

of good parts is the victim of this fatal malady ; but years of observation shew that it is usually a second-rate man, one who has had more " stars " than medals, who fails to find his level in a Canadian college. We try to cherish the hope that American colleges do not accept, as fair samples of Canadian students, many of the men who could not find in Knox College a sphere for their peculiar abilities. If Kerswell will " bring up our end " at Princeton, his absence from Knox during the coming session, which we sincerely regret, will not be all loss. When Canadians develop self-respect Canadian institutions will not be undervalued by Canadian students.

We have no sympathy whatever with the foreign craze, and think it both unprofitable and ungrateful. But we are not blind to the weaknesses of Canadian colleges, and recognize the great responsibility resting on our Church in this matter. The Church should support the colleges more liberally, add to the teaching staff, and make the libraries more nearly adequate to the demands of modern times. The libraries of our theological colleges are not creditable to a Church like ours. The college senates, too, would be none the worse if a few modern ideas unsettled their use and wont. We have no glaring instances of professorial inefficiency to complain of as they have in Scotland. But unless a professor reads widely and revises his matter constantly, his lectures grow musty and lose interest. In Canada it is almost impossible for professors to keep abreast of modern thought, their time and strength are demanded so much by public duty and ecclesiastical routine ; hence students are sometimes fed on " dried tongue." Not only matter, but methods, may need revising. The time-honoured lecture system has had its day and has not been a brilliant success. Students object to dictation as a drudgery. Other methods less wearisome and more inspiring are called for. When matter and method are both satisfactory, some may still be restless ; but students worth holding will not be drained off to foreign institutions.

The programmes are out for the annual meeting of the Knox College Alumni Association, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st. A large amount of important business will be brought before the meeting on Tuesday evening, and an adjourned meeting will likely be held on Wednesday afternoon. The Honan Mission, the Library and the MONTHLY, nominations for the Senate, reports of committees, and a discussion on the B.D. course are some of the items specified. The Annual Supper, on Wednesday at six o'clock, at which the retiring president and others will give addresses, should be well patronized.