

gain the same prize; but as there are several offered, and these on different branches, all stand an equal chance, and therefore we say to all—go in and win.

WITH this issue of the BEMA we have to announce the resignation of Mr. S. B. Starratt from the position of editor-in-chief. Owing to pressure of study he felt that he would be unable to longer devote so much of his time to the work connected with the getting up of this paper, and, in view of this fact, tendered his resignation to the Literary Society. The Society listened to his request for a release, and, finding it a most reasonable one, could not but grant an acceptance.

Mr. Starratt has held this position on the staff since the BEMA was first started, and has always discharged his duties in a very satisfactory manner. He has ever been an earnest and faithful worker in her interests, and to him she owes much of her success. We deeply regret his withdrawal, but cannot blame him for desiring to give the greater attention to that which more nearly concerns his own welfare,—namely, his studies. He has done his duty by the paper so far, and it is only right that others should be called upon to do theirs. It is a matter of common interest to the students to keep up the standard of the BEMA, and her concerns should be equally dear to all.

As Mr. Starratt's withdrawal created a vacancy on the staff, it was necessary that a new appointment be made; accordingly an election was held, and Mr. Harry M. Hopper was chosen to make up the complement.

WE are pleased to observe that several colleges have lately become the recipients of large sums of money by bequest. We rejoice with them at their good fortune, and would add that we wish some one would kindly bear the U. B. Seminary in mind and leave to us a few of their thousands. We do not wish anyone to understand that they must wait until they die, but we would rather have them bestow it now, that they may live the remainder of their lives conscious of being held in grateful appreciation.

WE are pleased to note new books and papers coming into our Reading Room. It already contains quite a number of newspapers, but comparatively few magazines and books. A few weeks ago there was received from Mr. W. E. Skillen a valuable contribution, consisting of several volumes of

the *Canadian Illustrated News*, and also some three or four volumes of *Grip*. We speak for all when we say that Mr. Skillen has the sincere thanks of the students for his kindly donation, and any further contributions he may be pleased to make, will be most thankfully received. We would like to see others following his example, and we can give the assurance that all efforts in this line will be fully appreciated.

THE railway is now being put in order, and soon the "Iron Horse" will be making daily trips into the little town of St. Martins. She has already made her appearance two or three times, coming as a messenger from the outside world, and bearing upon her the impress of toil, suggestive of business activity and power. We gladly welcome the shrill shriek of her whistle and the laborious throbbing of her engine as she goes rushing along, breaking the monotony of the scene with her display of energy and briskness. It is to be hoped that we may soon be enabled to take a short trip over the rails in order to catch a glimpse of the life that is to be found outside, after our long winter here at St. Martins.

WITH the new term comes an increase of students, or rather in the names on the register, for while some new ones have come, a few of the old ones have gone, and so the actual attendance remains almost the same.

The outlook for the future is bright and encouraging. During the Summer vacation the upper story of the Seminary, which is as yet unfinished, will be put in readiness for occupation, and with this new increase in accommodation, the school will be in every way fitted for working to the best advantage. It is expected that next year will see a larger number of students in attendance than ever before; the present one, despite all the difficulties, has been attended with marked success, there being now a hundred names enrolled.

A Choir, under the leadership of J. A. McIntyre, one of Prof. March's pupils, has lately been organized at the Baptist Church. The majority of the singers are the pupils of the Professor here at the Seminary.

WE are pleased to announce that Miss Lilly Rourke has done a great deal to help along the BEMA, by obtaining subscriptions, &c. We desire to thank her, as well as others who have thus assisted us, and hope that more will follow this example.