

## Editor's Page.

### Definite Information Concerning Westminster Hall

During the past few weeks there have been various rumours concerning Westminster Hall and its Chief-of-Staff, Principal Mackay.

We are authorised to state that the rumours as to closing the College are entirely without foundation, and that no such course has been under consideration by any authority of the Church. It is true that some measure of federation in connection with the work of the four Western colleges was under review. Any such suggestions, however, even if advanced to the stage of experiment, could not affect the working arrangements of Westminster Hall as these have always involved valuable assistance from Professors from Eastern Canadian, United States and British colleges. That arrangement has been possible as Westminster Hall, Vancouver, is unique in having its Theological classes during the summer months—from April to September inclusive. In that connection many outstanding Professors have visited British Columbia and added to the attraction the West Coast College has had for the students of the Church. Of the four Western colleges (including Manitoba College, Winnipeg), we understand Westminster Hall has had the largest number of students in Theology; and even at this time, when the number has been depleted by a considerable representation at "the front," the 1915 roll is a good one.

We are also informed that, notwithstanding war conditions, the financial position and prospects of Westminster Hall are ahead of those of the other Western colleges of later origin. Indeed, the position of Westminster Hall is such as would make it the last to be considered were the closing of any college to be decided upon.

### Principal Mackay Remains in Vancouver.

As to the report—twice telegraphed to the Vancouver press—that Principal Mackay would leave his present post for Manitoba College, Winnipeg, we are confident that Western Presbyterians and others would have had something to say to such a proposal. It is disappointing for the West Coast that such men as Dr. Crummy of Wesley Methodist Church, and Professor Pidgeon of Westminster Hall, have been called to other fields of service, and that both are leaving Vancouver. We are pleased to be able to record on the best authority that, though invited to accept the Principalship at Winnipeg, Principal Mackay has, because of the present situation, definitely decided to remain at Westminster Hall.

### This Magazine's Attitude and Outlook.

It is naturally gratifying to find that the definite and authoritative information we are now privileged to give coincides with the independent opinion previously expressed by the management of this Magazine in answer to inquiries from subscribers and from business men interested in this publication. At the same time it may be in place to mention what we emphasized when questioned regarding this Magazine's attitude and outlook.

Though as the result of war conditions affecting business, this publication is less than half as large as it has been, it is none the less true that it is receiving increasing support. The Magazine lived through the testing years before the war because its management, inspired by a belief in its ideal and opportunity, was willing to live FOR rather than BY it. Progress during these four years has not been phenomenal, but steady. We aim at covering a field second to none in journalistic service. The practical encouragement given the Magazine confirms the management in the belief that there is not less occasion in these epoch-making times for publishing and pushing ahead in the Farthest West of the Empire a monthly periodical whose pages are open for independent articles bearing upon social, educational and political as well as religious questions.