

It may not, perhaps, be out of place now to make a few suggestions with regard to the conduct of the journal,—the result of our experience. And first we would suggest that four extra pages be added—the present issue appears to be very insignificant. Next we would suggest that the Institute take control of the paper, appointing a business manager at a salary. The third suggestion we would make is, that the students should not avoid their plain duty of contributing to their College journal under the plea that they “cannot write.” Many of them are to assume positions where they will be expected to write, and to write well, and they cannot begin too early to practise. The editors of a college journal should not be expected to supply all the matter. And finally, we would suggest that occasionally a little use of scissors and paste be made—originality does not necessarily mean excellence, and although we stand out strongly for originality in college journalism, still we think a small amount of contemporary thought, might, through the hands of a judicious editor, very well be admitted.

With the present number, the editors of the REVIEW dry their pens, arrange the sheets of paper, and the blotting pads, nicely in order, and vacate the chairs which they have held during the past year. It is somewhat difficult to define the feelings with which we sever our connection with our College Journals,—certainly they are not of unmingled pleasure. The editor's position may be one of frequent labour and worry, but one becomes fond of the work, and experiences regret when severed from its companionship. College journalism is carried on under peculiar circumstances; with the constant change of editors, as old men pass out and new men come in, it seems to be impossible that a degree of excellence anyway approaching perfection should ever be reached. We are reminded of the remark of a contemporary: “A college journal seems to be very like a burden which must be carried up a steep hill. One man comes along and carries it up part of the way, and leaving it, it rolls back to the bottom, for the next man to proceed similarly.” No one assumes the burden at the point where his predecessor left it, raw and inexperienced, probably, he begins at the bottom of the hill. But the circumstances under which journalism is carried on at the present day, are very different from those of a few years ago, and perhaps we may find, with the exceeding cleverness of coming generations of students that future editors will not only be able to assume the burden where it has been laid down, but will be able also to carry it to heights of excellence before unknown. We lay aside our pens with feelings of regret, and we hope our successors may have all success as we feel assured they will deserve to have.

## LITERARY NOTES.

The May and June Nos. of the *Knox College Monthly* (a magazine of a type we would gladly see multiplied), contain two articles to which we wish to call attention: *A plea for Scholarship in the Ministry*, by S. H. Kellogg, D.D., the distinguished author of “The Light of China and the Light of the World,” is the title of the first; *Pietism in Germany and Evangelism in Canada*, by the editor is the title of the second. The latter sets forth one chief need, which the former aims at meeting. Dr. Kellogg examines the reasons for curtailing the time devoted to study in preparing for the ministry. They are mainly three: (1) Need of helpers, especially in the mission field; (2) Want of funds; (3) Comparative disregard of learning. Dr. Kellogg, from his experience, both in the foreign mission field and at home, has a right to be heard, and he pleads strongly for increased, rather than decreased study, especially in this age. He suggests that when this is impossible, men should enter the ranks of a lay ministry rather than do the Church harm by adding to the number of half-educated Presbyters.

The other article, to which we referred, suggests that our Evangelism has so many points of likeness with the German Pietism of the last century, that we had better beware lest we reach the same goal—Rationalism. The steps are set forth as they stand marked in history: a cold church—a stirring of life—a schism—a revival in preaching the evangelical truths, philosophy first neglected then opposed, Christianity and culture severed, religion and science antagonized—the result a religion of feeling—antinomianism or a morbid one-sided spiritualism. Then the reaction—a breath of Rationalism causes the burnt-out pious feelings and emotions to crumble, and the faith of the *Pietists* vanishes like the memory of a worn-out love. The story is an old one. Let us take the warning, let us apply the remedy.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. J. F. Sweeny, B.D., preached in the College Chapel on the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist.

Rev. Prof. Roper sailed for England as soon as Lectures ceased. He intends spending the summer in his native land.

The Provost, also, we hear, contemplates a similar trip; partly for the good of his health.

Rev. H. G. Aston has been appointed Curate at the Holy Trinity, Toronto, *pro tem*.

F. D. Woodcock was ordained by the Bishop of Ontario. He will take charge of a parish in that diocese.

A. C. Allan, '87, returned lately from England where he remained after the Canadian Gentlemen's tour last summer. His face has been seen several times in the corridors, and he will be one of Trinity representatives on the International Cricket Match. Mr. Allan will shortly proceed to Winnipeg to take up his legal studies there.