

College Note-Book.

STUDENT LIFE.

It is with considerable misgiving we don the mantle which has graced in turn the shoulders of such giants (intellectual) as MacKeracher and Murray, to say nothing of others of our predecessors who have made this department, in the past, one of the brightest features in our college magazine. The difficulties attendant upon the faithful discharge of the duties of Local Editor, are of such a nature as to make the office anything but a sinecure, as is well known to all students; and these difficulties might well cause us to regret our rashness in accepting office, did we not feel assured of the hearty co-operation of our fellow-students in our endeavour to keep up the interest of this column.

Whilst the great majority of the students look back upon their summer experience with unalloyed pleasure, there are some who cannot do so, for they have been called to mourn the loss of loved ones. By the death of the Rev. C. M. MacKeracher of Howick, this college loses a good friend, and Mr. W. M. MacKeracher a kind and wise father. Mr. Hector Mackay, whom we are all glad to have with us again, was called upon, while in a very delicate state of health himself, to be present at the closing scene in his father's life. Mr. A. G. Cameron mourns the loss of a beloved mother; every one who knew her can testify to the sweetness and strength of her character and life.

Things mundane and spiritual do sometimes overlap each other in this arena of changing men and strong convictions. It is one of the misfortunes of life that whatever may have originated without guile or malice may, before its course be fully run, defeat the originator's innocent intention, and pro-