

Convocation, one, Miss Oliver, intends to proceed to India in the autumn as a missionary of the church. She will be much missed by the rest of the students, in whose welfare she has taken the truest interest; but she may well be spared here in view of the greater need in the east. The prospects of the college for next session's work are more hopeful than they have ever been before; and, while it has already sufficiently vindicated its necessity, the next five years will show still more clearly its importance as a school of medicine.

IN a previous issue we adverted to the question of university scholarships, pointing out the defects of the present method of distributing these scholarships, and suggesting that a loan scheme be instituted. Students of other universities have for some time been considering the subject with more or less energy. The University of Toronto alumni have taken up the matter with a will, and, as a result of their deliberations, have submitted a students' loan scheme to the consideration of the Council, Senate and friends of that University. The *'Varsity*, referring to the loan scheme, says: "We have a plan to propose which contains all the good in the scholarship system without the evils that have hitherto accompanied it. We advocate the conversion of the scholarship endowments into a loan fund, the claim to benefit from which would rest simply upon need and not upon ability to succeed in competitive examinations. The details of the scheme might be worked out in various ways. It might be decided, for instance, that the loans should not exceed \$100 per year to any person, or \$300 altogether. Interest should perhaps be required at a low rate, and the time of repayment might be limited to five years. No security other than the honor of the recipient would be required. Losses from death would be guarded against

by insurance, the trustees of the fund to hold the policy and pay the premiums, which would also, of course, be repaid by the beneficiary." The President of the University and a committee of the faculty have been recommended as trustees of this fund, and as the most competent persons to judge of the qualifications of the applicants. It is also suggested that those parties benefiting by scholarships repay the money when in a position to do so, and with interest if possible. We wish our brethren in Toronto University success in their endeavours. That this is already assured we are confident, when it is stated that, "on the simple presentation of this scheme, and entirely without solicitation, three well-known graduates in Toronto have already signified their approval of the project by the following substantial offers: The first graduate will contribute to such a fund \$360, being the amount of the scholarships won by him, with interest in full since the date of graduation, now more than ten years ago. The second and third graduates will pledge themselves to contribute similar sums, but they are not prepared to do so at once."

THE resolution passed by last General Assembly, requiring every graduate in divinity to go to the mission-field for six months is, as we anticipated, meeting with much disfavour. The students are bitterly opposed; and will, if possible, render the Assembly's finding ineffective. Some are doing this by accepting charges in the States. Many complaints are also heard from the people, as there are a number of churches ready to call present graduates, but cannot. There is, indeed, much difference of opinion as to what the Assembly's resolution really means. Some say that students will require to put in six winter months in the mission-field before ordination to a regular pastorate. Others are content