

ment. Would any of the denominations have allowed such a man to leave them for such a cause? Are there not rich men among them who would have felt it an honour to have endowed some position which would have provided such retirement, and ultimately have served as a lasting memorial of the Provost's long connection with Trinity College? And yet the whole Canadian Church has not stirred a finger to do itself this honour. What have the Bishops, the natural heads and leaders of the Church been about? How does their conduct contrast with that of many of their illustrious predecessors in office, who laboured and suffered in order to reward and honour learning and ability in their clergy? It will not surely happen that nothing will be done now that the Provost is gone, to procure some such memorial; and yet if anything is done it must be done at once.

It is useless to speculate yet upon the effect of the Provost's departure upon Trinity College itself. Very much, everything in fact depends upon the sort of man that may be chosen to succeed him, and a very solemn responsibility rests upon the delegates to whom the task has been entrusted. But for the present while everything will be done that can be done by our popular Dean and his learned colleagues, and while the work within the College halls will go on very much as usual, everybody feels that the central figure, the one which gave dignity and solidity to the staff, is gone, and we instinctively feel that we are moving upon a lower plain without him.

It is now nearly thirty years since the Provost first came amongst us. During all that time he has toiled and taught, and has never spared himself that he might assist his brethren and promote the interests of the Church. He has received an abundance of misrepresentations and persecution, and but little worldly remuneration or honour, and yet though no outward memorial of his work has been established, he may yet justly feel as he looks abroad over this land, or in fact over the world, for the graduates of Trinity are to be found in well nigh every land, he may well feel as he thinks of the men whose minds have been moulded by his hands, whatever the world may do "*Exegi monumentum ære perennius*."

This, however, will not excuse us from the discharge of a duty which we owe to the Provost, to our country, and to ourselves, and we call upon all good Churchmen in the Dominion, and especially upon the graduates and students of Trinity College, to take steps at once for the foundation of a Whitaker Fellowship or Professorship, or at least Scholarship.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS.

Our present system of general proficiency scholarships, may have arguments in its favour, yet we are inclined to doubt its efficacy. The objects for which these prizes were established we believe, would be much more satisfactorily attained by awarding scholarships for proficiency in particular branches. The evils arising from

the system now in practise are very manifest. Some even of our ablest men, here in Canada where students in the vast majority of cases receive a very insufficient previous preparation for a University honour course in any branch, have continually complained of their inability to attain to any great excellence in the branch of study, for which they are especially suited, on account of the irksome necessity of applying the greater part of the time at their disposal to outlying subjects which they find great difficulty in making any considerable progress in at all. The consequence is, that many men who might have taken a degree in a particular branch which would have made them an honour to their College, have at the end of their time obtained only a very insufficient smattering of a number of branches, and are obliged to leave the favourite object, for which their honour course was undertaken, for the most part unattained. There is a prize for the best poem in Latin verse offered annually for competition. How is it that so few names are on the list as having won it? One of the reasons no doubt is, that most of our honour men in their endeavour to obtain a high examination percentage in all the branches, have not had time to accumulate sufficient knowledge of the classics to enable them with confidence to attempt Latin verse.

Though we might find a few men of rare ability, who would be capable of mastering all this complication of subjects, yet it cannot be denied that the interests of pure and accurate learning are deeply injured by the shallow tendency of this system. A good mathematician for instance, judging from all cases which have come under our notice, can never hope to gain that mastery over the difficulties of his subject, which would enable him to look forward with certainty to the attainment of a high first-class degree, the object he has rightly set his heart upon, if he is obliged to spend, we might always say, the greater portion of his available time on the study of classics and other branches more difficult to him than his own, and often quite distasteful. We have noticed this disastrous result in the absurd but necessary attempt to read double honours made by men in almost every year, men who were manifestly incapable of accomplishing any success, in such an effort, but who, if left for the most part to their own bent, would attain to a very creditable scholarship in some particular branch. Many a man of marked capacity for following some such special branch with success is wholly discouraged by this necessity for devoting himself mainly to studies for which he has no taste, perhaps little ability, and drops out of the race altogether; for this very reason, our honour list has to our certain knowledge, been deprived of men who would, without a doubt, have been an ornament to it. The student, however great his ability, would certainly devote himself with more heart to his work if that dark impracticable mass of distasteful labour were removed from his sight. Labour, which he feels with dismay, will gain him but a poor smattering in the end, and leave him almost too weary for the pursuit or rather repursuit of the studies in which he might have made himself a