

degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Music, and tended not a little to enliven the scene and relieve the monotony of the ceremonies. There are seldom many who seek for degrees at the summer commencement; but the most conspicuous amongst those who presented themselves as candidates on the present occasion were Dr. Cronyn, the new colonial Bishop, and Colonel Larcom, Under Secretary of State for Ireland upon whom the degree of LL.D. was conferred *honoris causa*. It will be recollected that at the recent commemoration at Oxford one of our most distinguished men, Dr. Humphrey Lloyd, was honoured with the degree of D.C.L.

The Senior Proctor for the present year, Dr. Hare, is about to retire permanently from active life, and to withdraw altogether from his position in the University. The new statute granted by the Queen empowers the Visitors of the college to grant unlimited leave of absence to those among the Senior Fellows (not exceeding two in number), whom, on account of age or ill health, it may be desirable to release from the performance of academic duties; with the proviso that during such absence no one shall enjoy the emoluments of any *sinecuro* office, or resume his place among the Fellows, without previously obtaining the consent of the Visitors. An express enactment like this is far preferable to the old method of obtaining the same result; formerly favour or influence with a Lord-Lieutenant or Secretary was sufficient to procure a Queen's letter granting leave of absence for three years; and but little difficulty was experienced in obtaining another reprieve when this term had expired. It is very doubtful, however, whether it would not have been better to grant a Senior Fellow, who was anxious to retire, an adequate retiring allowance, and to fill up the vacancy caused by his absence, than to permit a Fellowship to be dormant, perhaps for years. Already a year has passed by without any election having taken place, and it seems but poor encouragement to men of talent like Mr. Leslie and Mr. Curtis, to compel them either to adopt other professions, or else to waste away their energies under the sickening influence of hope deferred, in order that a man, who is able enough, if he chose, to perform all the duties required of him, may divert himself at Baden-Baden, or lounge away the hours in an Italian villa.

The continuance of the war is beginning to be felt in the decreasing number of students. The July entrance-day is one of the three on which, usually, the greatest number of candidates present themselves. There were not so many on the recent occasion as had appeared at the corresponding period last year and the year before; it is probable that some diminution will also

be caused by the determination of the Government to throw open to public competition the appointments of the Home and Indian civil services, as well as to the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich. Candidates will of course present themselves direct from the great public schools, without going through any part of a University course, and unless the University men show a decided superiority, the number of those who resort there must certainly diminish.

A rumour is afloat that the Board intend to shorten the time at present required to obtain the B.A. degree. If this resolution be carried, it will have the effect of putting the Pensioner and the Fellow-Commoner upon an equality, as regards the number of terms required for degree, and will also relieve the former from the payment of fees for one half-year. The proposal was made to the Board by Dr. Lloyd, and it has, of course, met with very determined opposition from the Tutors, with whose incomes it would seriously interfere. Nothing, however, has been decided upon as yet, the proposal will probably end in a compromise, by which the time will be saved to the pupil, and the money to the tutor; as it seems to be conceded that the time should not exceed that required at Oxford and Cambridge for the same degree, and that the tutors' incomes are already sufficiently reduced, inasmuch as they are only half of what they were ten years ago.

The number of divinity students who presented themselves for examination, both in junior and in the senior class, was less than the average of the last few years, so that it is probable some difficulty may be experienced by-and-by in obtaining curates. At a meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, held a short time ago within the walls of the college, a deputation from the society endeavoured to bring forcibly before the young men the duty and necessity of engaging in the wide field of missionary labour now open in the Colonies. The effect of this appeal cannot, from the nature of the case, be seen until some time has elapsed; in every instance worldly motives will force themselves forward, and modify or alter a choice which is recommended by a sense of duty and a generous impulse to serve mankind. Would not the Government then do wisely, to distribute the patronage of the Colonial Church in such a manner as to induce a greater number of labourers to work in this vineyard of the Lord? Hitherto the highest appointments in the colonial branch of the Church have not been distributed evenly amongst Englishmen and Irishmen; and until a spirit of impartiality presides over the distribution of such patronage, young men

will scarcely be found willing to undergo the toils and privations of an expatriation, while there is ample scope for the employment of their abilities and energies at home. The colonial bishopric to which Dr. Cronyn has been recently advanced was, it is said, offered previously to two of the eminent clergymen of Dublin, and declined by them; but, even supposing this to have been the case, it will hardly be contended that this solitary instance is a fair or adequate recognition of the claims of the Irish portion of the united Church.

No new question of any interest has arisen relative to Church affairs since the last summary. The usual list of preferments and appointments will give every information in these respects. Amongst them will be found the name of Mr. Vickars, the former Curate of Killeskey, in the county of Wicklow. His case was recently brought prominently before the public; and the manner in which the Archbishop of Dublin has acted since the irritating matter was first mooted does him great honour. The Irish Church Missions are out of their difficulties for the present; and their very active secretary, the Rev. W. Marrable, has been appointed by the Dean and Chapter of Christ's Church Cathedral, Dublin, to the Prebend of St. John's.

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.—From the *Clerical Journal* of July 9, we glean the name of Rev. B. Cronyn, who has received the degrees D. B. and D. D. of Trinity College, Dublin.

In the list of Dr. Downe's Prizes in the same College, we observe two were assigned for *Reading the Liturgy*. We strongly recommend the adoption of a similar prize in our own College of Trinity in Toronto for the improvement of reading our incomparable Liturgy, which is too generally read in a most incorrect and unedifying manner.—*The Church*.

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On the 10th inst., at his residence, Oakland's Rectory, Drummondville, in the 61st year of his age, and after a painful illness, which he bore with exemplary Christian patience, the Rev. J. M. Koss, for nearly thirty years Rector of that parish. His remains were followed to the grave by a numerous and respectable assemblage of all parties and creeds. In life beloved, in death deeply regretted.

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