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THE Corporation has at last decided to allow women to proceed to degrees in the same way as men. This is a step in every way necessary and we hope that the gentler sex will avail themselves of the privilege, and that we shall soon see some "sweet girl graduates" receive the full reward for their work.

If the negotiations with Trinity Medical come to a satisfactory termination, ROUGE ET NOIR will be enlarged by the addition of four pages in the next number. Everything at present points to a successful union with the Medical, and if it be accomplished the usefulness of the journal will be much extended. The editors are under special obligations to the committee from the Medical School for the courteous and hospitable way in which they were received by them.

THE Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada has, with its customary generosity, presented a fine collection of fossils to our science department. The collection is especially valuable because the specimens are illustrative of the fauna of Canadian rocks. They supplement the donation which the same survey made last year. Owing to the energetic efforts of our fellow in Science, Rev. G. E. Haslam, M.A., the museum is rapidly becoming complete. A large number of fossils and minerals were collected by him during the long vacation from Gaspe, Indian Cove, Maine and other places.

THERE are strong objections to the system of encouraging freshmen, who imagine that they have been harshly treated by their seniors, to report to the authorities the names of those who have been engaged in correcting their faults and amending their manners. Of course some action has to be taken by the authorities when such reports are made to them; but we protest against the principle of deliberately asking freshmen to make such statements. It seems very much like turning the College into a school, although in no advanced school is such a system encouraged. Freshmen, when they come from school to college, naturally have faults of manner, speech and character, which only drastic means can cure. In after years they are most grateful to those

who pointed out such defects to them—defects which might otherwise have clung to them throughout life. The students who daily observe their mannerisms are the proper persons to correct them. If they do not, the authorities certainly never will. Why then cannot they allow us to settle our own differences and why do they interfere in matters which only remotely concern them?

It has long been a matter of wonder to us why more measures have not been taken to keep up the interest of the graduates in their *Alma Mater*. A man comes here, spends three or five years, and then goes out into the world; for a few years—as long as his friends are at college—he perhaps hears something about it, but gradually hearing less and less his interest dies away. This ought not to be. We think that some steps could be taken to re-awaken and keep alive the interest of the graduates. ROUGE ET NOIR is one means, but there are many others which may suggest themselves to the men. Could not the College have an annual University Dinner, to which all the graduates and undergraduates might be invited? It might be held just before Convocation, and the re-union of so many college men could not but have a beneficial effect in stirring up *esprit de corps*.

WE have received a copy of the "Report of the canvass recently made in England on behalf of the Supplemental Endowment Fund, by the Rev. the Provost and Rev. R. H. Starr."

From this we learn that the total amount contributed was £10,183, 6s. 10d., or about \$50,000. This total would have been larger but for "the great number of appeals for help at home, growing out of the revived life of the Church," and "the almost unprecedented financial depression which was weighing so heavily upon every branch of industry." Although, perhaps, the amount of money obtained was smaller than might be expected, yet, the interest excited in the minds of churchmen at home by this canvass was very great, and both clergy and laity recognized the claims of Trinity, as the Church University of Ontario, to their support. It is but necessary to mention the names of a few of those, who in various ways lent their aid to the canvassers, to show how wide-spread this interest was. Among them were the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishops of Durham, Manchester, Lincoln, Lichfield, and the late Bishop of Lincoln, the Archdeacons of Middlesex, Bristol and Lewes, Dean of Exeter, Canons Westcott, Liddon and Scott-Holland, the masters and wardens of several colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, many of the professors and tutors, and many more clergymen. Amongst the laymen who assisted were the Chancellors of both the Universities—the Duke of Devonshire and the Marquis of Salisbury—Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Nelson, Earl of Devon, Viscount