Eighth Annual Meeting of the
Ottawa Association for the
Advancement of Learning
September 29, 1949.

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
of the

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF LEARNING (INC)

TIME: September 29, 1949, at 5 p.m.

PLACE: Faculty Room, Carleton College, Ottawa.

PRESENT: Dr. H.S. Southam, Chairman, Dr. O.E. Ault, Mr. V.S. Castledine, Mr. A.A. Crawley, Mr. E.K. Davidson, Dr. McGregor Easson, Col. C.M. Edwards, Mr. C.C. Gibson, Mr. E.J. Jenkins, Mr. F.C. Jennings, Dr. M.M. MacOdrum, Mr. W.D. McKewen. Also present Mr. E.F. Sheffield and Mr. F.J. Turner.

MINUTES: The minutes of the seventh annual meeting were approved.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:
The Secretary reported the establishment of a Senatus Academicus in accordance with section 19 of the proposed Provincial Charter for Carleton College.

A copy of the report of the Secretary is appended.

On a motion by Dr. Easson, seconded by Dr. Ault, the report of the Secretary was accepted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER:
The highlights of the report of the Treasurer were the receipt of a Provincial Government Grant of $65,000 for the Provincial financial year 1949/50; an increase in the tuition fee income and an even greater increase in expenditures (particularly instructional salaries). As a result there has been an increase in the deficit from $17,607.27 for the year 1947/48 to $34,298.42 for the year 1949/49. It was also reported that the anticipated deficit for 1949/50 was $64,452.00.

On June 30, 1949, pledges to the Building and Endowment Fund totaled $431,642.71, and payments $322,158.96.

A copy of the report of the Treasurer is appended.

On a motion by Col. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Jennings, the report of the Treasurer was accepted.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ELECTION OF GOVERNORS: Dr. MacOdrum reported for the nominating Committee nominated the eight retiring Governors for a three year term. It was agreed that they be re-elected and at the request of the chair Mr. Davidson cast the single ballot for their re-election.

The Governors re-elected were Mr. F.E. Bronson, Mr. W.M. Connor, Mr. V.S. Castledine, Mr. E.J. Jenkins, Mr. A.E. MacRae, Mr. W.D. McKewen, the Hon. Norman McL. Paterson and Dr. J.E. Robbins.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS: It was moved by Mr. McKewen, seconded by Col. Edwards that Arthur A. Crawley and Company be re-appointed auditors for the year 1949/50. Carried.

APPROVAL OF ACTS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS: It was moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Castledine, that all acts, contracts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Governors and Officers of the Association since the date of the last annual meeting of the association as the same are set out or referred to in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Governors and in the financial statements submitted to this meeting by the same, are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed. Carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT: The President spoke of the improved academic status of the College. With few exceptions the various subjects of study are now taught by full-time members of the College staff. The College conferred its first degrees in Arts, Science, and Commerce at a convocation held in May, 1949. In several departments of study the strength of the teaching staff is sufficient to warrant the institution of honours courses. The honours degrees will require five years from Junior Matriculation. Honours will be offered only in those departments which are strong and can be expected to grow stronger. At present those departments would seem to be Chemistry, Economics, English, Physics and Political Science, in alphabetical order, not necessarily in order of strength or merit.
The general academic status is much more satisfactory, therefore, than it was a year ago and immeasurably better than two, three and four years ago. The degree programmes are firmly established. Honours work, and perhaps in another year or two, graduate work can be built upon them.

There is urgent need of a library building. A Library Committee has been set up and has already done much planning. In anticipation of the day when a library building will become a reality two professionally trained librarians have been appointed this year to assist the chief librarian, Miss Gifford. Heavy expenditures on books have again been made this year. The library is gradually approaching the point of real usefulness to our undergraduates.

Carleton College carries the good wishes of many people. Good wishes may pay our bills, but we must make sure that they do. The bills are many and heavy. The creation of a degree-granting college in Ottawa in the four years since the inauguration of day classes in 1945 has been a phenomenal academic achievement, but it has been accomplished by deficit financing. There was seemingly no acceptable alternative to this, but the annual and the accumulated deficits are now in very serious amounts. The second half of the Million Dollar Campaign announced in 1947 should open on schedule in the Spring of 1950. The College, on the record of its achievements, deserves to receive the financial support for which it will in that campaign appeal.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Mr. McKewen, seconded by Mr. Davidson, the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

C. C. Gibson, Secretary

H. S. Southam, Chairman.