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THE NEW YEAR. THIS number opens another year in the history of Trinity University and of THE REVIEW. Last session, under the able guidance of Mr. G. B. Strathy, THE REVIEW had perhaps the most successful year of its existence. Being deeply conscious of this, the new management takes the place of the old with some degree of trepidation, but also with the determination to do all that can be done to maintain the standard of last year.

THE FRESHMEN. THE prospects of this College never seemed brighter. We commence this session with a larger Freshmen class than has entered these halls for many years. Though this class may not exceed former years in quality, it most certainly does in quantity; and we hold before the members of this promising year, the hope that in time they may, even in quality attain the standard of their Seniors. THE REVIEW takes this opportunity of welcoming them to this University, hoping that they will ever do their utmost to further her interests as loyal sons. They have entered this College at a turning point in her existence, when progress seems the order of the day, at a time when every effort is being put forth to bring this institution before the Church people of the Province, and to awaken them to the realization that this is the Church University of Ontario.

THE TROUBLE IN CHINA. It is curious to notice the change of front in some papers here and elsewhere, in regard to the influence of the missionary in the Celestial Empire. In ordinary times he is represented as a mistaken fanatic, who labours in vain among the Chinamen, whose influence is nothing, and whose energies are lost, yet when a great anti-foreign movement arises in China, all the blame is laid at the feet of the missionary. He, the narrow minded bigot, the laughing stock of the whole Chinese world, is the cause of all the bloodshed, and we are asked to believe that if only he could be driven out, and the

other foreigners left to their mines, railroads, opium trading, etc., peace would be restored. Now the interesting point of all this is the compliment passed upon these ignorant, uninfluential missionaries. What a mighty power these two thousand men and women must be to have stirred that vast sluggish empire to such a depth! Their influence must be greater and wider than the world dreamed of, their daily work for the last few years, without the help of rifle or sword, must have been telling indeed.

But as a matter of fact, the missionary is but one of the many factors in the present trouble. In the edicts and placards published throughout the length and breadth of the Empire, the Chinaman himself, counts the missionary as only one of his grievances, for to quote from the *Japan Weekly Mail* "it really concedes too much power and influence to the missionary to say, that he did it, or even a greater part of it." The trouble springs from the Boxer movement against all foreign institutions. Neither the Boxers nor the officials implicated with them, care anything for the missionaries as such, or for their religion. Their quarrel is with all foreigners, missionaries among them.

PROFESSOR CAYLEY'S RESIGNATION. "PROFESSOR CAYLEY is resigning his chair in Theology." This was one of the items of news that we heard as soon as we came up this term.

Mr. Cayley has been appointed to the Rectory of S. Simon the Apostle, in this city. While we are convinced of the wisdom of the Bishop of Toronto in his choice for this important living, and can congratulate both Mr. Cayley and the congregation to which he is going to minister, yet at the same time we do feel that the loss which "Trinity" sustains is a severe one, and it is with sincere regret that we shall part with one who has been so long connected with our Alma Mater.

Mr. Cayley has been connected with Trinity all his life, he is a Canadian and a Torontonion, belonging to a family well-known and highly honoured in the annals of our own city. He is a son of the Rev. John D'Arcy Cayley, Canon of S. Alban's Cathedral and Rector of S. George's Church, Toronto, and a grandson of the late Hon. William Cayley, formerly Finance Minister.

Professor Cayley was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and at Trinity University, Toronto, where he won three scholarships. He took his degree in 1885, and was ordained to the sacred ministry in 1889. He has been attached to his Alma Mater ever since he first entered the University as an undergraduate, and at the present time holds the responsible position of Second Professor in Divinity, in which office he succeeded the Rev. Dr. Roper, now of the General Theological Seminary in New York.

We are sure that Mr. Cayley will carry on the work of S. Simon's parish in no less successful way than it has been carried on by our Provost for the last thirteen years. The enrichment to Mr. Cayley himself in taking up the work of a Parish Priest, so different in all its aspects from that of a Professor, will not be the least of the blessings to accrue from this change; and if the writer were a prophet and could pierce the future, he would predict what he humbly ventures to hope for, that, after some years of parochial experience, in the providence of God, Mr. Cayley will be called back by his Alma Mater, to devote his whole life to that work within her walls, for which he is so eminently qualified.