

able in any age, but especially are they unsuitable in this advanced and critical age. In this period of unrest, when the foundations of society, church and state are being shaken, and men are springing up all over offering their various remedies, warranted to cure all the suffering and misery to which society is heir, it is absolutely necessary that the ministers, as public teachers, should have a point of view from which to take a broad sympathetic view of life. This can be attained, we believe, only by a thorough literary and philosophical education, such as Queen's now offers. The number of church students who took post-graduate courses in these departments is becoming larger every year. We believe that if something could be done along the line suggested by Prof. Watson in his university address of '88, for assisting students in post-graduate courses, quite a number of the Divinity students would spend one or two years at extra work, even after they have completed full courses in Arts and Divinity. Otherwise it is almost impossible for students who have been paying their own way, and sometimes going in debt, to remain longer at the university, though they have an earnest desire to do so.

Before closing, our interest in the advancement of truth and harmony and the higher education of students prompts us, on behalf of the students, to make one or two suggestions which we hope to be pardoned for making. It is felt by the Divinity students that while we are crying for more harmony and co-operation among the various Christian denominations, it might be well for the Presbyterians, to whom we as Divinity students belong, to begin at home by having more co-operation between the Presbyterians and the various Theological Halls, especially with regard to the final examination of Divinity students. In our Presbyteries at present university examinations go for very little. More stress is laid on attendance at classes than on work done. No discrimination is made between the student who has passed all his examinations and the one who has passed none. All are required to take the same Presbytery examination before being licensed. These trials usually come on in the spring, to worry a student when he should be concentrating his whole thought on his college work. He is expected to review the three years' work in Divinity, and perhaps go back and review his Junior Latin and Junior Philosophy. We are not objecting to reviewing back work, for we fully recognize the benefit to be derived from it. But we ask, could not the time spent in reviewing this work during the last session be better spent in taking extra lectures in Literature, Political Science or Philosophy. The church has a perfect right to examine students before receiving them as its teachers, but might it not co-operate with its Theological Halls in such a way as to make all the college examinations compulsory and the passing of these sufficient. If necessary let the standard of examinations be raised, and then let Presbyteries confine their examination to the personal religion of the candidate. Surely, if our Professors are competent to teach, they are also competent to examine. In line with this is the second suggestion that more options be granted in the Theological course during the second and third years, so that a student may, as in the

last years in Arts, do more independent work along special lines. It is thought that after a student has done four or five years' work in Arts, and a year's work in Divinity, some of the classes, i.e., Old and New Testament Criticism, might be partially dispensed with. After a student has spent five or six hours in class attendance each day, and prepared the work for these, it can be easily seen that he has not much energy left for independent reading. The students preparing for Foreign Missionary Work are also asking for a similar change in order that they may have an opportunity of attending some classes in Medicine. In connection with both these suggestions it will be manifest that the object of the students is not to avoid work but to make the best use possible of the few years at their disposal in college, for at no time, I suppose, in the history of Queen's were so many of the Divinity students doing extra work in Arts.

Citizens of Kingston, in bidding you farewell, we thank you for the hospitable manner in which you opened to us your homes and made us feel that while we were among you we were among warm-hearted sympathetic friends.

Professors, we now bid you farewell, thanking you for the sympathy and encouragement which you extended to us and the patience which you exercised towards us. We hope best to repay you by doing most honestly and earnestly the noble work for which you have endeavored to prepare us.

To you also, fellow-students, we bid a fraternal farewell. Though absent from you, we shall be one with you in endeavoring to uphold the honor of Queen's, not by word only, but by seeking to live the high ideals of life which have been set before us within her walls.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Space does not permit us to very minutely describe this year's convocation. It was much the same as those of former years, and the reports which have appeared in former volumes would do for this. The grads. were of course laureated and medals, etc., presented, after which Rev. Dr. Barclay delivered an excellent address to the various classes of '91. The Chancellor also delivered an address as follows:

MEMBERS OF CONVOCATION:—We have met to-day for the purpose of bringing to a close another collegiate year, and it must be a satisfaction to all that we can recognize in its record the substantial advance made by this institution—an advance indeed only in accordance with what has been my duty to announce year by year since the first day when I had the honor and happiness to occupy this position.

It is not alone in the increased number of undergraduates on the year's list. We are justified in congratulating ourselves on the fuller and more efficient provision for the work of the university being conducted. It was my duty, at the meeting of convocation held at the close of the session last year, to refer to the great need of increased accommodation and the erection of a new building to be devoted to scientific branches of study, and on that occasion we adjourned to the campus to take part in the interesting ceremony of laying the corner stone of a