

appointment will be undoubtedly a popular one, as deputations from the various Anglican churches of Ottawa recently waited upon the Bishop, strongly recommending him for the position, notably from Christ Church, St. Alban's, St. George's, Grace Church and St. Barnabas'. Though comparatively a young man the new Chancellor has for the past fifteen years enjoyed a large commercial practice, being a member of the well-known legal firm of Chrysler & Lewis. He is an M.A. of Trinity University, Toronto, where he took his degree in 1878, and is a member of the University Board. Mr. Lewis's appointment will be an added source of strength to the executive of the diocese. Such an eulogy as this which appeared in a recent issue of the *Ottawa Citizen*, is one of which Mr. Lewis may well be proud. The active and kindly interest which Mr. Lewis has shown in the institutions of his Alma Mater have long made him known to graduates and undergraduates alike, who will express their unfeigned pleasure at the honour conferred on Mr. Lewis by the Bishop of Ottawa.

MISSIONARY AND THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

At the late annual meeting of this society an important motion was introduced in a very casual way, interjected as it almost appeared to fill in the tedious time of ballot-counting. The motion was unexpected apparently by all, and unprepared for at least in part by even its movers. It was a very serious motion, contemplating nothing less than the complete revision of the Society's constitution. It met with short and sudden opposition, particularly from some of the more reverend members present, and was shelved till Michaelmas by being referred to a committee. The arguments in its support appeared to have been but partly developed, and were

moreover practically unheard. Such arguments, however, generally fall under one of the two heads, the historic "reformation of abuses" on the one hand, or the "enthusiasm" (to use a well rooted popularism) of the Society on the other. In the present instance it is worthy of note that the character of the gentlemen whose motion it is, and their intense interest in the Society vouch most surely that in their honest opinion something is necessary to the well-being, or the success, or perhaps both, of this institution. In the meantime an able committee is investigating the need and the members generally have some four months in which to consider the aims and objects of what should, in a college with the foundation and principles and history of our own, be one of its foremost institutions, as well as the various ways and means of advancing the same. That such a society should exist is universally held; that it should be both theological and missionary may also be admitted; that it should not only include but be of interest to Arts as well as Divinity men is most desirable; that it should be an active factor in the path of Trinity's progress, both internally and externally, might also be postulated; that it should aid in the work of Church extension and teaching throughout our land would be a noble aim, and that it should have more than a nominal interest in the question of student-duty would not unreasonably follow, receiving as it does annual reports of such work. All these important calls may perhaps be duly provided for, more may, as some of them undoubtedly are, be receiving due attention, but, without the slightest reflection upon the gentlemen interested, it is well to remember that "kicking is a blessing," and if in the present case it does nothing but bring to light the wisdom of past years and perhaps settle some radical impulses, the time given to this motion may not be misspent nor the trouble taken wholly in vain.

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