

## Divinity.

THE course of study in Divinity Hall is now well under way and we see something of the work to be overtaken this year. Classes seem to be thrusting themselves in at every corner. Taking lectures from nine to one o'clock with another class in the afternoon, leaves too little time for the necessary reading connected with the work. But it would seem to be impossible to lessen the number of classes. We are to be congratulated on having the lectures from twelve to one on Tuesday and Wednesday in Old Testament Theology, by Dr. Jordan, and in New Testament Theology, by Dr. Scott. We feel these will be invaluable. They form a special course in addition to the course of lectures in Divinity delivered by Principal Gordon. Practical Theology, though somewhat in the air as yet, is a department which is at once helpful and necessary. Prof. Laird, with his vigor and earnestness and his intimate knowledge of Canadian conditions, seems to be the right man for the work.

With such a course of study as lies before us this year it is to be regretted that the class rooms are not filled with students. But here, as in other theological colleges, there is an insufficient number of students offering themselves to the work of the Christian ministry. The rapid growth of Canada makes the call very urgent at the present time. Last winter one hundred churches in the Presbyterian Church in Canada were without a regular minister. The outlook seems to be that this number will be increased rather than diminished. This is a condition of affairs that must be the cause of great anxiety to devout and thoughtful men, and which can hardly be met by any direct appeal for men to enter this work. A man must be otherwise drawn. One of the most effective addresses to meet this was the very able sermon preached by Principal Gordon in opening this term's series of university sermons. His glowing and thoughtful words gripped the mind and heart of his hearers as he showed the living relation of Jesus Christ to individual human life. When we know Jesus as the revealer of God's love, as the supreme expression of living truth, we shall heed his call.

As one sees Prof. Morison before his bible class on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, it would seem as if the man and his opportunity had met. To judge by his introductory study and the outline of his proposed course, the students have here offered to them that, to hear which may not often be in their power. Prof. Morison took as his subject "The modern attitude in the matter of faith." He showed that the modern mind does accept the **spiritual as underlying** yet dominating the material, but no less decisively does it recognize that doubts must arise as to the *nature* of the spiritual; these doubts are forced more upon us by the scientific discoveries and biblical criticism of to-day. But all these doubts we must fearlessly face, especially we who are citizens of this young nation which may play so large a part in the world's uplift. Prof. Morison intends to deal in order with the following subjects,—providence, revelation, progressive nature of that revelation, the person of Christ, and the miraculous. All students who possibly can, should attend this course of bible study.