

But however much may be said in favor of the custom it had better be abolished at an early date than for its observance to become optional or a matter of indifference. In regard to the daily class-room exercises, the rule that students shall appear in gowns is very generally applied but as the caps are only demanded on more public occasions, it invariably occurs from year to year that a large number of the students neglect to provide themselves with this part of the uniform. Within the experiences of many of the students now in College, it has several times occurred that in forming processions where full college dress was required a considerable number of students had either to be excluded from the ranks or the college caps be dispensed with. One of the avowed objects in changing the date of opening the college term from September to October, was that the whole body of students might be present at the anniversary exercises. On graduation day those who appear in full uniform will be conducted to the seats reserved for "the members of the College" but unless a little more stress is laid upon the college law in regard to caps and gowns the whole number of students will not be present. Why should not this, be as rigidly enforced as the requirement, that students shall provide themselves with text-books?

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#### REVIEW.

WE have received a very neat looking pamphlet entitled, HALIBURTON: The Man and the Writer, and have read it with much interest and advantage. The style is luminous and leaves a pleasing impression on the mind. The writer evinces thorough familiarity with the works of the author concerning whom he speaks. He is neither blinded by what in any other person would be called a pardonable prejudice, nor does he occupy the position of a censorious critic. The work could not possibly be fairer in its estimate of the author of Sam Slick. It is useless to give examples of this fair-mindedness and candour. One, to see it, should read. We congratulate our collegiate friends at "Old Kings" on having been able to secure as the first publication of their contemplated series, a work so full of interest to all Maritime Province men, and designed to aid in perpetuating the memory of one who, by his scholarly attainments and his talents, has shown that Canada possesses the germs

of literary life, which now under favorable circumstances are beginning to unfold into the strong and beautiful productions of our own day writers.

"Christian Thought" is the name of a "bi-monthly" magazine which (thanks to Mr. Isaac R. Wheelock, of Meriden, Conn., a former student of Acadia), has lately appeared on the table in College Library. In the April number, now before us, is contained a very good discussion of a much controverted question, "Does the Nervana of Buddha imply Immortality?" The question is answered in the negative and after, what we think is a careful and well sustained argument. That which is represented as the highest good,—total cessation of all desire, even a desire of a future bliss in a life to come being regarded as a sin, cannot be thought of as immortality. Perhaps it would be a just criticism of the article in question, that it would have been better, and served to bring into clearer light the arguments adduced, if a careful and comprehensive definition had been given of the term, "immortality," so that always having it in mind, in a concise form, the reader would have been able more easily by contrast, to see the fallaciousness of those views contained in Buddhist doctrine, which at first sight would seem to imply *that*, which is to us not only endless existence but endless life and growth in the knowledge and love of God.

Our thanks are also due for the annual report of the work carried on in the Institution for the Blind in Halifax. Glad we are to know, that one of our boys fills a position in the Institution with so much success as to render him a most useful factor in this his day and generation. May what has been done in the past be only the earnest of what shall be done in years to come.

THE ability of our professors at Wolfville continues to receive recognition. We referred a few weeks ago to appointments and invitations received by Drs. Sawyer and Higgins. Prof. Keirstead has been chosen an examiner in the University of New Brunswick, and is also to deliver the alumni oration at the approaching Encenia.

*Messenger and Visitor.*

THE Moncton Times says: In the museum of St. Joseph's college, Memramcook, N.B., is now treasured that rude, broken up but priceless souvenir of ye olden time—the key of the chapel of Grand Pre.—*Hx. Herald.*