

something to turn up" and the *Globe* chafing at the restraint and yet in mortal terror lest a reply should add a leg to the embryo chair.

I am afraid I have already trespassed on your space so will close with a hearty wish for the success your energy deserves.

Yours, W.

## →\*DIVINITY+HALL.\*←

### GENERAL NOTES.

As nothing has been said, so far, about Divinity Hall, a few words of general character will not be out of place in this issue. The session of 84-85 opens under the pleasing and prosperous auspices, though we say this more for the information of outside readers than for the students in attendance at Queen's, as it is quite apparent to the latter that D. H. is well and flourishing.

We have had the pleasure of shaking hands with all the members of the past two years, except one whom we would have been glad to count one of our number this session also. Besides these, and a few additions from sister institutions, we have the largest matriculating class of any previous year, hence our Theological contingent is no small addition to our yearly increasing number of students.

The "Divinities" as they are called—though many of them "in the first intent" are certainly human—have returned from active duty on Mission fields far and near, to the most important part of their preparation for the work of life. They all seem to have thoroughly recuperated, the vigor of youth giving them the power to assimilate the "fogs" of the extreme east or the breezes of the far west, and it is but a truism to say that they have returned to spend their surplus vigor in solid work. It is sometimes said "no one is ever plucked in Divinity Hall" and as an easy inference from this, they may think the work in Theology is not difficult. But popular sayings are not always the truest. Of course the work is not counted a drudgery nor reckoned laborious as every one, we think, enters the Hall of good choice and with a mind in harmony with the studies before him. But still there is any amount of work; what, with lectures from nine to one, exercises and essays on various topics, no member of the class has many moments to spare, and therefore, though no one may be "plucked," yet all are kept quite busy. By the way is the word "plucked" not out of place when used in connection with studies in Theology? And are there not many much more important qualifications for the work of the ministry than that of knowing so many facts or the logical relations of some much ridden theories? And if these, such as public speaking, aptitude to teach, the knowledge of human nature, let alone the primary qualification of all, viz., spiritual fitness, are not, and probably cannot be thoroughly tested by the usual method of question and answer, either in our theological halls or before the presbyteries of the church, very little can be gained by a severe course of examination in the studies usually pursued in Theology. This is, however, no plea for shamming, no excuse for worse than mispent time, no, but only a contrast to the more noble view of studying for the love of study or for the work's sake.

It is an old saying born of an age, that is happily now of the past, that if a boy were lazy make him a school teacher and if sickly a minister. We cannot say if this proverb was ever made practical. But we can say of our "Theologs" that they certainly never entered the work of the University because they were weak and sickly, for they have bodily vigor at least, as any one can judge when

they make the Hall ring with the musical sounds of "O U," and as to mental vigor, well we leave that for others to judge, resting satisfied that in this respect the Faculty of Theology is abreast of any other Faculty in this prosperous and progressive University.

## \*COLLEGE WORLD.\*

**UNIVERSITY.**—The perfect university was not quite perfect after all. Among other changes she has been forced to make to keep up with her despised but still vigorous and independent sisters are new Matriculation and University Curriculums.—As usual University College is first *after* all.—It is proposed to add three new scientific subjects to the matriculation work, viz., Chemistry, Botany and Natural Philosophy, one only of which must be passed, to be left to the option of the student.—In the University Curriculum the course in English has been thoroughly over-hauled and repaired, many new features have been added so that the course is now as good as new. Author's works have been substituted for books about authors.—The Rugby team were beaten by McGill, 22 to 0.—The Y. M. C. A. are talking of erecting a building which will contain a hall, reading room and parlor. Mr. S. H. Blake urges that immediate action be taken in the matter. He himself has offered \$200 for it. The Senate have granted a site.—The *Varsity* has at last a sanctum.

**KNOX.**—Thirteen Freshmen, fifteen in the final year and altogether in all three years there are fifty souls all told. Of course, it is the largest number yet.—The *Monthly* announces quite innocently that the graduates have already had their photo. taken. This is for future reference, no doubt, that they may not be forgotten, in case some of them should die or the plucking scourge cut down any of their number.—Apparently they do not teach Hebrew in Knox, and it is only one of the optionals at University. The good old English translation of our forefathers is enough for them.—The moving and rebuilding of the college is mooted.—She is calling out for an increase to her teaching staff of three professors.—The ordinary expenses of the College are from \$12,000 to \$13,000 a year, and with a view of providing a corresponding revenue, the Board has set itself to raise an endowment fund of \$200,000. At the present time over \$163,000 have been subscribed.

**KING'S.**—The recent trouble between the students and faculty is not yet settled. A. De Fourmentin, M.A., Prof. of Modern Languages, is the cause of the fuss, by his insulting behavior towards the students both in and out of the college, by his unfair and unjust threats of plucking and by imposing lectures not sanctioned by the Board of Discipline. The final outbreak was caused by the hearty support this deservedly unpopular professor received at the hands of President, Rev. Canon Dart. The students have sent in a petition of their grievances to the Board of Governors, who have passed a resolution asking for the resignation of the whole faculty. Five of the Governors themselves have stated their intention of resigning also. The Alumni are expected to meet, clear away the debris, start things afresh.—She is making an urgent appeal to her supporters to an endowment of \$40,000.

**DALHOUSIE.**—The University opened under auspicious circumstances. Thanks to the munificent gifts of two of her friends the faculty has been increased by three new members. Two of these are in Arts and one in Law. Their names are W. T. Alexander, B.A., and (Ph. D., Johns Hopkins), Jas. Liechti, M.A., a former lecturer, and B. Russell, M.A., (Mt. Allison). They are respectively professors of the chairs of English Literature, Modern Languages and Law of Contracts.—New accommodation for its Law Department is asked for.