

In addition to the authors already mentioned, there is every reason to believe that other noted writers will avail themselves of the columns of *THE GAZETTE*. In effect, this magazine will this year reach the goal towards which it has long been striving—namely, to be one of the leading literary organs, not of the students nor of the graduates merely, but of all Canadian University thought. It should be the Editors' care, however, so to conduct the paper as to devote its columns as fully as ever to the immediate needs of the students themselves. No college enterprise, no college grievance should be neglected by them, and they should look now, as we always have looked, to the students for their chief support and encouragement.

#### OUR UNIVERSITY.

Another year of labor lies out before our great University, and as we look for tokens of progress we are met by most promising prospects. Perhaps one of the most certain proofs of this is the increased number of students, gathered from all parts of the Dominion, from Nova Scotia to New Westminster, to receive instruction within the walls of McGill. It is indeed gratifying to know that the number of students entering the college this year has never been equalled in the history of the University. So crowded are some of the class-rooms that it has become almost an absolute necessity to at once find larger space.

In the teaching staff of the University we have but one change to notice—the death of the oldest professor in the Arts faculty, and the filling of his place by a new man. The quiet, conscientious labors of C. T. A. Margraf, M.A., Professor of German Language and Literature, and his unassuming scholarship, will be missed by those who knew him, and especially those who studied under him. Mr. Toeis, M.A., of Toronto University, steps into the breach, a comparatively young man, but of high scholarly attainments. A German by birth, he has studied in some of the great schools in France, and was Professor of Modern Languages and Literature in London Collegiate Institute, during five years. We would give him a hearty welcome to McGill, and venture to hope that a good future lies before him.

The Medical Faculty is filled with life, and this year, as usual, will go on its powerful way, leading up to a high level of healing knowledge. The Law Faculty is waking up to a new condition of things, and we hope to be able to note steady and uniform progress. The Science Faculty has overflowed its old bounds, and is now spread all over the main buildings, with new facilities and additional accommodation.

There are several changes to be noted in connection with the Arts Faculty. Notice is given that "candidates are expected to have some elementary knowledge of French; if not qualified to attend the lectures, they are required either to prepare for the examination with the aid of private tuition, or to study German." And an honor course has been established in Hebrew and Semitic languages.

On and after April, 1889, the Honor Examinations of the Third and Fourth years will be divided into two groups.

No candidate shall be admitted to Part II. unless he has passed in group one. First and second rank honors will be given to those who have passed in group two, while third rank only is awarded to those who pass Part I. only.

The healthy condition of the Donalda Department may be gathered from the facts we publish under the heading "Feathers from the East Wing."

#### TRINITY'S DISGRACE.

The medical faculty of Trinity College, Toronto, has been brought into disgrace by the conduct of a number of its students. Dr. Johnston, a graduate of the college and one of the most praiseworthy of mission workers among the blacks of Jamaica, was insulted by students in the faculty in a manner that one could scarcely expect in this age.

The occasion was the opening lecture, which Dr. Johnston had been asked to deliver. At opening lectures a turbulent element is always present, and the authorities are generally prepared to overlook a certain amount of uproar. But when the uproar is not witty, and is so great as to prevent the order of the day from being carried out, it is time that severe measures be taken. Dr. Johnston had an interesting lecture to deliver upon a topic that medical students should appreciate, and both as their guest and as a man whose words were valuable, he should have been listened to. But a few drunken men—we take the report of the *Mail*—by their brutal remarks and constant interruptions, broke in upon his speech and compelled the rev. gentleman to leave the platform. Dean Geikie himself could not quell the disturbance, and dismissed the students.

An investigation is being held, which will result in the expulsion of several of the ringleaders in this disgraceful affair.

No true student will sympathize with the culprits in their disgrace. They have overstepped the bounds of decency, and shamed that honour which among students is so highly esteemed,—the love of fair play, and the desire to treat guests with consideration.