

obtained without spending much time and labour, as those seeking them have cause to know, and why should not the B. C. L. be made more difficult to get, and so of more value. As things are now, a graduate Barrister of three years' standing gets his B. C. L. at Trinity by simply paying a fee, but in other Universities he has to stand a searching examination in appropriate subjects. It would be better not to use the power of making B. C. L.'s than to suffer the degree to become too cheap. We hope there will soon be an alteration here.

OUR NEW PROVOST.

Our last issue, in June, was an essentially sad one. The departure of such a man as Provost Whitaker after a residence of thirty years among us, necessarily filled the hearts of all who knew him with sadness. This sadness was greatly increased by the little prospect there seemed to be at that time of finding a suitable successor to so great and good a man as the first Provost was felt to be by all who saw behind the veil of his excessive modesty. This last cause of sadness, has, we are thankful to say, been wholly taken away. After months of anxiety to the Canadian Church and weeks of patient but disappointing enquiry by the deputation in England, in answer we doubt not to many prayers, the Providence of God brought the offer of the services of one whose distinguished scholarship and high position lifted him above the reach of our utmost hopes. The Rev. C. W. E. Body was Sixth Wrangler at Cambridge, Fellow of St. John's College and Tyrrwhit Hebrew Scholar. He has now for two months been installed as Provost and we have had abundant opportunity of knowing that the fame of his learning, ability and earnestness, which our Bishop tells us had spread throughout England, rests upon no fictitious foundation.

As a lecturer Provost Body is, to use an Americanism "just splendid." He brings with him the methods which the experience of the great University from which he comes has proved to be most effectual and he has already reared amongst the men a thirst for knowledge and spirit of earnest work for which too few of them have been distinguished for some years past.

He has also roused the Council to action, and not a little progress has been made towards the accomplishment of their determination to raise \$100,000 towards the endowment of additional Professorial chairs. This is the great need of the present moment, and must be accomplished if Trinity is to stand, as she ought, in the forefront of our Academical Institutions. The Provost has already won the hearts of all the students, and in spite of the adage about the new broom, we have no doubt that he will grow in popularity, and that a new day is dawning for our long loved *Alma Mater*.

THE DISTURBANCE AT TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

The recent disturbance at Toronto University between the years has excited considerable interest in the city,

and we would like to make a few remarks about it. The body of senior men who were concerned in the matter have come in for a more than ordinary share of reviling at the hands of the various newspaper reporters, and, we think, most unjustly. A disturbance of this kind occasionally occurs and the outside world, having by some chance got wind of it, take it up with a great deal of commendable zeal for what they consider to be justice. Their ignorance, however, of the circumstances of college life leads them to express opinions which seem very absurd to those who know anything about the matter. It is a notable fact, too, that old graduates of a University always speak of these things in a manner very different from the zealous but mistaken public. The fact of the matter is simply this. The senior men at college, those who have passed through the preparatory period of inexperience and have become fully acquainted with the manners, customs and duties of a college life, have a right to receive a measure of respect from those who are yet in their collegiate childhood. It often happens that a freshman year, or a particularly headstrong portion of it, come to college filled with an absurd idea of their own personal consequence and persist in pitting their own opinions and importance against the age and experience of their seniors, even going so far (the instance before us) as to take public occasion for expressing their defiance. In such a case we hold that the older men have a perfect right to make them understand by mild means at first, then, if that fail, by rougher measures that there are men even within the circumscribed pale of college walls whom it is their duty to treat with a decent respect; and in so doing, they not only assert their own just right, but they confer a lasting benefit on the sufferers themselves, for they show them, in whatever position they may be placed during the younger years of life, they must throw aside personal vanity and yield a gentlemanly deference to those who are above them in years and experience. We must confess that although we have carefully perused all the accounts of the affair, we cannot see that the seniors of University College have been guilty of the brutality with which they have been charged or that they have at all exceeded their prerogative.

THE INSTITUTE.

Our Institute is now in its 28th year and seems flourishing as of yore. The earliest record concerning the Society which is preserved in College is in a book containing the minutes of a meeting on the 28th of October, 1854. By this we see that the Council and general arrangements of the then Institute, have descended intact to our own days. We doubt if there be any College in Canada which can boast of an older Society than this. Closely connected with the Institute proper, are the Library and Reading Room, where the Student gets his daily information, and the novel which solaces