

PAST AND PRESENT.

The Rev. Prof. Jones expects to spend the long vacation in England. We trust he will have a pleasant visit.

'54. Rev. W. E. Cooper preached in the chapel on the first Sunday of this term.

'72. After four years, spent chiefly in foreign travel, Rev. W. C. Allan has returned to Canada with his English bride, and is now assisting his father at Millbrook, Ont. We are glad to see Mr. Allan once more in this country, where we trust he will have a long and happy career of usefulness.

'73. The friends of Rev. W. E. Grahame will regret to learn that his health has not been much benefited by a recent trip to England, and that he still feels unequal to his parochial duties at Thorold, Ont.

'74. We noticed in the *Mail* lately a long letter on cricket from H. J. Campbell, dated New Westminster, British Columbia, where he seems to be still wielding successfully as of yore the bat. P. A. Irving hails from the same quarter, and is a leading light in his profession.

'76. We much regret to hear of the ill health of the Rev. Alfred Fletcher, of Cookstown, and wish him a speedy recovery.

'78. Those who were alarmed at the intelligence that C. H. Shortt had "gone over to Rome" will be relieved to learn that he has safely returned to England from the "Imperial City" after an extended trip in the East. We shall probably soon see him in Canada again.

'79. We regret exceedingly to learn that J. M. Kenney, who is living at his home in Frankville, Ont. has been in very poor health for some time.

'79. G. W. Allan, now of Winnipeg, Man., is at present in Toronto.

'79. G. R. Coldwell is at present practising law at Brandon, Manitoba. We offer him our congratulations in his recent marriage.

'80. Rev. Alban Greaves spent a few weeks in Toronto lately, but being on a "business visit" we could only catch a glimpse of him. He is now Rector of a Church in Indianapolis, Ind.

'81. J. A. Tanner is head-master of Omamee high school, where he seems to be looking after the interests of Trinity.

W. Moore is also engaged in educational work at Carleton Place, Ont.

'82. John Carter is now taking his course at Exeter College, Oxford. We trust that he will meet with every success in the extended competition into which he has entered.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editors of ROUGE ET NOIR:

Sirs,—In a late number of your valuable paper there appeared a very sensible letter dealing with the question of honorary degrees, and putting forward in a manner which seemed to me to be as strong as it could possibly be, the claims of our respected Dean, the Rev. Professor Jones, upon the recognition of this University.

Convocation is to be held this year early in July, but two months away. Has anything as yet been done? If not, I would hope that it is not as yet too late, and that steps will be taken that our first Midsummer Convocation should be graced by an act which would be pleasing, I am sure, to every person connected with the University, the conferring upon the Rev. Professor Jones the hon. degree of D. C. L.

Yours, faithfully,

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EXCHANGE COLUMN.

In our last few issues little or no notice has been given of our exchanges, not on account of their decreasing in numbers, for each day brings a budget of enormous proportions, but by reason of a press of work which unavoidably prevented our giving them proper attention. Now, however, as our exchange editor gazes at the small pyramid of papers of different forms, size and hues, he feels that he must not dally any longer, but up and to work. He is determined to wipe off arrears and purposes to criticise favourably or otherwise as conscience dictates (our exchange editor is scrupulously conscientious), as many as space will permit.

To begin with we pick up the *McGill University Gazette* of May 9th. As a number it is very heavy, a report of rather a dry debate on phonetic spelling occupying very nearly seven pages of small print. Several poems of very mediocre worth grace this issue.

The *Trinity Tablet* of May 3rd contains an article on the study of English as pursued at Trinity. It claims that this study should receive greater prominence than at present in the University, although to quote the *Tablet's* words, Trinity "has the best English course of any in the country." Very justly is fault found with the superficial mode of teaching English Literature, which generally obtains in the present day. If instead of a short extract from a writer with numberless notes, grammatical, philological and otherwise, being studied, the author were read copiously, a much better and truer knowledge of our language would be gained. As matters are, the student is given a text book containing a portion of some author's works, each page of which contains one-tenth author and nine-tenth notes. The remarks of our co-temporary on this subject are sensible and many suggestions are offered worthy of more than passing consideration. With the exception of two short poems the rest of the number is taken up with college matters. We think it hardly up to its average.