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IT is with pleasure that we present to our readers a portrait of Professor Marshall, with a sketch of his life. He brought with him to Queen's a thorough knowledge of his subject, attained not only by a course of study in Edinburgh but also by a wide and varied experience, and as a consequence his classes are interesting and valuable. He is an enthusiastic lecturer and a thorough teacher, and no student need expect to pass his examinations without faithful study.

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At the meeting of the Ontario Rugby Union, held recently in Toronto, some useful changes were made in the rules of the Union. The abolition of the clause providing for a field-captain, and the insertion of a clause which states that the referee must choose two touch-line and two goal judges to assist him, is certainly a move in the right direction. As far as we could see the main duty of the field-captain was to confuse and coerce the referee and to get a decision for his side regardless often of fairness and truth, and the doing away with this official, together with the appointment of four assistant judges, will render the work of the referee much lighter and enable him to give fairer decisions. He will also be materially assisted by the new clauses inserted enabling him to impose heavier penalties for unfair work in the scrimmage and for off-side play. Another good change is introduced by making a majority of points decide the game. This change will lessen the unpleasant possibility of drawn games. We congratulate the Union upon the changes made. Its action will no doubt inspire confidence in it among the various clubs which it controls, and we predict that the foot-ball season of this year will be more successful than any previous one.

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Every fall the Home Mission Committee finds it impossible to supply the needs of the mission fields left vacant by the return of students to college. A large number of those fields, especially of those in the North-West, that are willing and able to pay for a supply or to support a missionary with help from the Presbytery, during the winter season are left destitute of Sunday services. It is needless to point out that this state of things is a serious disadvantage to the work of the church in the N.W. The work begun and carried on by the students during the summer months, since it is not followed up during the winter season, is to a great extent lost, and the want of permanent services has a tendency to lessen the interest in the work among the people themselves. The earnest appeal which comes every fall from the Superintendent of North-West Missions for volunteers to supply vacant fields during the winter months shows that the need is a real one. A remedy has been suggested by Rev. R. P. Mackay in a letter to the *Knox College Monthly*, in which he advocates a summer session in Theology. It seems to us that the carrying out of this suggestion would meet the needs of the case. The reason why so few students volunteer to do mission work in winter is the very good one that they will thereby lose a year in their course. But were a summer session established this difficulty would be obviated, and there would be little trouble in securing the required quota to carry on the work in winter, especially when the fact is taken into account that a far greater number of students than are required apply for work in the spring. The Principal and theological professors of Queen's have generously offered their services to the church for this purpose for the months of May, June, September and October. And no doubt the professors of other colleges will follow their example. It is further suggested by some that an eclectic staff representing the different colleges and giving lectures at Winnipeg, which is the centre of the great mission fields of Algoma and the North-West, would best meet the needs of the church.

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The citizens of Kingston were favored recently with a lecture on, what for lack of a more convenient name, we may call the "Single Tax Theory." A full house welcomed the lecturer on this his first public appearance in Canada. The fact is, we think, an encouraging one. Our people should take greater interest in such questions than they have done heretofore. The lecturer dealt chiefly with the degradation and poverty of the lower classes in our large cities, though we question if he contributed much toward the solution of the difficulties connected