

**Our New
Dress**

That is only an experiment. If we like it, and you do, reader, we may continue to wear it. You have been telling us that "we should hold our head up and step with an air." Just hold up the mirror again, please! That device on the title page will be, perhaps, handy for the Theological students for use in perorations at tea-socials, etc. So much handier than the late Corinthian pillars, you know. Our debaters, too, may see victory lurking there.

**A Look
Ahead**

Well, these be hard days for the prophet. We are planning to continue the two series commenced in this number—"Sketches of Western Life" and "Wesley's friends." A series on "The Colleges of Canadian Methodism," and a symposium on "The Advisability of Changing to a Four Year Course" is contemplated for our next.

**Inter-
Collegiate
Debates**

We note gladly the opening of the inter-class debates by the Literary Society. The programme for the Inter-Collegiate debates has already commenced.

The observation of Chauncey Depew lately regarding the contemporaneous decline of the Debating School and the power and temper of oratory among our cousins over the way has received a most general and mournful assent from American journals. That he correctly related cause and effect we can not believe. The power and temper of the true orator is from a deeper well spring than the debating school. Events in human experience sufficient to cause strong conviction and feeling, and personality responsive to these and skilled in speaking, would seem to be nearer it.

However, our cousins have always had and loved "talking meetings." And our exchanges tell us that they are at it, hammer and tongs, and that the interest in inter-state collegiate debates now rivals football. This may be partly accounted for by the fact, that as in that game, a trophy is made the bone of contention. Mankind, like other kinds, wrangle the better if they have a bone. It adds zest. One of the principal elements in football is the ball—and the trophy is just another form of it.