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WE are now fairly entered upon Trinity Term, and are beginning to realize that the end is not far distant. It is work and cram until examinations are over, and then a general rejoicing over the success of some, and a sympathetic "shake" over the failure of others. It is not expected that much new work will be done during this term, and we can only advise a thorough and systematic review of the year's work. If this be done the terrors of examination will be much lessened, and at the end some who at present have little hope of success, will be surprised to find themselves in advance of others whom they have always considered their superiors. There are always some among us who depend upon their natural shrewdness and the favors of fortune to make a "pass," but we have yet to learn that any such ever take a high stand either in college or out of it. A thorough knowledge of the text-book is the best guarantee for a high standing at examinations. We do not advocate this system of cramming as the most satisfactory in the end, nor do we consider a knowledge of the text-book to be the mastery of a subject, but under the present system of examinations a high standing is desirable, and

this is the best way to attain it. Again we say, work, work. Employ these fine spring days in making preparations for the storms of next month.

ON account of financial embarrassments, Mr. J. G. Robinson, Bursar, has found it necessary to resign his office. A special meeting of the Board of Management was called, and Rev. Amos Campbell was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Campbell has acted for some time as agent of the College, and we are confident that the finances of the College will not suffer in his hands.

WE publish in another column a criticism on an article which appeared in our last issue. We express no opinion upon the subject, and are compelled to confess our total ignorance of it. We are pleased, however, to know that our readers are becoming interested in the subjects mentioned in our columns, and trust that many will follow the example of Mr. Saunders. We hope that in discussions which may arise upon any subject, the subject itself will be dealt with, and not personal peculiarities.

THE Winter is rapidly moving northward, and the snow that has so long covered the earth is rapidly disappearing, to give it once more the privilege of sending forth its vegetation—and College authorities the opportunity of making improvements on the College grounds. We will not be extravagant in our requests—asking for gravel walks or glittering fountains—but think it would add greatly to the appearance of the front campus if its western side were levelled off and trees planted around it. As it is, it is certainly neither creditable to the College nor attractive to passers by.

The rude stone pile in the semi-circle is not a decoration in its present naked state, without either vine or flower to cover it, or fountain to give it drink. It may in the course of ages, after the walls of the College have crumbled and fallen, be