especially, but also in some cities of Canada. I ventured to tell the Welshmen across the ocean that the Council would place an inscription over the door of the Library, in the Welsh language, to this effect: "Dodrefnwyd y Llyfrgell hon gan Gymry cenedlgarol yn yr Unol Daleithau ac yn Canada, 1890. Cas gwr na

charo y wlad a'i maco." In reflecting on the disinterested generosity of these Welshmen beyond the seas, I could not but feel my heart warmed towards them, and wish the Council were authorised to elect six, more or less, of their number, together with Mr. Jones of Melbourne, Honorary Governors of the College. This is not all. A suggestion was made to me by one of the most noble-minded and lovable men I ever had the honour of knowing that, as soon as the work of furnishing the Library with adequate fittings is completed, we should start a fund, the interest of which will be placed every year at the disposal of the Senate for the purchase of such expensive books as they may consider necessary in what we hope will in time be one of the best libraries in Wales. I trust the gentleman who made this excellent suggestion will pardon me if I give his name. At any rate, I am sure the Council would not forgive me if I refrained from putting them, so to say, on terms of personal acquaintance with a gentleman who told me that of all the philanthropic objects ever brought under his notice, the cause of the University College of Wales, with its chequered history and gallant struggles, had appealed to his judgment and sympathies with strongest force. I refer to Mr. William Miles of New York. But he is only first among his equals. I am tempted to give a long list of other friends of ours, in New York State, in Pennsylvania, in Ohio, in Minnesota, in Wisconsin, in Washington State, in California, and in Canada. I refrain only because I should not know where to stop. I would venture to suggest to the Council that our warmest thanks and greetings should be sent to the Welshmen of America, and that this might appropriately be conveyed to them by us through Mr. Miles of New York as their representative.

The thanks of the Council are due also to the Commissioners of the Exhibition held in 1851, who have, in accordance with a general scheme for providing Scholarships for Provincial Colleges, granted the sum of £150 to this College alternately with the Colleges of North Wales and of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

During my absence I relegated the more pressing duties of my

post to the Senior Professor, my friend Mr. Angus. I consider it a fortunate thing that in requesting the senior member of the Senate to act as Principal for the time being I was securing the services of one than whom none of his colleagues was more competent. I am personally indebted to Professor Angus for the judgment with which he appears to me to have acted. It gives me much pleasure also to read to the Council the following resolution, unanimously and cordially adopted by the Senate at its first meeting of this Session. It was proposed and seconded by the two Professors who come next to Professor Angus in point of seniority, Dr. Ethé and Mr. Genese :

“RESOLVED—

“That the Senate desires to record its high appreciation of
 “the devotion and success with which Professor Angus
 “discharged the duties which devolved upon him during
 “the absence of the Principal.”

T. C. EDWARDS,
Principal.

TREASURERS' ACCOUNT.

The College year terminates on the 30th June, and the receipts and payments embraced by the balance-sheet now presented are for the year ended on that day. The list of Subscribers to be appended to this Report will, however, include all sums received up to the end of the present month (October).

The ordinary income of the College for the past year (£6,501 os. 8d.) shows an increase over that of the previous year of £19 13s. 4d., and the expenditure (£6,491 16s. 9d.) an increase of £130 9s. 4d. The income having slightly exceeded the expenditure, the adverse balance, £201 12s. 3d., with which the year opened was reduced to £192 8s. 4d. at its close.

In the receipts there is an increase of £192 13s. 6d. from Scholarship Dividends and Subscriptions, partly arising from the payment of arrears and partly from the income derived from new Scholarships, but against this must be set off a decrease in the Students'