

during our course we are leaving the College very much in the dark on one point, for no one of our professors has taken upon himself to be the man to settle that much disputed question, as to whether we are now living in the 19th or in the 20th century. Certainly the question is not a theological one, even if the Pope of Rome may take upon himself to guide the faithful in this as in other respects. Our professors are not given to pronouncing definitely on such subjects, and so the problem remains for us unsolved. Are we the last graduates of a closing century or the first to hail the new—the 20th century? Will it be too much to claim that we are both? If the year 1900 is the close of the century we bring up the rear, “last but not least.” If it is the first of the new century we lead the van, and if the year 1901 begins the century we will still be somewhat in that honoured position, for when the year 1901 dawns the graduating class of that year will but be beginning the agonies of the final contest. We stand thus inevitably between the old and the new. To the old we bid farewell, for our work will be a part of the history of the new. Considering these things, had we lived in the days of Clement or of Origen, or could we in the present adopt their methods of interpretation we might find something very significant in our number. We are twelve. Shall we call ourselves the twelve apostles of the 20th century? No, there is nothing significant in the number, except to specially remind us that whilst we lack many of the requisites of apostleship, yet we serve the same Master, we have the same message to deliver, our “marching orders” are the same. We believe that to us also Christ has said: “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” The same presence, we believe, will go with us, for to us also the Master says: “Lo, I am with you alway.” Already there are indications of how wide-spread will be our spheres of labour. The pressing needs of the west have certainly not been overlooked by us, as five of our number will immediately begin their journey in that direction. If comparisons can at all be permitted I would say that these are amongst our best. Three have the degree of B.A. from McGill University, one