

✽DIVINITY HALL.✽

THE session just closed, while in the main similar to the preceding session, had however a few points of difference. Every year adds along with its quota of students some new vantage ground from which to catch a clearer view of the future. But we were experimenting this session also, and, like many others, had to return to the old ways when the trial had been made. The attempt was made to change Saturday from a holiday into a working day and make Monday a holiday instead. It did not work well. But we still believe in it, and if the students had attended on Saturday as they should have done there would have been no worse. The general work of the whole session was characterized by close attention to class work, and we have it on the authority of the Professors that the students have not been negligent in the main object of a college career. The rumor is abroad that certain changes are about to be introduced regarding examinations in the "Hall." This is indeed more than a rumor, for it has been talked of long ago, and now promises definite shape very soon. If this change does come, which every true student must desire, the jocular thrust that "there is no occasion to study hard in Theology, for you can get through with an ounce of energy as easily as if putting forth a hundred weight," will be a thing of the past. It is a consummation which will do no one any harm, but rather good. The fact cannot be hidden that some will even in "Divinity choose the minimum of study." Now the idea never was intended that because a rigid examination was not called for a student should neglect his work. The utter inefficiency of the "go-as-you-please" method was brought out very clearly a few days before college closed. In one of the classes in the Hall the announcement was made that all must go up to the examination, otherwise no standing could be given them. This created a good deal of stir, and comments were made that the Professor should have made that intimation at the beginning of the session. Perhaps he should have done so. But what does it reveal? Just this: had the students known that there would be an examination they would have been prepared; thinking there would not be such, they did not get up their work so as to be ready at any moment. Now no fault is to be unduly laid against the student, because it is much easier to criticise than to better matters. Still, unless some method of uniformity can be fixed upon the course in Theology and examinations be made common to all, then some other change is required, for the present system is not beneficial to the best interests of the students, because men have not yet reached that high ideal of study that they will pursue it solely for its own sake. Habits of study are not innate. It takes a long process of training for a student to reach that stage which makes his study his delight. It is not here alone, but in all our Theological halls, we believe, that a student may or may

not do much work. No matter. It is a mistake any where, and that college is only looking after the best interests of the student, the church and the colleges when it determines that as far as it can there shall be no longer attendance without attention, the students' privileges without the students responsibilities. The time limit at present seems to be enough, but the day is not far distant when the weakness of this plan will render it obsolete. Unless there be a thorough course of essay writing, discussions and some plan which would bring out individual effort, then there must be uniformity in examinations. Sitting in a lecture room for six months is of little account unless the individual's own mind is stimulated in some way to put forth its nascent energy. But we are glad to say that the instances are very few indeed in which any advantage is taken of the present method. Yet if one even should fancy that being three winters in a building, and doing nothing meanwhile, fits him for the actual work of the ministry, then so much the worse for the ministry and the student. No such must not be in this age which demands our whole energies to keep down evil and send forth the good old message of "peace on earth, good will to men." Hence, any effort which in the "Hall" tends to bring about greater efficiency in the course laid down for the student will be hailed as a step forward.

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AT the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. the following officers were appointed to lead the work of the Association during the next session:

- Johnston Henderson, B. A.—President.
- J. M. Sherlock—Vice President.
- Orr Bennett—Rec. Secretary.
- T. R. Scott—Cor. Secretary.
- Arpad Givan, B. A.—Treasurer.
- J. G. Potter—Librarian.

The farewell meeting of the Association was held on Friday, the 22nd May, at 4 p. m. Some of the students who have this year completed their course at College have been members of the Association ever since it was organized, and at this last meeting spoke with much feeling of the blessing they had received through their connection with the Association. The memories of prayer and praise and Christian sympathy would always be cherished by them as the happiest and most sacred of their College life.

It was suggested that, though the members of the Association were about to separate, they might still be united in their intercession at the throne of Grace; and those present agreed to set apart the usual hour of meeting—from four to five each Friday afternoon—as a time of intercession for each other.

Each member of the Association, wherever he may be during the summer, is invited to remember this season of prayer with his fellow-students.