

FOR some time past there has been no formal opening of the college. The discontinuance of this custom has often been the subject of unfavorable remark, and the feeling has been prevalent that such an important event as the yearly resumption of work should be noted in a more prominent way. This year the college was opened by an informal address from the President, who, in the course of his remarks, alluded to this subject. He attributed the present inaction in regard to the matter to the careless habits of the students about returning. They, instead of being present at the opening exercises would keep dropping in for a week or ten days after. In consequence all the enthusiasm of the managers would ooze out in the face of a very small audience. When the students showed more promptitude, the Faculty would again move in the matter. Surely the students owe it to themselves to consider this statement and to make it necessary that the Faculty should redeem their promise. With a good address and the presence of some leading men they would receive that stimulus which is needed to tide them over the first few days of the transition period, when naturally they feel but little inclination for study.

SINCE the removal of the theological department from Acadia to Toronto, any movement which affects the educational interests of the Baptists of the Upper Provinces necessarily attracts much interest in these quarters. Important action has been taken by them of late, which materially affects their former policy. Senator Wm. McMaster has added largely to the endowment of Woodstock College, and Professor T. H. Rand, D. C. L., of Toronto Baptist College, well known as an educationist in the Maritime Provinces, has been offered, and has accepted the principalship. The movement seems to be in the direction of raising Woodstock to the position of a degree conferring university. Those who know the energy and zeal which the new principal is capable of infusing into such a movement, and the success already attendant upon his executive ability, will entertain the brightest hopes for the future of this institution. Dr. Rand still retains his position on the staff of Toronto Baptist College, though acting as principal of Woodstock. It is also understood that the first year's work of the prescribed English course in McMaster Hall will now be carried on at Woodstock. Thus the bonds between

the sister institutions are being strengthened. Work at the Hall is advancing as usual. Rev. D. A. McGregor, B. A., has taken the place of Prof. Stewart, and thus the staff remains complete. As yet few students have found their way thither from these Provinces, but the number will probably be largely increased in the near future.

A statement made by "Neander," who is understood to be a professor at the Hall, made in the *N. Y. Examiner*, is worthy of consideration. He says:

"The number of students entering the college in Toronto this year might have been nearly double what it is, if we had been in a position to offer such financial inducements as some other institutions are offering. Our President persistently refuses to enter the student market and bid against others. We have an excellent system of self-support which young men who are not afraid of hard work greatly prefer to the gratuity system, &c."

It may be questioned if that policy be a wise one which so greatly limits the number of students, and sends so many out of the reach of our provincial churches. Shall we entirely ignore the system of gratuitous aid to worthy students, hoping for more than equal returns in their future work, or shall we adopt what must appear to the student, much like a subterfuge, and add to the amount which a student is able to earn and which is *his real salary* a sum from the gratuity fund, and call this augmented amount his salary? Another alternative would be to do as older institutions are doing and to adopt the plans which experience has pronounced wise if not the wisest. We wish our sister institutions well, and expect that the unfolding future will reveal rapid development in every department of their work.

IMPORTANT changes have taken place during the summer in connection with the Seminary. Miss Graves, the efficient principal for some years past, tendered her resignation, which was reluctantly accepted. In the faithful discharge of her duties, she proved herself worthy of her position, and the highest tribute to her merit may be found in the warmth of affection with which she was regarded by her pupils, and in the high esteem which was accorded to her by all her acquaintance. Miss Wadsworth who has taken her place, is a lady of large experience in teaching, and other literary work. We understand that she has already gained an enviable popularity, and hope that she may find her new duties congenial.