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Editorial.

THE dearth of items of College news during the month of September is very distressing to a College editor. The month is, as it were, the lull before the storm of the winter session begins, and the long stagnation of the summer vacation reaches such a depth of stillness as to frighten the editor, who has to secure "fill-ups" for his columns on pain of a visit from the (printer's) devil. Jim and the Faculty have reigned supreme for four months, and the College buildings are neat and attractive in new paint and minor repairs of various kinds. There are no extensive alterations in any of the rooms. But the buildings are fitter than ever for the purposes for which they are intended. We are glad to learn that the prospects for the incoming year are very bright, both as regards the probable size of the Freshman Class, and in other respects.

JIM has settled that the opening lecture shall be delivered on Oct. 1st, by Dr. Bingham. He kindly allowed the Lecturer to choose his own subject, so that instead of having a lecture on Reasons why the Dissecting Room should Close at 4 p.m., the subject is to be Preventive Medicine, a most interesting topic, and sure to lose none of its interest in the hands of Dr. Bingham.

THE proposal was made recently by Dr. Aikins, of the Toronto University Medical School, at a special convocation of Toronto University for conferring degrees in medicine, to lengthen the present six months' session in the Medical Schools to nine months. This scheme has been fully discussed by this time in the various medical journals, and among the medical men of the Province, at any rate among those engaged in instruction at our various schools of medicine, and has met apparently with universal disfavor. *The Canadian Practitioner*, *The Canada Lancet*, *The Times and Register*, have all criticised the proposal very adversely, and it is quite unnecessary therefore to repeat in detail the arguments advanced *pro* and *con*. Speaking broadly, the opponents of the scheme urge firstly, that the required number of lectures on each

beg to remind them that in accordance with the constitution, a list of members and associates in good standing will be prepared on Oct. 1st, and earnestly request that they will qualify themselves for the insertion of their names in it at the earliest possible date.

THE dates fixed for the proceedings in connection with the next annual general meeting of Convocation are Monday, Oct. 28th—St. Simon and St. Jude's Day—for the evening service in the chapel, at 8 o'clock p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 29th, for the business meeting, commencing at 2 p.m., and the dinner, commencing at 7:30 p.m. We desire to remind the officers of Local Associations that the Executive Committee, in order to secure the attendance of at least one local representative from each Association, recently adopted the resolution of Mr. B. Cumberland, to the effect that the expenses of such delegates shall be paid out of the funds of Convocation, provided that the sum paid shall not exceed five per cent. of the amount paid by the local centre. Meetings should therefore be called at once, subscriptions collected, and a delegate nominated, in each Local Association. The forthcoming general meeting will be of more than ordinary interest, owing to the fact, that in accordance with a recent change in the statutes, nominations will then be made for the ensuing spring election of members of the Corporation, as also, it is hoped, for the representatives of the associate members on the same body. The dinner tickets will be two dollars each, as last year, and we think those who were present on that occasion will acknowledge that they were well worth the money. We hope to see an even larger attendance this year than last.

Personal.

THE Pettit Scholarship of the value of ninety dollars has been awarded to the Rev. F. G. Plummer, who headed the Divinity class lists, last June. We regret to say that Mr. Plummer has been far from well during the last few weeks, suffering from an affection of the eyes, probably brought on from hard reading, added to the arduous nature of the duties he so ably performs at St. Matthias' church.

It affords us much pleasure to record the complete recovery of Mr. V. Price, '91, from the serious illness which confined him to his bed during the whole of the Easter term. It was at one time thought advisable that he should take a trip to England for his health, but the breezes of Ontario have proved sufficient to recruit his strength, and he intends to continue his course in October.

MANY visitors from England and the United States have taken advantage of their presence in Toronto to pay a visit to Trinity, whose fame had doubtless reached their ears long before. Amongst the most distinguished of these were Professor Mahaffy, of Dublin University, the well-known author of many works of classical and philosophical lore, who enjoyed the ever-ready hospitality of Professor Clark; and Dr. Lyman Abbott, the successor of Henry Ward Beecher, at Plymouth Chapel, Brooklyn.