

specialists of themselves, and to improve their skill must be brought into close communication with the special department with which they have identified themselves. The library here would come to their assistance and would aid them, where now they must go unaided or seek their knowledge in foreign lands and in foreign libraries. Money, and much of it, is needed for such an institution. If the Government of our day does not take the matter in hand, it remains for some of the magnanimous and patriotic men of our land to turn the idea into a reality.

COLLEGE NOTES.

THE Universities have resumed their work, and from all we hear of renewed energy, increasing attendance, and brighter prospects.

Trinity.—The Arts department has opened with an attendance of about forty students. The Medical department maintains its former high position.

McGill.—Prof. D. P. Penhallow has resigned his position as botanist and chemist at the Houghton Experimental Farm, at Mountainsville, N.Y., and accepted the lectureship in botany in McGill.

Queen's.—The chair of Chemistry, which has been vacant for a year, has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Goodwin, who graduated at Mt. Alison, and, after winning the Gilchrist Scholarship, completed his course in London, Edinburgh and Germany. He has for the past year been Professor of Chemistry at Mt. Alison University, N.B.

Toronto.—Constant complaints are being made as to the crippled state of the finances of Toronto University, and the first remedy suggested is the abolition of scholarships in all the departments. At the same time, copying the system of the English Universities, a number of fellowships have been established, at an annual outlay of about \$5,000.