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**T**HE new calendar was published last week and has been carefully studied. No very radical change has been made in any of the departments, although in each there has been some improvement. We think that the new schemes are in many cases clearer and less liable to be misunderstood than those formerly given. This is very necessary for it is extraordinary what ingenuity is sometimes expended in drawing a perverse meaning out of the plainest English—when it describes work to be done. Our first examination was of course directed to finding out what fruit our suggestions had borne. Our suggestion regarding the Classics course has, we were glad to find, been carried out to the letter, Homer being the Greek author selected for special study and Vergil (we notice the spelling has been changed) the Latin. Honour students are also required to take the papers of the History class upon Greek and Roman History; while Sanskrit is made optional against one Greek and one Latin author. With all these changes we heartily agree. While Sanskrit is a very important language, well worthy of a place upon a University curriculum, it is useful only to those who intend to make a special study of philology; so that time spent upon it would be in a great measure wasted by those who are taking the Classics course with a view

to literary rather than linguistic education. Our other suggestion, that Senior Philosophy should be a compulsory class upon the honour courses in Mathematics has not been carried out, but we hope it will be next year.

With regard to the other courses, the work of the pass classes in Moderns has been curtailed while the honour work has been increased and extended over three years. In English the work of the senior class has been considerably increased. The honour course in Mathematics has been re-arranged so that lectures upon the subjects of the third and fourth years will be given in alternate sessions, so that these subjects will be treated much more fully in the lectures.

The most important change is in the department of Mineralogy, in which subject a complete course, in charge of Mr. Nicol, is given, including Systematic Mineralogy, Crystallography, Metalurgy, and Assaying. We are glad to notice under the heading "Post-Graduate and Special Courses," that "The Chemical and Mineralogical Laboratories afford every facility for original research in Chemistry and Mineralogy. Subjects for research will be suggested and direction given."

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Speaking of the calendar brings to mind the changes which have been made in the staff in the last few years. The number of Professors in the departments of Literature and Philosophy has been more than doubled; and the equipment of those departments is now fairly adequate to their needs. On the side of Practical Science, in Chemistry and Mineralogy Prof. Goodwin has been relieved of half his work by the appointment of Mr. Nicol as Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Lecturer on Mineralogy, while the fitting up of the Science Hall has provided excellent facilities for the practical study of these subjects. But although Prof. Dupuis was by no means the least overworked of the Professors some years ago, he has been left to meet his ever increasing work without any assistance. All must